

## **IT IS YOUR FAULT**

**The animals** were non-plus!

The flea exclaimed: “There is n No water left in the pond.

Look at that! Who has drunk everything?

I am sure the Elephant did it!”

**The Elephant** confessed: “Yes, I have drunk all the water.

But it not my fault! The Hippopotamus had poured out a sack of salt in my plate.

It gave me a terrible thirst that I had to drink the whole pond. It’s your fault Hippopotamus”!

**All the animals** howl in a chorus: “It is the fault of the Hippopotamus!”

**The Hippopotamus** defends himself “No! Not at all! It is not my falt!

It is because of the Rhinoceros! He wanted me to play blind man’s buff, and tied a cloth on my eyes. I could not see anything and I kicked the sack of salt. It is your fault Rhinoceros!”

**The Rhinoceros** is very angry. He shouts “What nonsense! It is not my fault!

This sack I did not put it there! The Orangutan did it!

It is your fault Orangutan!”

**All the animals** howl in a chorus: “It is the fault of the Orangutan!:

**The Orangutan** explains: “Moment, please! It is not my fault!

If the lioness had not run after me, I would not have dropped my sack! It is your fault, Lioness!

**All the animals** howl in chorus! “It is the fault of the Lioness!

**The Lioness** acknowledges: It is true, I ran after you. The fennec made me furious coming too close to my cubs. It’s your fault, Fennec!”

**All the animals** howled in a chorus: “It is the fault of the Fennec!

**The Fennec** was furious! “ Ah no! It is not my fault! I just happened to pass by.

The chameleon put on the color of the grass blades, and I sat on it without seeing it. He howled. I got frightened and ran off till the lair of the Lioness.

It’s your fault Chameleon!” All the animals howl in a chorus:

“It is your fault, Chameleon!”

**Chameleon** got angry, He shouted:. “My fault? My foot! It is not my fault! I had only changed my color. To catch the Grasshopper which had landed just in front of

me. A Grasshopper should not land by the side of the chameleon at the risk of being eaten up. It is your fault Grasshopper!”

**All the animals** howl in a chorus: “It is the fault of the Grasshopper!”

**The Grasshopper** felt insulted. “Hear that! It is not my fault! I was just landing to pick up a grain, which the Ant had just let go. How stupid of the Ant to let go its grain! It’s your fault stupid Ant!”

**All the animals** howl in a chorus: “It is the fault of the Ant!”

**The Ant** grumbles: “No! No! It is not my fault! It’s too easy to accuse me! If I let off that grain, it’s because the Flea jumped on my back. It’s your fault, blasted Flea!”

**All the animals** shout: “It is the fault of the flea! We must punish it!”

**The Elephant** wonders; “But, where did it go?”

**The Fennec** adds: “I am sure it was here just now!”

**And all the animals** search and search, they search everywhere.

Nothing, not the slightest shadow of a Flea. In the, meantime **the flea** is comfortably settled on the back of the Elephant and shakes all over with laughter!

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