

# **THE LION, THE FOX AND THE BEASTS**

(From Aesop's Fables)

**Ponder what you are about to do.**

**It's easier to get into trouble than to get out of it.**

**Be wise. Be prudent.**

The Lion once pretended that he was sick unto death and called the animals to come and hear his last Will and Testament.

So the Goat came to the Lion's cave, and stopped there listening for a long time.

Then a Sheep went in, and before she came out, of the Lion's den, a Calf came up to receive the last wishes of the Lord of the Beasts.

Soon, the Lion seemed recovered, and came to the mouth of his cave, and saw the Fox, who had been waiting outside for some time. "Why do you not come to pay your respects to me?" said the Lion to the Fox.

"I beg your Majesty's pardon," said the Fox, "but I noticed the track of the animals that have already come to you; and while I see many hoof-marks going in, I see none coming out.

Till all the animals that have entered your cave come out again, I prefer to remain in the open air."