

THE LION, THE FOX, AND THE ASS

(From Aesop's Fables)

First Version .

In our world, might is right

Justice takes a back sit.

A Lion, A Fox and An Ass entered into an agreement to assist each other in the chase. Having secured a large booty, the Lion on their return from the forest asked the Ass to allot his due portion to each of the three partners in the treaty.

The Ass carefully divided the spoil into three equal shares and modestly requested the two others to make the first choice. The Lion, bursting out into a great rage, devoured the Ass.

Then, requested the Fox to do him the favor to make a division. The Fox accumulated all that they had killed into one large heap for the Lion, and kept for himself the smallest possible morsel.

The Lion said, "Who has taught you, my very excellent fellow, the art of division? You are perfect to a fraction." He replied, "I learned it from witnessing the fate of the ass.."

Secondd Version:

"You may share the labors of the great, but you will not share the spoil."

Do not enter into agreements with the powerful.

Do not easily trust the influential

The Lion went once a-hunting along with the Fox, the Jackal, and the Wolf. They hunted and they hunted till at last they surprised a Stag, and soon took its life. Then, came the question of how the spoil should be divided.

"Quarter me this Stag," roared the Lion; so the other animals skinned it and cut it into four parts.

Then the Lion took his stand in front of the carcass and pronounced judgment: The first quarter is for me in my capacity as King of Beasts; the second is mine as arbiter; another share comes to me for my part in the chase; and as for the fourth quarter, well, as for that, I should like to see which of you will dare to lay a paw upon it."