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① The Donkey in the Lion's Skin

Once upon a time, a donkey found a lion's skin in a faraway land. The donkey put it on and walked around the village, thinking he looked like a fierce lion. All the animals in the village were frightened and ran away when they saw him coming.

One day, the donkey's braying gave him away, and the animals realized he was just a donkey in disguise. The other animals laughed at him, and the donkey felt ashamed.

The wise old owl saw the donkey's predicament and decided to give him some advice. "Donkey, you do not need to pretend to be something you are not. On the contrary, you should be proud of who you are," said the owl.

"But I want to be fierce like a lion," replied the donkey.

The owl smiled and said, "Being fierce does not make you a better animal. Instead, you have the unique qualities that make you special."

The donkey realized that the wise old owl was right. He removed the lion's skin and walked around the village as himself. The other animals no longer laughed at him and treated him with respect.

From that day on, the donkey embraced his true identity and stopped trying to be someone he wasn't. He learned that it was better to be honest and trustworthy to oneself than to pretend to be something else.

Therefore, appearances can be deceiving. Being proud of who you are and embracing your unique qualities is more important.

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② The Boy Who Cried Wolf

A shepherd boy watched a flock of sheep near a dark forest not far from the village. The boy felt that life in the pasture was very dull. All he could do to amuse himself was talk to his dog or play on his shepherd's pipe.

One day, when he sat looking at the sheep and the quiet forest, he thought of a plan to have some fun. So he ran toward the village and shouted, "Help! Help! There's a wolf!" Hearing the boy's cry, some kind villagers dropped their work and came out to help him. But they didn't see any wolf. They only saw the boy staying with the sheep and laughing happily.

A few days later, the boy shouted, "Wolf! Here comes the wolf!" again. So the villagers went up to the mountains to help him again. But they still saw no wolf. This made the shepherd boy so ecstatic.

Then one evening, the sun was setting behind the forest, and the shadows crept out over the pasture. The wolf finally came. Soon the wolf began to swallow a baby sheep. The shepherd boy saw it and cried out even louder than before, "Wolf! Wolf! Help! Help!"

All the villagers heard the cry, but they did not believe the boy anymore. Because none of them went to help the boy, the wolf ate many of the sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

"Liars will not be rewarded; no one believes them even if they tell the truth."