

# FABLES

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## The Pig and the Horse

Once there was a pig who stood by the road with a large bag on his back.

A horse came along and the pig said “Take me to my home and you can have half of what’s in my bag.”

“How do I know what’s in the bag is valuable?” said the horse.

“I wouldn’t be carrying it otherwise,” said the pig.

“OK” said the horse.

But upon reaching the destination the pig revealed that it was just a bag of bricks which he had no use for.

Moral: Be careful when making deals with greedy pigs.

## Good to be Ugly

Said one vulture to another “We are not liked by anyone; everyone thinks we are ugly.”

“And since we are ugly and taste bad,” said the other. “We are not a target for hunters. It is good to be ugly.”

Moral: Sometimes an ugly appearance scares away unwanted attention.

### Cowardly Grizzly Bear

There was once a grizzly bear that let it be known he was afraid of nothing.

But one day a helicopter flew overhead and he ran like crazy.

Other animals laughed and laughed and called him the “big fat coward”

This nickname enraged the bear and he attacked every animal in his path.

Moral 1: Sometime one mistake can make you a laughing stock for life.

Moral 2: Everyone has fears.

### An End to Carnivores

Perhaps there will once be a machine that can produce food for all the animals (including synthetic meat) of the forest and so no need for meat eating.

Moral: The animal world is changing just as fast as human society is.

## The Vixen and the Mirror

One day a certain female fox strayed near a farm house and saw a mirror. She was surprised that she was not really good looking as she had imagined.

So she charged the mirror and broke it, cutting herself in the process. Several weeks later she died from her wounds.

Moral: Vanity is a recipe for disaster.

## Castle in the Air

There was once an eagle who told the other birds there was a castle high up in the clouds if they wanted to see it. But they had to fly very high, as high as they could go.

But when some of the birds went up so high they had heart attacks or ran out of oxygen and fell to the ground.

They were good eating for the eagle.

Moral: Don't believe everything you hear, especially if it seems highly improbable.

What is Real?

The family had a cat and a dog but neither were the least bit interested in the TV. To them it was not reality.

Moral: If only humans could be so wise.

Caught in a Trap

There was once a rabbit caught in a trap. He quickly realized that his only hope at freedom was to bite his leg off. So he bit it off, very painfully.

It looked like it was all over for him, with only 3 legs. But then he got a great idea: to lie down outside a local farmhouse door. The farmer's daughter took him in and made a pet out of him.

Moral: If you are considered cute by humans, you can always appeal to them when you are hurt.

Fat Cat

The house cat's neck had a collar of bells around it to keep him from hunting birds.

But one day he used a nail sticking out of a board to rip the collar off.

He immediately surprised a few birds but he was so fat and slow he could not catch them. And even if he had caught them he would not have known what to do with them.

Moral: If you are going to compete in the animal world you need to be fast and strong.

### The Pig and his Medicine Bag

The pig said he was a friend of God and could heal the sick.

He would give animal clients his wonderful "magic pill."

Of course the pills worked sometimes, even a placebo works.

But the pig changed locations very often so that when animals were unhappy about the treatment he would be nowhere to be found.

Moral: Sometimes positive thinking is as good as anything else.

### At the Crossroads

The man came to a crossroads. He didn't know what direction to go in. So he stopped right there in the middle of the crossroads. Finally he saw a deer on the right hand side. He thought it must be wild forest that way. And the central road looked small in size. So he went left.

Moral 1: In life we often convince ourselves that we are going in the right direction, but more often than not, we have no idea where we are going. So we choose at random and reason that it was our best choice.

Moral 2: Don't trust quacks and other non-professionals

## Guinea Pigs

There were once two guinea pigs who were going through experiments in the lab. Mostly they were there to breed.

"It's a pretty good life," said the one guinea pig. "After all, all creatures are in a cage of some kind, often a cage of their own making."

Moral: Sometimes it feels good to be used.

## Early Bird

Early birds may get worms but there is plenty of food to eat at night as owls can tell you.

Moral: Getting up early and not having late night fun is boring for some.

### Sympathy for a Fox

There was once a fox who was used to winning. But one time he got into a fight with a large dog and had serious wounds and could hardly walk.

He asked his fellow foxes for help but they said how could you be so reckless as to fight with a large dog. And they refused to help him.

Moral: In the animal kingdom there is little sympathy to go around. Same with humans.

### Freak Show

And so it was in the year 2029, the scientists implanted a human brain into a monkey. One day soon we will be able to do it with androids as well said the scientists.

Some people however exclaimed that this world was becoming a freak show.



Moral: Humans think they can do anything and they won't stop until they are Gods (immortal and smarter).

### The Dark Elves

There was once a man walking through the forest who met a group of elves.

The elves said join our party and fun, and he did.

The next day the elves said "You must steal some horses from the local farmer and we'll have a party like you never imagined."

"Oh no, I must be on my way," said the man.

Moral: Just because someone is friendly and likes to party doesn't make them a good person.

### Rainy Day

One day a baby bird fell from its nest. A fox caught the baby bird and told the mother, "If you want your baby back you need to pay me in gold."

"But I have no gold to give you said the bird."

The fox replied, "OK then I will now eat your offspring."

Moral: It is good to save for a rainy day.

People Everywhere are Bored with Animals.

But there will one day be a return of Ice Age animals such as mammoths and dinosaurs from millions of years ago through repairing and collecting DNA. And also just creating the genes out of nothing, by genetic manipulation.

Also they will create creatures of fantasy such as dragons and unicorns, satyrs and sirens. Anything they can think of will be genetically designed. And put in parks. And in the sea parks.

Moral: All the same people are losing interest in nature as it is everywhere around the world.

One Fat Lion for Another

The male of the lion pride demanded half of every kill. The lionesses who were the hunters felt they had to comply.

But the male got fat and was soon replaced by another. But the new leader was even greedier.

Moral: People these days are getting greedier and greedier.

## The Leper

There was once a man who had leprosy but he didn't go for treatment since he could live an easy life of a beggar. But he lost both arms and although he got some money it was a very hard life. He was a beggar just like many animals are like beggars. Hopeless people and animals.

Moral: Some people's ideas of a livelihood are surprising.

## Caribou Studs

Sometimes male caribou when fighting another male, will get their antlers stuck and unable to extract their antlers both animals eventually die.

Moral: Sometimes your best defense can lead to your downfall.

## Two Fishermen

Once there were two fishermen who made an agreement. The agreement was they would share equally the fish they had caught.

However it turned out one of the fishermen was much better than the other.

The better of the two then announced that he would not share saying the other was a lousy fisherman.

Moral: People often break their promises and convince themselves that they are right.

### The Butcher and the Pig

A certain pig anticipating death on the way to the slaughterhouse found a way to run away. A couple days later he was found by a farmer who gave him good food and he was so happy.

But a few days later he was again sent to the slaughterhouse and this time they made no mistake.

Moral: Even when the situation seems hopeless, it doesn't hurt to try.

### Lying Dog

There was once a dog who told nothing but lies to others. As a result only the most timid of dogs would spend time with him.

He couldn't understand it, believing that he was a great entertainer.

Moral: Everyone lies but some take it to excess.

Moral 2: There's a fine line between imagination and lying.

### The Hypochondriac

Once there was a bird who was a hypochondriac. One day he told all the neighbors he was dying of kidney failure, and some came to pay respects. But the next day he was seen to be walking around saying he was having a heart problem. Then it was a tumor in his brain and so on.

But ironically he died when he was very young. Apparently he had worried himself to death.

Moral: It is good to think but not worry.

### Some Animals Can't Be Tamed

At the circus the tiger was declawed and defanged and was constantly sedated. Also his trainer used animal hypnosis on him.

But one day he snapped out of it and grabbed the trainer by the neck and he was dead before helpers could get the tiger off.

Moral: Some animals, like some people can never be tamed.

## Any Romance

The farmer said to the donkey I got you a girlfriend. The farmer knew they would get along and have babies since donkeys are not very particular about their mate.

Moral: Sometimes people fall in love, but in fact all love is good.

## The Camels

And so it was a group of camels were overloaded with goods. One by one they dropped down half dead at which point the owner took their water and ate their meat.

Finally he reached the destination without any goods or camels and had lost his money. He wasn't worried though as he had a wealthy father.

Moral: People get reckless with other people's money.

## Ignorance

There was once a songbird who was sitting in a tall tree during a thunderstorm. The tree was hit by lightning and the bird fell down dead.

Moral: Some say ignorance is bliss, but more often than not ignorance can lead to numerous troubles.

### Raising an Animal Family

A male deer said to a female let's have offspring. And so they did but as the babies were about to be born the male ran away and left them so the female had to do all the work of raising 2 young deer.

One day a pack of wolves attacked the deer and the little ones were eaten but the female escaped with her life.

Moral: It is easy to say you want a family but when the reality hits many cut and run.

### Proud Vixen

A certain fox female (vixen) was voted by the foxes as their beauty queen. But most of the other animals thought human beings were the best looking. Humans have variety whereas one fox is much like another.

But then they had a contest for best scent, which is what most animals are interested in, and there were so many good candidates, they could not decide on a winner.

Humans don't have everything they said.

Moral: Numerous animals care more about scent than sight.

### The Big Fat Bear

The bear said there's no greater thrill than eating and he envied elephants which eat all day long.

But as his hunger drew him into human areas, he was eventually captured and put in the circus. There through rough treatment he learned how to do tricks.

It was a sad end for such a big bear. His own greed for food had been his downfall.

Moral: Wild animals should stay away from humans if they can.

### Declaration of the Rights of Beasts



All beasts had rights. But some bigger beasts had more rights than others. Not all animals are created equal, they said. The predator animals controlled the parliament of animals and it was them who ruled the forest.

Also they planned to set free animals from zoos. No animal should be in a zoo they said.

But when they went to the zoos the humans were waiting for them and captured them.

What about our rights said the animals?

Moral: Everyone is always talking about their rights. But justice usually goes to the rich and powerful.

## Happiness

There was once a wolf wedding. The wolves and their guest all had a lot to drink and eat and were feeling happy when suddenly a sheep appeared. Ha ha said the bears. But they were all feeling so good the sheep was allowed to run away.

Moral: When people and animals are happy, they are more likely to be charitable.

## New Species

Deep in the heart of the Amazon, scientists discovered a new type of monkey. The scientists who found the monkeys said these monkeys were cleverer than apes. It made the headlines.

But when other scientists did tests on the new monkey they found it was just an ordinary monkey.

But the scientist insisted he was right and announced he would sell some of the monkeys to the highest bidder (he'd already smuggled them out of Brazil).

Moral: Most wild and improbable claims turn out to be hoaxes.

### A Friendly Little Game of Chess

And so it was that a jaguar and a bear were having a little game of chess. But this game of chess used real animals as players. So if a piece was "taken out" then that animal would be beheaded.

The bear won the game but had few pieces left. The jaguar had no pieces and went away sulking.

Moral: The rich and powerful have their wars in which they don't care who dies. They only care about winning.

### Downfall of the Insects

There are thousands of types of insects especially in tropical countries. And some, like flies and mosquitoes serve no useful purpose to mankind.

Mosquitoes black flies cockroaches and ants and so on we would be well rid of. Especially mosquitoes and malaria they bring.

So in the year 2048 they had technology to make a vigorous bacteria that would eliminate mosquito eggs very effectively. They attempted to eradicate mosquitoes from one area at a time so that by 2065 they were all gone. People celebrated widely and there were no major side effects.

Moral: People are becoming incredibly bold these days.

## Jailbreak

Don't we all wish to escape from the boredom of life and start a new and exciting life elsewhere?

Many animals roam continually and see much of nature's beauty. But they get old and die before they can get bored with it.

For humans starting a new life all over again in a new place can be good, but more often than not humans go back to their old habits in the new place.

Moral: Better to change yourself than change places, but changing places can be good also. It's a world of change and you have to adapt to.

## Playing with Fire

There was once a crocodile who opened his mouth and let a bird pick his teeth. But after a while he decided to eat the bird and closed his jaws on the complacent bird.

Moral: Playing games with powerful people will end in disaster more often than not.

## Kissing and Screaming

There was once a girl who screamed loudly if a man kissed her. Frequently neighbors called the police certain that a murder was being committed.

After a time people of the area got used to it.

Moral: Some people are very passionate and cannot control themselves well.

## A Mid-Air Collision

And so it happened that a hawk and an eagle collided in midair and both fell and broke wings. Said the hawk, "See you have ruined us both." "No it was your doing," said the eagle.

In any case a group of coyotes soon arrived on the scene and devoured the two birds.

Moral: It is no use to blame others for your own recklessness.

### Crazy Owl

There was once a fox who said to an owl, prove to me that you are wise as animals say you are.

So the owl pounced on the fox and killed it and ate it. There's wisdom for you said the owl.

Moral: Don't dare people who are more powerful than you to do things as you may be their next victim.

### The Fox and the Wine

A fox one time gave a gift of wine to a bird and said, "I hope this will make you sing better.

The fox went away and came back and found the bird seriously wounded on the ground so he could eat it.

Moral: Consider deeply the reason strangers give us gifts.

## Race Horses

Now it is well known that every year the horses run faster and people too.

They give them types of steroids and then take other drugs to hide them.

Moral: Great people make their own rules.

## Bull

There was once a bull who was fond of speaking the truth. Others called it nonsense.

He would say things like I eat the best food and kiss the best female cows and I am the happiest bull alive.

Indeed he thought he was a prince among bulls as he was the stud on the farm. I am the best in this world around me he said.

But then suddenly he realized he was old and he was sold to make hamburgers.

Moral: Some people think they've got it made. And they brag and show how happy they are. But usually such people are narrow-minded and their world is limited.

### Shepherd Boy

There was once a shepherd boy who was kept hungry by his master. So one day he ate the better part of a sheep and the remainder he buried in a deep hole. Over the next few weeks he ate two more sheep.

Finally the master discovered the missing sheep. The boy said they must have run away, but the master knew better. So he whipped the boy and sent him away with just the clothes on his back.

Moral: People often make mistakes when they are bored or hungry.

### The Clever Vultures

And so it was that vultures were very useful for finding dying animals and would fly above them waiting for them to die.

Every predatory animal would watch for the vultures in the sky and then quickly go underneath where the birds were.

But the vultures were tired of losing the bulk of the meat to other animals so they stopped soaring above the kill and instead just landed nearby and waited for an animal's demise.

Moral: In the wild no animal likes to share.

### A Show of Pigs

And so it was a group of pigs decided to put on a show. They dressed up in human clothes and sang their hearts out.

The audience felt it was all a big joke and couldn't stop laughing and imitating the pigs' grunts.

Afterwards the pig leader said it was not supposed to be a joke. And so the pigs got angry and fought.

Moral: Sometimes if you try something new everyone will laugh at you.

### Life and Death Struggles

In a fight between a group of coyotes and a group of wolves, the wolves were victorious and chased the coyotes out of the area. However there were terrible casualties among both groups.

One wolf was heard to remark, "All the more food for us!"



Moral: Humans complain about their easy office jobs but in the wilderness it is life or death all the time.

### Generous Fox

There was once a fox who advertised that he had some surplus meat he'd like to give to others. "What is the price?" said the wolf. "I only ask that you repay the favor at another time" said the fox.

But a few years later the fox had aged and couldn't catch food easily. So he went to the wolf and asked for food. "Food?" said the wolf, "You are my dinner, Mr. Fox."

Moral: In the animal kingdom gratitude is a thing that seldom happens. So too with people.

### Wasp Enemies

There was once a gardener who had numerous beautiful flowers. But one day he was stung several times by a wasp. He resolved to find and destroy the wasp nest which he did, all of them were killed.

Moral: Some animals don't know enough to avoid mankind and deal with people at great peril to themselves. So too with people, you should avoid making enemies for no good reason.

## Imprisoned Canary

There was once a sweet-singing canary in a man's house. The canary sang brightly but it was torture for her to be in the cage.

But then surprisingly a thief broke into the house one day and decided to let the canary free.

And the canary knew she would never come back.

Moral: Freedom can come from unexpected sources. There is always hope for freedom.

## Amoral Progress

Some people say that many animals are amoral. They are probably right.

Some even go so far as to suggest that many animals are evil.

But be that as it may, some say humans are the evil ones now, destroying habitats systematically for material gain.

Moral: But in any case the vast majority of people believe that progress is good.

## Fox and the Hawk

The hawk said to the fox, “Guard my nest and I will reward you with mice I capture.”

But a few days later an eagle came and ate the eggs of the nest.

When the hawk came back he exclaimed, “Why didn’t you do something?”  
“There was nothing I could do,” said the fox.

Moral: Don’t expect people to do what they cannot do.

## High Off the Hog

The farm’s piglets were living “high off the hog” as it were.

But the pigs aggravated and disturbed the other animals at all hours of the day.

So finally the farmer sold them to the slaughterhouse even though they were still young pigs.

Moral: If you don’t get along with others expect to be fired, dumped or even eaten.

## Breaking Up

There were once a pair of love birds in a tree. The birds liked each other, but one day the female disappeared without saying where she was going and she was never seen again.

Moral: Sometimes people don't justify their actions, they just suddenly leave.

## Bows and Arrows

When they were invented they made it a lot easier for humans to slay big prey. Certainly they must have had this technology at the end of the last ice age helping them to dominate the earth.

Moral: When it comes right down to it civilization is ruled by those with the best weapons.

## The Beggar

The beggar was wearing sunglasses and said he was blind, which was not the case.

He would play the flute and he had what was apparently a seeing-eye dog.

People were enchanted and donated generously.

The beggar even began to get rich and bought an apartment.

Moral 1: Things are often not what they seem.

Moral 2: There are many ways to get rich.

### Nosy People

In history people all knew what their neighbors were doing and the government knew everyone and what they were capable of.

It is the same today. It is human nature to spy on others.

Moral: Big Brother may be watching you, but do you have anything to hide?

### Risks

There was once a female deer who was very afraid of predators, having seen her brothers shot by a huntsman.

But she met a lot of humans who didn't attack her and she was confused into thinking they treated her just like another human.

Finally she decided it was safe to live near the suburbs where there were no wolf droppings.

Moral: People's behavior is very inconsistent in the minds of animals.

## Bigfoot

A man dressed in an ape costume with big foot shaped boards was seen by many in the community. They even had some digital film of the Bigfoot; of course the photo was dim having been taken at night.

The local press got hold of the news and soon it was an international sensation.

The local businesses were doing a roaring business and everyone was happy.

Moral: Some people will believe anything. Some of them live in a giant fairy tale of their own making. Just like with video games.

## Tortoise and the Hare (Reprise)

So the hare said to the tortoise, at the speed you go I could probably go 100 times faster. You are slow and stupid.

If you won the previous race it was because I wasn't racing. It is a joke to race with you. It's like racing with an ant; it is meaningless and foolish.

Moral: If you outdo someone, you can expect them to hold a grudge.

Moral 2: Slow and steady wins sometimes, but agility of mind and body is far more likely to win.

BC 12 000

The shaman of the tribe was known as a great storyteller. Of course, like any great storyteller, he embellished the tales to make them more interesting.

Indeed it seemed to some peoples that their story tellers never told the real truth.

Moral: There is more to life than truths set in stone. Truth is what you make it. And life is illusion.

Dolphin Love

There was once a pair of dolphins who were in love. But one day the male got caught in a fishermen's net and the female didn't know how to save him.

So she went to the boat and swam around it, only to be stabbed with a whaling lance.

Moral: A lot of love stories don't end well

### Envy

Said one deer to another, "I spend my days running from humans and I am tired of it." Said the other, "Yes, I envy humans and their magic powers."

Moral: Sometimes there is nothing you can do but be jealous.

### Human Killer

Once there was a lion who was sick and tired of eating antelope. So he decided to eat a human, which he enjoyed. So he ate a few more before finally being captured and killed.

Moral 1: Most surviving wild animals today had ancestors who were very afraid of humans. Those who are not afraid were usually killed off. And the genes of those who were afraid were passed on.

Moral 2: Perhaps humans taste good.



## Superior Opponents

One day an eagle ate the robin's 3 eggs. When the robin returned she attacked the eagle, but the eagle ate her too.

Moral: Don't try to take revenge on a superior opponent.

## Kisses

There was once a male monkey who liked a female monkey, but the leader of the group wouldn't let him get near her.

But after a few years he overthrew the leader and took charge of the whole group.

Moral: Patience is a virtue sometimes. Sometimes not.

## Goat Wisdom

Said one goat to another: "How can I be wise?" The other goat said "Stay away from all other creatures."

“It seems a high price to pay,” said the first goat.

“But if you want to live long and be wise follow what I said,” said the first goat.

But the goat didn’t listen and a few months later he was shot by hunters.

Moral: Sometimes to be wise is a strange concept.

### The Encampment

And so it was a certain man had put up his tent and went to sleep. But he should have put his food in a slim branch of a tree, but instead he kept the food bag in the tent.

Around midnight a bear came and attacked the tent. The man screamed and shouted as loud as he could, and finally the bear went away.

Moral: Sometimes it is good to act crazy.

### The Baby Bird

The fox said to the baby bird, “Let me see you fly.” But the bird said, “Oh no Mr. Fox I cannot.”

Moral: Some animals and humans have good instincts.

### The Young Raven

The raven got it into his head that he would one day grow into a human. But when he told this to the other birds they all laughed at him.

So the bird started hanging out and “singing” around a local farmhouse. But the farmer didn’t like the sound and chased the bird away.

Moral: Some people have unrealistic expectations.

### Ups and Downs of Greed

There was once a pig who ate more than his share at the farm. The other pigs resented this but finally the farmer noticed he was too fat and put him in a solitary cage in order to lose weight. After all human consumers like lean meat.

Moral: Those who are the greediest prosper sometimes, other times just the opposite.

## Ladies Man

Once there was a fox who dyed his hair blue. The other animals laughed at him, but the vixens were interested in him. He spoke sweet words to these females. And they all loved him.

Moral 1: Sometimes being different can give you a big advantage.

Moral 2: Sometimes the members of the opposite sex may like you much more than friends of the same sex.

## Fish in a school

For predators it is good that fish swim in schools. Much easier to see and catch them. On the other hand fish who leave the school have a better chance of survival.

Moral: Sometimes it pays to be a rebel.

## Evolution

Maybe 4 million years ago an ape-like creature with a hand with an opposable thumb suitable for grabbing spears and making fires was born and this trait showed up in some of his offspring and so on.

For humans it is obvious that we've come a long way even though we mostly just eat, sleep and find romance like the animals do.

Moral: We all look to the future and further progress which will make us less and less like the animals.

## 2856 AD

At this time there were few humans left on earth. As for the earth it featured talking animals and plants with a brain also able to speak.

There were many creatures of fantasy (non-violent) too. But basically humanity had gone elsewhere. Nobody knew where. The humans remaining on Earth were all young and could not remember a time of many humans.

But all agreed it was a wonderful world.

Moral 1: Who knows what they will discover in space.

Moral 2: Some live in a paradise but others always want more.

## Vicious Falcon

A certain man had trained a falcon to attack other birds. The falcon took on all comers and had steel nails on his feet. He captured many birds for the man to eat.

Moral: Even domesticated animals can be vicious.

## Old People

Youths often laugh at old people. But older people run the world and young people are mostly foolish and carefree.

Moral 1: Some older people are very wise, but many of them are as foolish in old age as they were in youth. Also some young people can be wise.

Moral 2: Some say ignorance is bliss and nothing can change their minds.

## Slavery

They say slavery is abolished in developed countries. But numerous people in these rich and also poor countries work for such low wages they can't buy anything but rice and some vegetables.

In the past slaves were treated better.

Moral: Some things never change; there will always be “slaves”. Of course Aesop was a Greek slave all those 2550 or so years ago, but he was far better off than many of today’s workers.

### Short Life of Beauties

Said one flower to another, “We bloom so beautifully but so often people cut us and kill us to put on their table or to give to a love interest.”

Moral: Sometimes people can be victims of their own beauty.

### Exotic Breeding

Some humans breed with people of a different ethnic group. And their children are strong. Whereas if you married your cousin, the babies would likely be weak.

Moral 1: Some people with open minds think all beauties are exotic and try to love them.

Moral 2: Variety is the spice of life.

## Lonely Dog

Once there was a man who had a large dog. But he was away on business most of the time so the dog sat there lonely day after day.

Finally his neighbors called the police saying it was cruelty to animals.

Moral : People don't care about a pig or steer being slaughtered but dogs, cats and some birds are treated differently. But does this mean a dog is cleverer than a pig or is it just more cute? And what about seals? Are they cute? Or is it all randomness?

## To Win, To Lose

All the rabbit's rabbit friends said he was too cautious and that he should get out more and enjoy life.

But he always played it safe, and never went far away from his burrow.

As the months passed most of the rabbits were eaten by predators but not this rabbit.

Moral: Some old people are bored but alive. And some young people have an exciting life, for as long as they can make it last.



## Animal Ice Circus

They opened an ice circus one day featuring bears and other animals on skates. Also there were animals skiing in a hill in the stadium.

Everyone thought it was a novelty.

Moral: There are many things animals can do in terms of entertainment.

## Drums of Fear

There was once a monkey playing the drums in the forest.

Many animals were scared by the drums and went away. And so by this stunt the monkey kept predators away.

Moral: It is often good to try new things.

## Driven Crazy by Mice

In the bear's cave there were many mice who would clean the meat off bones and so on. But they drove the bear crazy with their constant squeaking.

So finally the bear left the cave for a new, quieter home.

Moral: Sometimes it is better not to be too successful and rather remain quiet and humble.

### The Foxes' Lucky Charm

The fox had a rabbit's foot in his den that he believed was lucky. Ever since he caught that rabbit he had more food than he could eat.

Moral: If you think something works for you it often will. Positive thinking is what it is.

### The Dog and the Pictures

The dog was sick and old and was given to hallucinate.

His owner was a painter, and the dog would bark at the paintings so he owner covered his works with plexiglass.

Moral: It is a world of illusion for both man and beast.

## Unfair Life

Said one squirrel to another, “Humans are not fair to us. They put bird feeders out that we can’t access. Any bird who wants can come and eat. They design the bird feeders so that squirrels can’t get in.”

“But we with our bushy tails are better looking than birds. It’s all unfair.”

Moral: Humans are not fair to each other either.

## Eating Insects

Said one man to another: “I don’t know how animals can eat insects. I’ve tried to eat some and they all taste bad no matter how they are prepared. I feel sorry for those who have to eat insects.”

“Perhaps the insects taste good to them said the other man.”

Moral: What is good for one is often not good for others.

## Forest Fire Misfortunes

During the forest fire a certain man drove up and down the road waiting for animals to be flushed out by the fire. And he shot many deer, including some females. He was never caught and hid the animals in the back of his pickup truck.

Moral: There will always be someone who will take advantage of another's misfortune.

### Android Pets

In the year 2120 AD, there were few animals, just those living in parks mainly. Food was all synthetic so farm animals were not needed.

But people enjoyed android pets who were almost as smart as people and some even claimed they were smarter than that.

The androids were programmed to amuse their masters for the most part, and everyone was happy.

Moral: We all look forward to enslaving androids in the future.

### Shy Woman

There was once a woman whose only solace was her poodle. She fed it steak and talked to it all day long. She made no friends while walking. She was too shy.

Moral: Some people are very weak emotionally. And they can't seem to get out of their shell.

### The Best Animal

The animals of the area were having another vote on who was the best animal. They were torn between the freedom of a chimp and the easy life of a dog.

Moral: Some like it easy and some like it tough.

### Animals will be Redundant

And so it was in the year 2060, robots will be very advanced. People will prefer clever robots to cats and dogs. Also all food will be synthetic, so animals on the whole were largely redundant.

Moral: The nature of pets is about to change.

## The Price to Pay

There was once a lioness who was willing to do anything in order to become President.

So she bribed many other powerful animals with gifts of meat.

And so she won the election.

But once in power she demanded many sacrificial animals to feed her and her fellow politicians.

Moral: When a bad person gets elected, you better watch out.

## Miser

There was once a rich miser who looked in street garbage in order to find food for his kids and family.

People said he was completely mad. And when he died he left all his money to his pet cat.

Moral: Money makes some people insane.

## Dedicate your Life

A certain man had his heart set on one day buying a big house. He lived alone so people wondered what he would need a big house for. But he worked his whole life to pay off the mortgage. And then he died soon after.

Moral: Some people are driven insane by society thinking they need a large house, 2 cars and so on.

## Cool Cat

There was once a female cat who was dressed in all the latest fashions. Many animals admired her.

But lurking in the distance were some wolves. Said one wolf to another: "I prefer to eat well dressed animals. They taste better somehow."

Moral: If a female is cute she will attract many predators.

## Golden Statue

Said one monkey to another: “That golden statue of a monkey in the temple is worth much more than we are.” “How can they make everyone worth money?”

Moral 1: Some people are worth more than their weight in gold.

Moral 2: Everything and everyone has their price. We are all commodities.

### Thunder and Lightning

Said the thunder to the lightning, “People fear me, not you.” “Sounds and voices don’t scare them as much as lightning,” said the lightning.

So they asked a man for his opinion. The man said: To hear a wolf howl or a lion roar is very scary and causes animals to panic. But the actual attack is more to be feared.”

Moral: Some people are all smoke and no fire.

### Stealth Animals

There was once a scientist working with the stealth secret programs. They invented a suit of invisibility. And he decided to try it on animals.



But everyone was totally perplexed; animals thought they were hearing ghosts and some vegetarian animals were being eaten without seeing the predator.

Of course the radical scientist was punished for letting them loose, but it was just a slap on the wrist.

Moral: If you hear sounds they may be manmade ghosts sent to haunt you.

### Thriving on Stress

Said one deer to another: “This life is so stressful. Almost every day I encounter danger.” “Everyone needs a challenge,” said the other. “You need to get the adrenalin pumping.”

Moral: Some people and animals thrive on stress.

### Keeping a Journal

There was once a certain turtle who kept a journal of events in the forest.

But all the other animals said the journal was boring.

Moral: Some people get more fun vicariously than they do by doing actions.

## Great White Shark

A certain great white shark was reckless in pursuing all kinds of sea creature and he almost always captured them.

But one day he took on a surfer and bit the board almost in half. But the board choked the shark and he died.

Moral: Just because you've had a lot of good luck doesn't mean you should throw caution to the winds.

## Scorn

The squirrels all taunted the dog on a leash. They would even run in his yard.

Moral: If you are not free others may scorn and laugh at you.

## The Super Animal

There was a persistent rumor in the jungle that one day a “Super Animal” would come into being, perhaps created by people.

The animals all said they needed someone to speak for them. Many of them said they lived miserable lives.

It’s something to believe in anyway, they said.

Moral: Man and beast are often hoping for a savior.

### Viciousness

A young boy was watching a nature program on TV. “Why does a wolf look so vicious when he attacks prey?” He said. His mother said, “It is the way of the jungle. Animals actually hate their prey and want to destroy them. It’s the only way to be.”

Moral: For some it is a dog eat dog world. For others it is a life of dreams and happiness.

### Birds and the Bees

The young boy asked his father, “What are the birds and the bees.” “Well” said his father, “Birds are always disturbing us with their cries and bees are always looking to sting us.”

“Oh” said the boy.

Moral: Some animal and human parents are overprotective of their kids.

### Doomed

So it was the farm animals reached an agreement to kill a chicken a day so the farmer won't need to slaughter the other animals. This went on for a few days, but then finally the farmer built a better safe coop for the chickens.

And so the other animals realized they were still doomed to die soon.

Moral: When death is near, many animals and humans panic.

### Successful Wolves

So one day a group of wolves was good at driving wildlife straight into a trap with some of the wolves waiting. This was very effective hunting.

But after a few years the number of wolves in the pack had risen dramatically.

Then they were culled by humans, most of them being killed.

Moral: Sometimes you can be a victim of your own success.

### Thrill of the Chase

A cat was having fun chasing a mouse. Finally the cornered mouse ran across the busy street. But the cat caught it under a speeding car.

The cat found it to be a very enjoyable kill.

Moral: People too play cat and mouse in romantic adventures. The only question is who plays the cat and who plays the mouse.

### The Sparrow

There was once a sparrow who said, "I pray to God for good weather. But the weather grew colder." Then he said, "I hope I can find a mate." But she couldn't find a suitable male.

And the little sparrow said, "God doesn't care about me."

Moral: Why would a God care about a sparrow? "God" helps those who help themselves.

### “The Scapegoat”

The farmer wondered what had happened to his tin of cola. But then he saw that one of his goats was eating it.

The goat said he could eat anything and had strong stomachs and powerful teeth.

Moral: Some creatures are weird.

### Shameful

There was once a bald eagle that was so hungry she ate another eagle's babies. But then the other eagle took revenge and ate her little ones.

Moral: Creatures such as humans are often very vengeful.

### Desperation

One time a fisherman was taking a large lobster he had caught and was putting it in a tank. But suddenly the lobster bit him with his claws and would not let go until finally he was able to jump back in the water.

Moral: Desperate situations require desperate actions

## Bears Who Eat Everything

A bear was walking in the forest when he saw a young woman bathing in a pool.

But the girl said, “Don’t eat me; I don’t taste good”

“Bah,” said the bear, “I eat all kinds of garbage”

But the girl ran up a small tree and went out on a small branch where the bear couldn’t get her.

And the next day hunters shot the bear, thereby ending the danger.

Moral: Beware of wilderness areas where anything can happen.

## Justice

There was once a beaver who built a dam and flooded a large area. But the farmer who owned the land took the beaver to court versus animal right’s activists.

The court's decision was the beaver had to take down the dam.

Moral: Justice favors the strong. However there are environmentalists who plead on behalf of the animals, usually without success. A human is not equal to an animal.

## Koalas

All the people liked to go to the zoo and see the koalas. But the koalas sleep for about 20 hours a day and eat eucalyptus leaves the rest of the time.

Why would anyone want to see an animal sleeping?

In any case the animals, especially the bigger ones are miserable.

Moral: Some people love animals, provided they are domesticated.

## Beauty and Confusion

For people some animals are cute, cuter than humans even. But animals enjoy scents more than physical appearances.

For some humans good looks are everything. And a really beautiful person is much in demand. Some people are crazy for beauty. And beautiful people have power.



Moral: True beauty confuses everyone. And everyone wants a beautiful lover.

### Bird Choir

And so a certain man had set up a choir of birds. Many songbirds and many talking parrots for the lyrics.

But the novelty soon wore off. It was just another show.

Moral: There are limits to what you can do with animals.

### Up a Tree

There was once a flood in the farm by the river. All the animals ran in fear.

Among them was a chicken who jumped into a low branch of a small tree.

“Oh no,” said the chicken, “I can’t get higher.”

And so the chicken was swept away by the flood.

Moral: When danger lurks it is best for a farm animal to be near their masters.

## Deal with a Worm

There was once a certain pig who dug up a worm and was about to eat it, when the bird exclaimed, “Spare me and I will lead you to a place where there are many worms.

And so it was. And the worm jumped on top of the pig’s head thinking he was some kind of king.

Finally the pig decided to eat the worm on his head too.

Moral: Betray your own group to try and save your own skin seldom works out well. If you are going down there’s no point bringing all your friends down with you.

## Conformity and Creativity

In human history doing things differently has led to many great inventions. But society usually is all about conformity of one kind or another.

It is a strange balance on the one hand to conform and on the other hand be creative.

Things like leaving the forest and living in the grasslands, tools, agriculture, industrial revolution... an advanced language... Such things were invented by only a handful of people.

Moral: The balance is now finally swinging in favor of creativity rather than conformity. One day conformity will be a thing of the past.

### Two Bears Looking for Love

Once there were two bears, a male and a female who struggled to find a partner to love them.

Finally they met up; they were probably the only bears in the vicinity. But both were happy to meet each other.

Moral: When you are lost in the wilderness, any love is welcome.

### Losing Livelihood

There was once a lion entrepreneur who made a deal with a pride of lions to kill all the animals in the area and eat them. The lions agreed thinking they could always go elsewhere. They all became fat as a result.

But after the killing was done the lions tried to go elsewhere but they were in a fenced in park. The lion entrepreneur sold the pelts of the animals and sold the meat.

There were not many guards guarding the park which now had virtually no animals. So the park rangers culled most of the lions and tried to protect the young herbivores.

Moral: Don't lose your livelihood.

### Goody Two Shoes Bird

Once there was a bird who thought she was an angel. She claimed she'd never done anything bad. And she told others to do the same.

The other birds said she was a "goody two shoes" and that her life must be "boring."

Finally she met a male who had the same morals as her.

Moral: Every kind of person; even ex cons have people that love them.

### Crazy Loon

There was once a loon bird that had a weird sound even for a loon. But other loons avoided him. So he stopped his weird cries and tried to act normal and sure enough he found a female to stay with him.

Moral: If you are truly crazy, it is best to hide it from your friends who are not crazy and indeed most others as well.

## Bear and the Wolf

Once there was a wolf and a bear who were good friends. They fished and hunted together but eventually the wolf said the “bear was too overbearing.” So they went their separate ways.

A couple of years later they still were alone and very lonely and when they died there was no one with them except the vultures.

Moral: Never underestimate the value of friendship.

## Butterfly Album

There was once a butterfly lover who claimed butterflies were the most “graceful of all creatures.”

But when he caught them he would carefully kill them and put them in his album books.

Morals: Humans are always abusing the ones they love.

## He Ruled the Roost

There was once a rooster who ruled the roost. But he was bored of the whole thing and so one day he flew the coop and headed down the road. Eventually someone saw him and grabbed him to eat.

Moral: When you rule the roost you should be content unless you are sure you can't accept things as they are.

## Songbirds

There was once a bird who claimed she was very open-minded. She accepted many new birds into her territory and they all sang together.

The birds all said it was a wonderful, song-filled place.

Moral: Even in the jungle there is some happiness and celebrations among many animals.

## The Dying Elephant

After the elephant had gone through his 16<sup>th</sup> and last set of teeth he was near death from starvation.

But he begged other elephants to chew food and give it to him.

But the other animals said no way, it is a struggle enough as it is trying to feed ourselves they said.

Moral: Don't expect help in the wild unless you are a baby animal with a mother nearby.

Peacock

There was once a male peacock. Everyone at the farm marveled at his beauty. But he became overconfident and one day while crossing the road he was hit by a car and died.

Moral: Vanity doesn't last.

Human Zoo, AD 2120

And so it was super humans were created in the lab. Soon everyone was changing their brains and eventually most people left earth.

Most of the remaining homo sapiens were all in zoos which no one cared to see.

Moral 1: The days of humans are numbered. So too the animals.

## Chimps as Pets

Chimps cannot be tamed. If you have such a pet he will get drunk, be obnoxious and steal hairpieces and so on,

This is the price you pay for a clever pet.

Moral: If you have clever pets don't expect them to do as you want.

## Last Dinosaurs

The geologist said, "Dinosaurs on the whole were stupid and scary."

If you get too big you need to eat all day long. A period of cold weather could kill many of them off just like that. After all most of the atmosphere of the earth is very cold; it is only on the surface that it is warm. A couple weeks of worldwide cold could have wiped them all out. That is to say cold blooded creatures would have had trouble surviving.

Moral: The bigger they are the harder they fall.

Moral 2: Of course one day they will recreate the dinosaurs in virtual reality and also genetic engineering. And put them in a park, just like in the movies.



## Vulture and the Wolf

One day the vulture said to the wolf, “I can gouge your eyes out anytime I want.”

The wolf said, “Thanks for the warning. Now I’ll never let you do that to me”

Moral: Don’t brag about how tough you are.

## Satisfaction

Some dogs are not particular about what they eat. You could say they have no taste in food.

Moral: Those who are easily satisfied in life typically are happy.

## Two Flowers

There were once two flowers, a rose and a lily. The rose said, "Life is bittersweet. And that's why they choose roses with their beauty and also their thorns."

But the lily said people adore me for my beauty rather than my thorns.

"In any case said the rose, they will cut us off and kill us and then show dead beauty to their lovers"

Moral: Life can sometimes be wasteful.

### Parasites

Said the rat to the cockroach, "We may be pariahs but we do pretty well for ourselves." Said the cockroach, "Humans have everything. There's plenty of food to go around for example. I hope there are more humans born so that more cockroaches can have food."

Moral: Most humans are controlled by culture and animals are also controlled by human culture. As for insects they can be a bane to mankind. But one day we'll get rid of them all. We'll build a new environment which is mostly insect-free.

### Dull Dancer

There was once a horse who thought she was a good dancer. So she would prance around the farm.

But the other animals said she always danced with the same moves, and it was boring.

Moral: Sometimes what some people call art, others say is dull.

### Fabulous Deer

There was once a deer who was the fastest land animal in the forest. Every time wolves were near she would bolt at great speed.

But she became complacent and finally let wolves get relatively near without running. But one day she stumbled and the wolves were on her.

Moral: Stay as far away as possible from danger.

### Bear Culture

Bears, like many other animals, need to teach their offspring how to survive. In the case of a bear cub, they might stay a whole year with their mother. But if the mother dies the cubs cannot look after themselves.

Moral: All animals have culture.

## Cruel Pig

There was once a pig banker who was the richest animal in the jungle.

Other animals asked him for help, but he refused.

Finally a large bear was told about the pig by the neighbors and the bear came and looted the pig's house.

Moral: Cruelty to others usually brings cruelty to your self.

## The Skunk

A lot of animals were fooled by the skunk. They thought he would be a tender morsel. But then they got sprayed by the skunk.

One day the skunk became rabid and started spraying everywhere and attacking invisible opponents.

Moral: A great number of wild animals can be dangerous, even the small ones.

## Beautiful Songbird

Once they had another beauty contest for the animals of the forest. The winner was a beautiful songbird.

After winning she chirped loudly for all to hear. But she couldn't hear the cat climb the tree and grab her.

Moral: Happiness can lead to disaster in a moment.

## Death of a Fox

There was once a vixen who loved her partner. But one day he went away and she was so distraught she wandered the forest aimlessly until finally caught by a bear.

Moral: Sometimes a broken heart leads to death.

## Lazy Bird

There is a type of cuckoo bird who puts her eggs in other species of birds' nests. Sometimes the other bird will knock the egg to the ground but other times will sit on it like the others.

Moral: Sometimes creatures' generosity knows no bounds. But this is extremely rare.

### New Anti-Environment Party

And so it was in a certain country a new political party was founded. It was called the Anti-environment party. Members of the party smoked and lived in polluted cities and didn't like animals. They wanted to decrease the amount of parkland.

Some people were outraged but others saw humor in it. Some were serious about it.

Moral: People destroy the environment everywhere. They must therefore not like it.

### The Price of True Freedom

The homeless man had a habit of catching swans and ducks to eat in the various parks of various cities. He was caught a few times but never paid the fine.

He claimed to be totally free. But who would want to be homeless like him?

Moral: Some people really do seem to be free. But you need to pay a price for freedom.

### Meaning of Life

Said one dog to another, “What is the meaning of life?”

The other replied, “You can live for love, for fun, for your offspring, you can live for a better future, defeat your enemies and so on.

But the first dog said, “I don’t know, I just feel there’s more to life than sitting around the house.”

Moral: Life is what you make it.

### Bear Wedding

And so two bears were having a wedding and invited many guests.

The animals whispered that bear couples usually don’t stay together long.

But everyone was afraid to come out and say it.

And so in fact they broke up after a month together.

Moral: Some marriages are doomed from the start.

## A Nobody

There was once a humble rabbit who spoke out against the injustices of the jungle.

But animals didn't want to listen to her. We are fine the way it is said most of the animals. Even vegetarian animals didn't want to hear what she had to say.

Moral: When a nobody speaks, nobody listens.

## More to Life than Food

There was once a mouse who really enjoyed living in an apartment building.

It was very dangerous however and several of his siblings had been killed by traps and poison.

Finally they got him with a new poison and he died.

Moral: There's more to life than good food. Safety is more important than good food for example.



## The Pig and the Lion

One day a pig set a trap to catch other animals. But much to his surprise he found a lioness in the trap the next day. “Let me go and I will forget the whole thing said the lion.”

But the pig ran for his life, knowing that the lioness could easily break out of the trap.

Moral: It is never shameful to run for your life.

## Computer Monkey

There was once a monkey who was good with computers. However he was always stealing information from other animals. For example where was the best hunting ground, which places were safe and so on.

He also met a young vixen on the Internet and was happy ever after.

Moral: Even foolish humans have to recognize that we live in the digital age.

## Man Falling from the Sky

The man on the hang glider crashed into the forest near some wild pigs.

Who knows what the pigs thought of that except they all wanted to run.

Moral: It is hard to know what animals really think.

### Another Daredevil

Said one fox to another, "I dare you to jump into that well."

And so the reckless, daredevil fox jumped in.

And the other fox went away laughing that he had gotten rid of his competition for food so easily.

Of course the daredevil fox couldn't get out but his cries alerted a farmer who pulled him up in a bucket.

When the bucket got to the top the fox bit the man and then ran away.

Moral: Don't expect gratitude from wild animals and bad people.

### The Good Bear and the Bad Bear

The good bear never fought or stole and was friendly with every creature.

The bad bear stole and fought with every creature. And he enjoyed parties and dancing and singing.

When the two bears were old, they both said they were happy.

Moral: There are many roads to happiness.

Which Animal is the Smartest?

So one bird said to another, "What animals are smarter: carnivores or herbivores?"

Said the other bird, they must be roughly equal since if one kind of animal was much smarter they would increase rapidly in numbers.

Moral: In the animal kingdom great intelligence is not required.

Fat, Healthy Pig

One pig was really fat and the other was slim.

But they both lived to the same age.

Moral: Not every fat person is unhealthy. And not every thin person is healthy.

### Lucky Goose

Said the goose, “I am so lucky, the farmer forces me to eat more and more. I’m so full and happy.”

But the other animals said he was just being used to make goose liver pate.

Moral: Many people imagine they are lucky, but no one else thinks so.

### Invitation to Dine

One day a polar bear invited some penguins to the arctic. The penguins decided to stay and they raised a lot of babies.

So there was more eating for the bear. “I’m a penguin farmer said the bear.”

Moral: Some deals seem too good to be true and they are in fact a terrible thing.

## Lion's Gold

In the savannah one day there was a pride of lions living in a cave.

It was known that the lions were rich, but no one could confirm that because it was too dangerous.

But one day a tiny mouse began stealing at night one coin at a time.

After a few days the lions discovered that some of their gold coins were missing. The lions accused one another and even fought. Some were seriously injured.

But the mouse kept on taking.

Moral: Sometimes to be small and unnoticeable gives one an advantage.

## The Fox and the Cow

Said the fox, "I'd like to drink your milk." "You will feel good while I drink."

But the cow said, "No way."

So the fox went around behind her and bit at her bum.

So finally the cow let the fox drink.

Moral: Perseverance often yields fruit.

## The Volcano

There was once an erupting volcano. Most of the animals fled as far as they could go. But a group of monkeys said to each other that there was no need to flee. We can stay safe in the trees.

But the volcanic ash came down and choking hot gas and the monkeys were dead just like that.

Moral: Don't challenge the forces of nature unless you really know what you are doing.

## A Fashionable Wolf

There was once a wolf who dressed in the latest fashion and wearing make up. However the male wolves didn't like her fancy clothes and make up and avoided her. They told her to take her clothes off, but she refused. "I'm avante garde," said she.

So she never found a mate even though she tried hard and finally she died of old age, with no one caring about her at all. Just her and her fancy clothes.

Moral: Some people overdo it with fashion and vanity and as a result have no friends.

## Stork and Fox

There was once a stork in the river.

A fox came by and said, "I don't believe your story of bringing babies to their mothers.

The stork said it was not true but said it was a "nice lie."

"Bah," said the fox "Some children will believe anything."

Moral: Most stories told to children are fantasy and not true. Some say this is good for the imagination. Stories are often much more colorful than the truth.

## Ape Magicians

There were once some magic apes living in the forest. They had a reputation for amazing tricks and feats.

Now one day a songbird visited the apes and asked if they could make her live forever.

So the monkeys hypnotized the bird to believe it was the year 3000.

When the bird awoke he was asking everyone what they were doing living in the year 3000?

Moral: It is best not to allow yourself to be hypnotized.

### Raven and the Pig

The raven said, “The end of the world is coming.” “I don’t think so,” said the pig.

But the raven said, “What if it was the end of the world?”

“You can’t prepare for something like that,” said the pig.

“I think you are very brave,” said the raven.

Moral: Don’t let people distract you from your daily business with improbable claims. If there is a serious problem then cross that bridge when you come to it.

### The Usefulness of Parrots

There was once a beautiful parrot who would sing everyday in the forest. But one day he was captured by humans who put him in a cage for the rest of his life, teaching him some human words.

Moral: If you are an animal useful to those in power, you better watch out.



Unless you want to live in a cage or pen. Or be dead.

### Dead Dog

There was once a starving wild dog. One day he decided to lie down on his back as if he was dead. Soon the vultures came, but he jumped up and grabbed one and ate the whole bird he was so hungry. But after that the vultures stayed away from him.

Moral: Some good strategies can only be used once before others catch on.

### Fighting Fish

There was once a fighting fish who won 40 straight fights. However he was depressed. And then one day he sank to the bottom of his tank and refused to fight. So the next fighting fish killed him easily.

Moral: Every great fighter is weak and tired sooner or later.

### Chimp Pilot

And so it was that a “clever chimp” was flying a plane for various animal passengers.

But he would act up leaving the plane to fly itself. And he danced and ate and drank with the passengers.

Finally he got so fat he couldn't sit down in the pilot's chair so they fired him.

Moral: Don't put a fool in charge of your life.

### Lion's Boat Ride

Once a lion announced he was looking for passengers on his boat for a nice river cruise. And the animals came in large numbers, thinking there was safety in numbers.

But after beginning the journey, the lion said one of you animals must be sacrificed to me or I will push most of you into the water and I know you are mostly poor swimmers.

Rather than take their chances with the lion the animals had a conference and they decided a raccoon would be sacrificed.

“Why me,” said the coon?

In any case the coon jumped out of the boat and so it went with others. Finally almost all were in the water and the lion feasted on a nice antelope.

The lion laughed and laughed at the animals trying to swim.

Moral: Don't let your excitement to go on a trip override safety precautions.

### Lion's New Clothes

Everyone agreed the lion looked regal in his new royal robes. But some were jealous and said the lion was a sell out to humans by wearing clothes, good as the clothes might be.

But the lion heard about these jealous animals and decided to eat them.

Moral: Kings do as they wish. Without regard for others.

### Raccoon and the Wedding Cake

At the human wedding, the guests were shocked to discover a raccoon eating the wedding cake.

Some wanted to kill the coon, others thought he was charming. But he ran away.

Moral: For animals as well as humans boldness can yield great results.

## Cuckoo

There was a certain clockmaker who put a real cuckoo bird in one of his clocks. Her feet were tied to the perch and when the door opened she usually said, “Cuckoo.”

But some of the clockmaker’s friends said it was cruelty to animals and so he let the bird go.

Moral: Sometimes being cute or sounding cute can win you great rewards or ruin your whole life, or both.

## The Ruin of the Bear’s Business

A certain bear was running a fur business. He had carefully preserved the fur of the animals he had eaten.

Other animals said he was cruel, but he said he was using the whole animal unlike some other animals.

Many of the animals joined together however in a boycott. But the bear said, “Why pick on me when there are so many other predators?”

Moral: Sometimes creatures and humans feel they have been treated unfairly but it is not a fair world.

## Rabbit Warren

The fox chased the rabbit to her burrows.

After that he waited outside but the rabbits didn't come out. He waited for days and nothing happened.

Moral: Sometimes herbivores can outfox predators.

## The Pool and the Trees

The pool was angry that the trees that surrounded it were drinking all her water.

“What are you going to do about it, pool, they said?”

There was nothing it could do. But years passed and some of the trees died and then one day there was a hurricane which knocked down many more.

Said the pool, “I am virtually immortal, but you trees soon will die.”

Moral: Some things last forever. Humans dream of living forever with medical breakthroughs.

## Porcupine vs. Skunk

One time a porcupine met a skunk. They attacked each other with the skunk spraying the porcupine with his nauseating spray and the porcupine throwing needles in the face of the skunk.

As a result both were captured by predators as they were weak from lack of food.

Moral: Be careful with unknown animals and people.

### A Friendly Little Game of Soccer

The animals decided to have a friendly game of soccer in which all grudges and violence would be put on hold for the game.

It was the herbivores against the carnivores.

The carnivores won the game 3-2.

But the star player for the herbivores was a deer who broke both legs while playing.

The deer was carried to the vet who put the deer in the animal zoo.

And there were many other animals hurt during the game as well.

Moral: Some sports are like a war. And the crowds go crazy watching.

## Bat Cave

Once a certain man lit a fire at the entrance to a cave and the smoke suffocated numerous bats.

But some flew out and one was rabid and bit the man.

The man was days away from help (no cell phone) and so he succumbed to his injuries.

Moral: To be by your self in nature might bring peace of mind to some, but for others it can turn into a nightmare.

## Pretender to the Throne

There was once a bear who thought he was king of the forest. But one day rumors began to circulate that a certain fox was claiming to be king.

The bear was enraged and searched everywhere for the fox king, but without success.

Moral: In this world there are many types of leaders.

## Magic Apes Again: The Oracle

The chimp guru said that he could grant anyone their wish.

The big bear came and said, "I want to be a bigger bear."

And so it was the bear ate more and more and became a bigger, fatter bear.

Moral: Sometimes you need to recognize the obvious. And not depend on others for advice.

## Freest Bird

So it was once upon a time the birds gathered and voted what was the freest bird. It was a close vote, but the eagle was the winner.

It's easy to be free said the eagles who had vision many times better than humans.

Seeing is the most important thing in life said the birds.

Moral: Freedom is nice, but some animals who are not so safe and free still enjoy life.

## Lick that Toad



Said one boy to another, "Lick that toad and your luck will change."  
And so he did and the result was hospitalization.

He claimed no one had ever told him not to lick a toad.

Moral: If you don't know an animal or animals well, it is best to stay away from them, even those who appear harmless.

### Dreams of a Tiger Queen

There was once a queen of tigers who had disturbing dreams. She kept dreaming that humans were killing all the tigers and soon they would all be dead.

She told the dream to other tigers who said that they needn't worry, they were still masters of the jungle.

But the dream was prophetic as the tigers were eliminated from that area by hunters.

Moral: Animals dream just like humans do, and sometimes the dreams are prophetic.

### The Cow and the Wolf

Said the cow to the wolf, “We enjoy eating all day long, whereas you eat only once or twice a week.

Said the wolf, “But at least I am free.”

“No” said the cow, “You are restricted to mostly living in parks and when there are too many of you they will cull your numbers. You are not free.”

“Well who is free then,” said the wolf.

“No one is free,” said the cow.

“Well at least I am not a slave who gives milk,” like you are said the wolf.

Moral: No one or no animal can be totally free. Or can they?

## The Rooster

All the animals disliked the rooster for waking them up in the very early morning.

So they got together and nominated a fox to prowl all night so the rooster wouldn't have a nice rest.

Sure enough after a few days with the fox there the rooster went crazy and slammed his body against the cage, but finally the fox tunneled in and ate the rooster and everyone was happy. But then the farmer got another rooster.

The animals all agreed that dealing with humans was most frustrating.

Moral: It is difficult to change our world.

## The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse Revisited

And so it was the two mice were sick and tired of their life.

So they traded places: the town mouse went to the country and the country mouse went to the city.

And they lived happily ever after.

Moral: These days everyone is looking for new thrills and excitement.

## Baddest Wolf

He kept animals awake at night with his howls, he bit the tail off a fox, he stole eggs from birds and above all he enjoyed the thrill of the chase. He sometimes had to run away from bigger animals, but that was OK with him. It's all a thrill this life he said.

Finally a bear fought him and the wolf lost an eye. After that he was more cautious.

Moral: Wolves always upset the animals of the area in which they live, but sometimes they feel they can do no wrong.

## Magic Chicken

The magic chicken could lay 4 eggs in a day. It was worth billions.

It's offspring were all sold to the highest bidder.

But finally she was old and no longer able to have chicks so the farmer just sent it to the slaughterhouse after copying its DNA.

Moral 1: One day DNA will be used to grow chicken parts and no need for any chickens.

Moral 2: Animals can seldom expect gratitude from humans.

## Masochists

Some people in their lives have a masochistic streak in them. For example they give their whole life to work or finance a big house...

Moral: You need to enjoy life, and not always be giving and never taking.

## Rain Child

One time a young wolf was caught in a flood. As the flood receded he was found in a tree by a human couple.

They raised him well. But one day he killed the couples' child. And as a result he was put down.

Moral: Once a wild animal, always a wild animal.

### Man in the Moon

So it was the first moon colony decided on a Noah's Ark type deal. The question was which animals would roam under the Moon dome.

Most common pets were included, and lots of birds, but no one saw the need of predatory animals.

Some animals complained they were no better than zoo animals, but nothing could be done about it.

Moral: Humans will decide which animals survive into the future. If any.

### Fattest Pig

Once there was a contest for biggest pig. One farmer personally fed his candidate with as much food as he could possibly eat. Finally the pig looked like a tiny face in a giant blob.

The pig told the other farm animals that he was a dreamer and his life was sublime.

Moral: Some animals will live a life of total excess, if they can. So too with humans.

### The Frog Insane

Once upon a time a girl was in the countryside and she saw a frog and picked it up.

The frog said kiss me and I will turn into a prince. “Oh no” said the girl.

Instead she took him home and put him in a terrarium.

After several years alone in confinement, the frog was totally insane often hitting his head on the glass walls and ceiling.

Moral: Who knows how many animals are insane?

### Freedom for the Zoo Animals

There was once a small zoo in a small town. One night some environmentalists opened the cages of the animals.

The next day most were caught but some deer in particular ran for the forest.

Moral: If you get a chance to be free you should take it, because you might never get another.

### The Falconer

Once upon a time there was a falconer. He had trained his bird well and they both enjoyed many meals together.

But one day a thief got into the farm and put the falcon in a bag and ran away.

But the thief mistreated the bird keeping it in a cage. So one time when the thief opened the cage to give him some more lousy food he quickly flew out and clawed the thief's eye and returned to his master.

Moral: Beware of what you take from others.

### The World is a Giant Farm

“The world is a giant farm,” said the aging turtle. “Even in the wilderness animals are culled to keep the numbers at an “acceptable level.” So too with the sea, fishermen use sonar to get the bulk of the fish.”

“Only a handful of lucky creatures avoid capture for long. A few get put in a marine show or zoo.”

Moral: Human beings are getting better and better control of this world.

### Descendants of Apes

They say we are all descendants of ape-like creatures. But to us today, most of us think apes are ugly and not so clever.

Moral: We all are kind of embarrassed about where we come from, evolutionary speaking. But in our own lives we all have skeletons in the closet, we are not perfect beings.

### Magic Ape Oracle Again

Of course many animals in the forest would visit the chimp oracle.

One day a wild pig came before the oracle and said, “What is my future?”

Said the oracle, “You will be killed by humans within a year.”



But this news enraged the pig and he tried to catch the ape who fled to a tree top.

Moral: Many people get angry if they hear some truth they don't want to hear.

### Roaches

A certain roach was cornered behind the bed of the house owner. The roach tried to use the bed for cover but was driven back behind the bed. Finally the owner killed him when he ran out into the open.

Moral: Kill one roach and another 3 will take its place.

### Coon in a Trap

There was once a coon in a trap. When the farmer came to pick it up, the coon said, "If you let me go I will catch rats for you."

"Well OK," said the farmer and he let him go.

But the coon was old and fat and not good at catching mice.

Moral: Sometimes in life you must promise the world to someone.

## The Fox and his Magic Soup

The fox let it me known in the forest that he had a magic soup that would make animals immortal.

The price was cheap so many animals decided to try it.

But every year he would move to a far away locale and start again.

Moral: Magic does happen, but if you look around no one is immortal these days. Or so it seems.

## Obsession with Youth

Animals like people are obsessed with appearance. Old animals don't get much respect; youth is what they want.

Moral: Scorning the wise old people is seldom a good idea, unless you have a better idea.

## Queen's Rabbits

Once in a kingdom the queen had numerous rabbits running all around the palace. "Aren't they cute said the queen?"

There were fences all around so foxes could not get in. But one fox burrowed under the fence and for several weeks ate many of the rabbits.

However he was eventually seen and shot at, but he escaped into the night.

It was good while it lasted he said to himself.

Moral: Determined predators are hard to stop.

## 2121 AD

In the year 2121, it was said that new sea animals, more clever creatures than the past, had been dumped in the oceans.

No one cared about them however.

Moral: All kinds of new creatures will be seen in the future and there's not much that anyone will be able to do about them.

## Giraffe and the Monkey

Once upon a time a giraffe and a monkey made a deal. The monkey would stand on the giraffe's back and look behind him for predators. In return the giraffe provided safety for the monkey.

But then came a day when the giraffe couldn't go on and he fell down dead.

The monkey cried.

And the monkey ran towards the forest...

Moral: Sometimes people and animals form strange alliances.

### Gambling Animals

And so it was the animals of the forest had set up a casino. A group of bears ran it and made large profits. The bears had security to make sure there were no fights

Of course everyone was a loser in the end, maybe they would win one day but lose 10 days. But many of the animals were so dumb that they gambled away all their money and even their home.

The bears considered their clients to be "losers."

Moral: Life is a gamble, but we must gamble using educated guesses and calculated risks, not depend on Lady Luck.

## The World of an Oyster

The oyster said, “This world is mine for the taking.”

But as time went by he had a piece of sand stuck in his shell and a rare black pearl was discovered when they oyster was caught.

Moral: Sometimes what is bad for one is good for another. But never be overconfident.

## Happiest Day of his Life

One day the rabbits were bringing their gold through the forest when they saw a group of foxes, they dumped the gold and ran away as fast as they could. But the foxes checked the bags and found the gold and so didn't chase the rabbits.

Said one rabbit to another, “This is the happiest day of my life.” “Why is that? said another. “I'm just happy that I am still alive,” said the first rabbit.

Moral: There are many ways of looking at any situation.

## Dangerous Life for Crows

The crows in the rural area were fond of eating the crops. But local farmers would shoot at them and killed many of them. And at night the farmer's 10 cats roamed the fields.

"This world is so dangerous," said one crow to another.

Moral: Most wild animals live in constant fear, but they are aggressive all the same.

### Dream of Dancing Foxes

A certain rabbit kept having the same dream. In the dream the foxes were all dancing and singing and entertained the other animals.

But when he told his dream to other rabbits, they said it was a wonderful dream, but totally unlikely.

Moral: Many animals dream of strange things, just like humans.

### Love and Old Age

There was once a feral cat hanging around a farming area. He had known masters and he had known freedom. But in his youth he loved freedom more. But now he was getting old so he approached a farmer who picked

him up and brought him home. There he met a nice female cat and had babies with her and everything was lovely.

Moral: In youth you need freedom, in old age you need love.

### Desire to Do Nothing

Some say you should be up and doing and make something out of yourself. But a certain lazy crocodile who lived in a watering hole would sleep and dream and easily catch prey at any time.

Moral: A lot of creatures enjoy doing nothing.

### Donkey

The donkey was sometimes whipped by his master, but he told the other animals he was living in paradise.

Moral: Some people and animals claim they are open-minded and thinking positively; but actually they are really suffering from their work.

## More Moon Animals

Finally they found a way for animals to eliminate breathing air and instead run on solar power even though they only looked vaguely like animals. The creatures lived on the moon equator and dug burrows for the nighttime cold.

By the year 2200 there were tens of thousands of these clever “animals” on the moon. And they all spoke English.

The animals were very clever and very friendly and colored the landscape.

Moral: Perhaps some humans will never lose their fondness for animals after all.

## Dreams of a Panda

A certain panda in the zoo had a dream in which the animals were outside the cages and the humans were inside.

He hated those gawking humans...

Moral: Some creatures have nothing to look forward other than dreaming. Without dreams they would be lost and insane.



## Dreams of a Goat

The goat was always dreaming he had the whole mountain to himself.

But in reality he had to stay on steep slopes to avoid predators.

He thought to himself no one can take my dreams away from me.

Moral: For some people and animals lots of sleep and daydreaming makes them feel better even if it is an unhappy life.

## Internet Trap

On the Internet, a bear said he was a human, and invited many people to a party in the forest.

As people arrived they were gobbled up by the bear and his friends who subsequently disappeared after they were full.

But a hunt discovered the full bears not far away and very full and so the hunters killed them.

Moral: Beware of the Internet.

## Sheep Bait

Once there was a shepherd who was tired of wolves and their attacks.

So he put a lamb on a hill where it could be seen for many km.

So the wolves approached but as they did the shepherd shot them.

After that he didn't need to worry about wolves...i.e. no howls at night and such.

Moral: Most animal predators are easily outfoxed by humans.

### No Perfect Life

The leopard of the forest was wary of humans and their farm animals. The farm animals were somewhat worried about leopards. In the animal kingdom no animal is safe.

Moral: There is no perfect life for animals. It is humans that came up with the concept of perfection, even though they so seldom reach it.

### Global Warming

About 14 000 years ago the world began to heat up and people colonized large tracts of land.

Food was abundant for a while but after some time agriculture was invented thus allowing populations to grow dramatically.

Moral: But who knows what will happen to the world's temperature? It is always either going up or going down and none can fully explain why. In general it's been going up for 15 000 years.

### Pig Girl

There was once a young girl who cried a lot. So her father put her in the sty with the pigs.

Social workers discovered her however one day and they brought her back to "human civilization."

However it was difficult for her to adapt to human society and she could hardly talk.

Finally after many years of therapy she was more or less a typical human although she often grunted as pigs do. And she taught pigs to play the xylophone. And she even taught pigs to beat the drums with their hooves.

And she was an advocate of more rights for pigs. She said most farmers kept the pigs in small spaces where they could do nothing but eat.

Moral: No matter how wretched your past you can always start all over again.

## Cactus Trees

Apparently down in the USA southwest people have been stealing nice cactuses from the highway side and replanting them at home. Police are trying to catch such people.

But the cactus is an ugly tree to most.

Moral: But people often find unforeseen uses for many plants (eg. medicines) and animals.

## Crazy World

Said one dog to another, "This world is crazy. No point denying it."

The other dog said, "Sometimes it seems crazy, other times it doesn't."

But the first dog said, "We all have to pretend what we are doing is important and sane, but it's not."

Moral: Sometimes people are crazy, but it takes them a long time to discover this.

## Standing on the Shoulder of a Giant

There was once a very tall man, a giant.

He was fond of walking around the mountains with his young son on his shoulders.

But the boy kept saying that he was bored with beautiful views.

So his dad bought him some video games.

Moral: These days kids are easily bored.

## Dreams of a Mole

Who knows what a mole, who is blind, dreams about?

But some moles claim they have a better imagination than creatures who can see. They are different and have a different perspective.

Moral: So too with some humans; some have a great imagination others not so good.

Humans are “Superior”

Many a fox has watched the goings on a farm from a distance and also see the fringes of the cities. It is obvious to the foxes that humans are superior. Having so much food and such large homes, as they do.

Moral: Animals envy humans but there is nothing they can do about it.

### Cruel Rabbit

Once upon a time there was a rabbit who left his nice home to build a better one in a better place. But other places seemed to be dangerous, worse than his old home. So he returned home only to find a mother mole and her babies.

The rabbit kicked them out and soon they were eaten by predators.

The rabbits neighbors said he was cruel, but he said the “strong survive.”

Moral: Living in the wild is to live in constant danger for most. Especially if they are handicapped in some way.

### Crazy Coon

There was once a brave coon who attacked several humans on several occasions for walking in his territory.

The other coons admired his bravery. They called him “the fearless one.”

But one day the same coon was on the road at night and was not afraid when the lights of the car shone on his face, and he was hit. The owner of the car got out and grabbed the coon and put him in a sack, as he was only dazed.

After that he was put in a small obscure zoo where people would gawk at him and insult him in every way.

Moral: It should be obvious to all creatures that humans have taken complete control of this world.

### The Gold and the Pigs

There was once a panther who had many bags of gold in a cave.

But one day while he was out a group of pigs came across the treasure and carried it away swiftly.

The pigs celebrated with dancing, eating and drinking.

But finally after many years of parties the money ran out.

But the pigs all agreed they had had a good run.

Moral: Money is no good unless you use it, like the pigs.

## More and More

One time a man ran up a small tree while being chased by a bear.

To appease the bear (who was too fat to climb this small tree), the man dropped his food down to the bear.

But after that the bear went to sleep under the tree and the man realized his mistake.

Moral: Don't try to appease your enemies with gifts as they will want more and more and more.

## Bravado

Wolves scare other animals at night with their howls. Mosquitoes with their buzzing drive humans and animals crazy. And other animals roar loudly. Or have aggressive actions.

Moral: In this world animals try to intimidate each other. So too with humans in sports like US football or hockey. So too in business.

There will always be bullies no matter what kind of animal or person you are talking about.



## Drunk Animals

At the party of carnivores in the forest, the animals had been drinking heavily. Some were out of character. For example the wolf said he envied the fox who could hunt alone whereas he, the wolf, had to work together and take a lot of abuse from the other wolves. The fox meanwhile said that the wolves were lucky to be able to attack large tasty animals, whereas he was sick of birds and mice. The bear for his part said he felt guilty for all the animals he'd killed. And the jaguar wished he could be more human.

And so that was what went on at the party. But late in the night some animals got aggressive. Mainly the bears. And the party was over.

Moral: Some humans when they are drunk are often capable of anything.

## Fatter and Fatter

The fat pig loved a female one. But she kept telling him he wasn't fat enough to suit her.

So the pig had to look for food all the time, and it was really wearing him out. The more he ate, the more he had to walk to find food.

Moral: Some people and animals like being fat or like their partner to be fat.

## Peace on Earth

Said one man to another, one day there will be peace throughout the world.

Said the other man, "You are a dreamer."

Moral: In these modern times there is less war than at any time in history, but who knows if it will continue?

### Animal Olympics

In the animal Olympics, speed and strength were the main events. Being clever only resulted in a few medals.

Moral: The animals are all behind the times.

### Chimp Magic Fortune Teller (again)

One time a certain cow came to the fortune teller and asked for her fortune.

The chimp said, "You are old now and will be turned into hamburger within the year."

"Oh. You've broken my heart," said the cow.

Moral: If you don't want to hear the obvious, don't ask and live in a life of illusion instead.

### Dreams of Escape

One day the animals of the farm reached an agreement. The agreement was to run from the farm and take their chances.

So they all ran away.

But the next day they were all caught as they had no idea how to live on their own.

Moral: Sometimes it is impossible to escape a boring life.

### Black Sheep

The black sheep was angry that his mother didn't give him as much milk as his siblings.

"It's not fair," said the black sheep.

"Who said that life is fair," said one of his siblings. Said another, "You aren't a real sheep anyway."

So the black sheep said, "OK, I'll go my own way."

But she was soon lost and finally a wolf got her.

Moral: Sometimes moving from a safe place to a dangerous one has little positive potential.

### The Bridge

So it was a human builder was building a bridge over crocodile infested swampland.

He said to a group of pigs, "Please help me out. It is in all our interest to build this bridge.

But the pigs were lazy and refused to help.

But after the bridge was built the pigs were not allowed to use it, and so crossed the swampland themselves where crocodiles ate them all.

Moral: Don't turn your back on progress.

### Pig in Flight

One time a pig announced to all the other animals that he could fly, but they would all have to pay to see him.

So he went up a large hill with some wings he had made and he soared about 12 m in terms of distance.

But the animals were not impressed. It is useless to fly only 12 m they said.

But the pig said it was just a beginning.

But all the animals demanded their money back.

Moral: Bringing change to the animal kingdom is a difficult task.

### Best Animal in the Forest

One time the animals had another contest to determine who was the best animal.

The winner was a large grizzly bear who had let it be known he better win or there would be no end of destruction.

And he declared after his election that, "Wolves were the worst animals,"

So the wolves had a fight with the grizzlies with serious injuries to many of the animals.

Moral: When one strongman tries to be king expect violent opposition these days.

## Catching Innocent Birds

There was once a poor farmer who had a hard time getting through the winter.

So one winter he put some bird seed out with a strong tranquilizer in it.

As the birds kept coming, the farmer kept collecting their bodies for meat for his family.

The birds continued the whole winter to come to his home.

Moral: Beware of free things.

## The Goldfish

The goldfish was in a small bowl and all it had to do was swim around the bowl. Of course he was totally insane, but there was nothing he could do.

One time at a party someone threw a cardboard drink coaster stand into the water and the insane fish attacked it relentlessly until finally he choked and died.

Moral: Sometimes you are better off dead than alive.

## Ape Engagement

So it was a male chimp said to a female chimp if you marry me I'll give you this diamond ring. OK said the female. But after a few weeks of being together, they had an argument and the male chimp ran away.

The female then went to sell the ring but the pig jeweler told her it was a fake.

Moral: These days among animals as well as people, don't expect love to last. Indeed humans have some catching up to do as nearly all animals have always had short love affairs.

## Kangaroos

They say a large kangaroo can disembowel a man... It is a wild animal.

Once there was a tourist who tried to approach a kangaroo with a baby in her pouch. The kangaroo attacked and the tourist ran for his life, badly wounded.

Moral: Just because an animal or human is cute doesn't mean they are nice and friendly.

## The Giant's Wife

There was once a very large giant man who had only his dogs for company.

Finally he met a fox one day you said he would find a female giant for 3 bags of gold. And the giant agreed.

The couple were happy together for about a week, but then broke up.

Moral: If you want to get married you need to choose from a large group in order to be happy.

### Pig in the Wine Cellar

The farmer had a large wine cellar which he would show off to friends.

But one day he left the door open and in jumped a pig. The pig broke many bottles and drank a lot of wine.

The owner was so unhappy he sold the pig to the slaughterhouse immediately.

Moral: When you destroy what is valuable to someone, be prepared for the consequences.

### 3-D Tiger Pictures

One day a country dweller tested out his new virtual reality safari which featured 3-D pictures of tigers and prey.



A couple of foxes happened to come by but were confused by the show and ran away.

One fox said, "I don't understand this world anymore."

Moral: This world is getting hard to comprehend for both animals and people.

### Judge a Person by their Pet

There was once a dog breeder who said you could judge a person based on the type of dog they had.

For example, small dog, small ego. Or big dog, big ego. Beautiful dog, beautiful person, ugly dog a person who does ugly things And a vicious dog has a nasty master and so on.

Moral: These days, people will judge you in oh so many ways. But maybe better to not judge people so simply.

### Daredevil Fox, Part Two

Said one fox to the daredevil fox, "I dare you to go and kiss that farmer."

And so he went to do it. But the farmer then ran inside to get his gun, but by that time the fox was long gone.

Moral: Sometimes animals have a sense of humor.

### Gay Lion

There was once a lion who could not get along with the lionesses. So he turned to other males for companionship.

His gay pride was limited to loneliness and confusion.

Moral: There will always be those who don't fit in, in every group of animals or humans.

### Road to Hell

Some people and animals don't look after themselves. Such humans smoke and drink and do drugs and don't eat right or sleep enough. For animals on the other hand they eat too much and don't sleep much and are always living in danger.

Moral: Some people live for the day and will have a lot of happy memories if they become old one day.

Moral 2: Some people are bent on destroying themselves.

### Invitation to Dine

Said the wild pig to the dog, “Get me into your nice home and I will never forget the favor.”

So it was that the pig waited outside the farmer’s house and finally the farmer took him in and gave him great food and so on.

But only a few days later he was sent to the slaughterhouse.

Moral: If you are a wild animal that trusts humans, you will not live long in most cases.

### Brainy Animals

It was generally acknowledged that the foxes were the cleverest animals, although many felt it was chimpanzees.

In any case almost all wild animals have to be on the run from predators and also find food if they can.

Moral: In the wild great brains don’t get you very far... Speed is the key.

## Crimes

Civilization protects us against crime. Most of the criminal types have been killed off since the last 2000 years and were therefore not able to reproduce.

Moral 1: Most people like a comfortable, safe life whereas most animals like to fight for survival.

Moral 2: Sometimes crimes are done in the name of freedom.

## B.S.

There was once a farmer who tried to sell cow dung from his farm for fertilizers.

Many people in the countryside said the air was fresh, but it smelled strongly of dung.

Moral: It's hard to find truly fresh air.

## Slavery

The lion had a group of 20 monkeys to pull his cart. The lion fed them well and protected them from predators which is what they all wanted.

Moral 1: Even slaves can be happy.

3000 AD: World of Tortoises

So it was a space man came back to earth. He was surprised that the only animal was tortoises along with some fish.

Why would they leave tortoises? Asked the space man to himself.

And where did all the humans go?

Was it perhaps a weird game of “The Tortoise and the Hare?”

Moral: The far future will definitely be weird from our perspective.

Wolf in Love with a Bird

Said the wolf to the bird, “I am in love with you.”

Said the bird, “Your idea of love is not my idea. You hate all birds,” I know.

“But you are all I want, with your wondrous songs.”

“You can’t fool me,” said the bird.

Moral: Don’t be fooled by people who say they love you.

## War

There was once a farmer who organized a big fight between local cats and dogs. All were dressed in military fashion and ready to fight.

Afterwards most of the animals were killed or seriously wounded.

Many people were filled with horror, but the farmer said, “That’s how it is in the animal kingdom.

Moral: Everything these days has to do with entertainment, even war.

## Another Farmer

Once there was a farmer who had a strong will. He carefully cared for his animals and treated his family as if they were animals too. They had to say yes to whatever he said.

People laughed at his family and him behind their backs.

But he claimed to be doing God's work by farming the land and controlling his family.

Moral: Some people treat everyone as if they themselves were the king.

Moral 2: Some people are hopelessly old-fashioned.

New York City

People say New York is a freak show, which is a thing that will happen everywhere soon.

Transsexuals, masochists, sadists, sadomasochists, weirdoes, poets, musicians and above all "freaks"

Moral: People say NYC is a center for literature and art, but only the most successful artists can afford to live there. Better to travel the world than stay in expensive New York.

Wishing Well

At the wishing well, animals came to make a wish. Most carnivores wished for more prey and most herbivores wished to be rid of carnivores.

Some too wished for strong offspring...

But what else was there to wish for?

Moral: Some powerful people are only powerful because of strong, unusual wishes and desires.

Another Rich Bear

A certain bear had a lot of money. He bought a car, he bought a house.

But he said to himself what did he need these things for when with no money he could dine quite well.

Moral: Animals and some humans aren't interested in material gain.

Scaremonger

The foxes were scaring everyone saying UFOs had landed in the forest.

So all the animals went and hid.

Moral: Some day scientists will create "aliens," and animals will just have to get used to it.



## Wily Old Fish

And so it was the family went fishing. The boy caught numerous small fish and his father caught some big fish and only a few small fish. The mother meanwhile caught one very large fish.

Moral: When it comes to fishing patient people get the big ones and impatient people catch small ones.

## “Normal Bear”

The bear said he was normal, but no other animal thought so.

He covered himself with the American flag. He stole eggs and little ones from numerous animals. When he caught an animal he would do a little dance. He'd kiss animals that were not bears. He'd eat a whole garden in a night, take swims in people's pools and defecate in the pool.

And he would roar at animals that were not bears and scared them away. But he was afraid of other bears.

Moral: People often say they are normal, when in fact they are not.

## Bear Artist

There was once a bear artist who thought he was really good. He painted colorful paintings on trees which he said were worthy of Van Gogh.

But the other animals laughed at him (from a safe distance).

Moral: Some people have an exaggerated view of their abilities.

## Farmer X

The farmer used steroids to increase the bulk of his steers. He also put illegal drugs in their food to make them happy.

Moral: Some farmers truly love their cattle all around the world. But in most cases they send their cattle to the slaughterhouse. Love comes in strange disguises.

## Save the Tiger

Does anyone care about saving the tigers? A handful of environmentalists, perhaps? Most people are happy to see them in zoos.

Moral: Humans, in general, don't like vicious predators even though we are the top worldwide predator.

### Ocean Farms

In the future they will produce food directly from plankton. Of course they already cull the fish and sea creatures.

Moral : The next frontier for farms will be elsewhere in our solar system. Such as the frozen ice moon of Europa which is part of Jupiter.

### Too Much Money

In many countries there exist special restaurants for dogs and cats who sit at the table just like humans do.

Moral: Some people have more money than they know what to do with, while a billion people starve.

### The Crow

Farmers would shoot at the crow and she had a shotgun pellet in one of her legs which made it difficult to sit on a perch. But she decided to be quiet and not say “crow crow”

Moral: In the wild don't draw attention to yourself. So too with people; best to be humble.

### Microbiota

On the Moon and Mars they will one day develop microbiota which can dig holes and build homes beneath the surface. No need for heavy equipment.

Moral: Astounding changes are about to take place in our solar system. And Alpha Centauri is only a few light years away

### Animal Men

One day some mad scientist will merge the DNA of animals and human. And so have a “bear man” or “duck man,” for example.

Moral: Anything is possible for animals in the future.

## The Bear Storyteller

The bear was fond of telling young bears that one day humans will go away from this earth and never come back and what a great day that will be for animals.

Many of the animals said that predators would take over the world in the place of humans.

These animals are naïve.

Moral: It is likely that humans will never relinquish their power to foolish animals. But who knows?

## Shepherd Boy with a Gun

There was once a shepherd boy who asked his master for a gun against wolves of the area.

But once he got the gun he shot a lot of beautiful songbirds who were driving him crazy with their song.

Moral: Most people like to hear the birds sing, but some are driven insane by their calls.

## Love of Nature

There was once a girl who loved nature. Unfortunately her boyfriend hated nature.

She cursed her fate, but finally they broke up over nature.

Moral: Whether or not a person loves nature (i.e. environmentalists) is becoming a very controversial issue these days.

## Trapped Fox

A fox fell in a trap. But fortunately for him the fur market is almost gone and a fox is not good eating.

So the trapper let him go. The fox couldn't believe it, but after that he was not careful. He thought humans must like foxes.

Moral: Sometimes you get a lucky break, but you can't stay lucky forever.

## A Rose

One day a male fox bit off a rose and gave it to his sweetheart.

And he said to her, "If you really love me, you will eat that rose.

And so the female did it, petal by petal until all was gone.

"You now have such a beautiful scent," remarked the male fox.

Moral: Some people will do anything for love.

Life is not Fair

Deep in the heart of a northern winter, a fox came to a tree where there was a bird. The fox said, "Don't you envy me and my beautiful house? My burrow is warm, whereas you are out in the cold."

The bird said, "People enjoy our birdsong and give us food in birdfeeders; what do they give foxes?"

"It's not fair," said the fox.

Moral: Life is arbitrary and random. It is never fair.

In the Cage

The raven was saying, “We are all in a cage of our own making. We hurt ourselves rather than be free.”

But the farmer said animals live longer on the farm than in the wild... And so they have freedom to enjoy life with other animals on the farm.

Moral: For some humans freedom is impossible, so better to try and enjoy what you have.

### Lion Maze

Somewhere in Africa lived a very rich man. And he had built a beautiful large maze.

In the maze lived a male lion and there were sophisticated cameras all around the maze.

The rich man enjoyed putting animals and humans in the maze, especially humans to see how they fared with the lion.

Moral: There will always be those who enjoy others’ suffering.

### Lone Wolf

There was once a wolf who pulled the dog sled for his masters. Mostly it was just for fun to have dog races for the benefit of the humans.



But one day, he ran away.

But he had extreme difficulty getting food so finally he went back to his old master. But the master told him to go away and get lost.

And he subsequently died.

Moral: When you betray your boss or owner, don't expect to be accepted back.

### More Genetic Engineering

In the year 2015 they started to make farm animals bigger. Gigantic pigs, and huge cows with tremendous amounts of milk. Monster chickens too who could lay many eggs in a day and also grew large.

In the zoo they made other animals large. Some said it was a freak show, but others said it was experimental.

Moral: When it comes to animals, people do as they please with them.

### Anorexic Deer

There was once an anorexic deer. The deer said she could run faster when she was thin and also was more attractive. But male deer didn't like her very much: she was just skin and bones.

Finally she died of anorexia.

Moral: Food drives many people crazy.

### No Picnics

People these days seldom go on picnics. They hate the bugs and the rain and the cool or the hot.

Moral: This is just another example of people spending less and less time in nature.

### Animal Asylum

It was the first of its kind: an animal madhouse.

There were some dogs who never stopped barking. There were animals who never stopped fighting. Some of the animals attacked invisible opponents. Some couldn't stop eating. And so on.

Moral: Some animals are crazy just like humans are often crazy.

## Friends

In the wilderness, for most animals, it is hard to make friends or indeed many animals don't want friends. Sometimes it is better to split up in order to get more food. Even those who are in a group seldom meet another friend outside the group. Often if they are in a group it is only for self-defense.

Moral: Sometimes some creatures go through life without ever having a true friend.

## Goats in Danger

There was once a family of goats on the mountains. Every now and then a group of wolves would steal one of the goats. But they were smart enough to not take too many.

Said one wolf, "We are just like farmers."

Moral: Some animals are very cunning.

## Pig Leader

Once there was a farm in which a certain pig appointed himself as leader.

But one day a big bear entered the farm yard.

The pig boldly stood his ground and managed to scare away the bear.

Moral 1: When you are a leader you must be brave.

Moral 2: Sometimes bravery pays off, but often it has a very bad result. So it's a risk.

### House of Fighting

There was once an elderly couple who argued all day long with each other.

And they had two pets, a cat and a dog who were also always fighting.

Moral: Some people live to argue and fight.

### Owls' Test

In a test of owls in total darkness they found an owl can hear in 3-D and jump on a mouse. In addition the owls can see up to 20 times better than humans.

But if we humans could see really well, we'd all look ugly to each other.

Maybe in the future we will improve people's skin so that we can increase the power of our vision.

Moral: Some animals have characteristics that humans would love to have.

Future Freak Show?

In shows like Star Trek alien races are depicted basically as ugly humans.

It is likely however that there are no alien races and in the future artists will design totally beautiful faces, the likes of which have never been seen before.

Moral: The future will perhaps be a world of beauty.

Under the Cherry Tree

One time a wolf was reclining under a cherry tree when suddenly a few cherries fell on his head.

This caused the wolf to say, "I've got it."

Another wolf said, "What?"

The wolf explained that if they were to give a gift of meat to the local farmers, maybe they would stop shooting us.

The other wolves told him it would only make the humans feel frightened and vengeful.

Moral: Animals don't understand humans, but do humans understand them?

### Over in a Barrel

One day a man put a fox in a barrel and sent the barrel over Niagara Falls. All of his friends bet on whether the fox would survive the fall.

It turned out he had survived and the man was rich.

Moral: It's just another example of animal abuse.

### Biting the Hand that Feeds

Once there was a farmhand who was feeding the pigs when suddenly one jumped up and bit him. The man ran and got a ride to the hospital.

When he returned he couldn't remember which of the numerous pigs had bitten him. So he simply sold them all to the slaughterhouse immediately.

Moral: Sometimes aggression can have a very bad result for you and your friends and family.

### The Last Animal

One day in the far future the super humans had a party for the last animal to die. Henceforth only highly intelligent androids and humans would walk the earth. To them animals were all primitive idiots.

Moral: And so there were no more fables wanted.

### Daydreaming Animals

Said one deer to another, "I could look at the clouds all day and see many different forms." Said the other, "You are a dreamer. While you look at the sky, predators are focusing in on you."

Moral 1: There is not much time for daydreams in the wild.

Moral 2: Now most people live for their dreams.

### Poor Coyote

There was once a coyote who dug a burrow for himself just prior to winter.

But a group of wolves scared him away and the wolves used the burrow.

So then he made another one, but another group of wolves took that.

Finally he was cold and hungry, but he survived until spring eating mice once and a while.

Moral: There's no point giving up when things don't go your way.

### Cruel Boy

There was once a young boy with a sling shot who shot birds just for fun and left them to die.

Moral: Even children can be cruel.

### Sweet Words

A certain man said humans mate using sweet words, animals mate using sweet smells; it is not so different.



Moral: Sweet words and sweet smells, seldom stand up to the passage of time.

## Heaven

Her name was Angel, she was a human and her dog was also named Angel.

Angel told people that her dog would go to heaven, just like her.

But one day her dog ran away, probably just due to boredom and never came back.

And Angel, the dog's owner said her dog would not go to heaven after all.

Moral: People who think they are angels are usually very boring people.

## Cricket Killer

A certain man devised a machine that could zoom in on crickets' sounds and spray them with poison. He hated the sound of crickets at night.

It worked well and soon everyone wanted one. So it was goodbye crickets.

Moral: They'll get rid of insects step by step.

## Another New Use for Animals

One time there was a man who attached 12 dogs to a harness to pull his boat through the water.

It was quite a novelty.

Soon people were attaching other animals to boats and enjoying the rides. Also attaching many eagles to a harness to fly.

They would often have races between these animal owners.

Moral: If people find a use for animals the animals are usually lucky.

## Road Kill

There was once a poor student who lived mostly on road kill. He would usually find them freshly dead, but if not he could still cook them up and make it safe to eat.

Moral: Some humans are like desperate scavengers.

3000 AD

At this time most humans spent most of their time dreaming with virtual reality technology.

So the animals were allowed to live anywhere as humans had no need of them anymore.

Moral: Maybe animals will take control of most of the earth, just like before.

Parliament of Wild Animals (Reprise)

Humans are too powerful all the animals were saying,

They couldn't agree on a united front against the humans. In fact they could reach almost no agreements at all. These wild animals were used to freedom mostly.

Moral: Weak parliaments are found among people too, typically ruled by tyrannical rulers.

Animal Architecture

There was once a human architect who designed homes for wildlife. Everyone agreed they were beautiful homes.

Some pet owners wanted to buy such a home for their pets.

Moral: Some people are truly animal lovers, others not.

Parrots

Parrots of course have been known to imitate human speech even though they don't fully understand it.

You can make a parrot say any sentence, in fact.

Moral: Some people also talk without understanding what they are talking about.

Holy Cow

In India where the cow is sacred, a certain chicken said, "Chickens should be sacred too and everyone should be vegans."

But the chicken owner said he couldn't go against tradition.

Moral: Humans play their role on the farm just as animals do. It is tradition and hard to break.

### Return to the Roman Circus

In a small little country the rulers decided to in effect bring back the Roman circus. They started with having gladiators fight with tigers using only swords.

Then, like in ancient Romans, they picked numerous criminals and they flooded a stadium and there were sharks and four boats with armed men, each mutually opposed to one another. If you fell in the water the sharks would get you. Almost every man died in the 20 minutes of battle. The crowds roared their approval.

Other, richer countries, demanded that they cease the show but they kept it going, even offering free bread to the crowds.

Moral: Just like in action movies, many people love cruelty of all kinds.

### Formula One Chimps

There was one owner of chimps who altered his race car so that a chimp could drive it. Then he convinced others to do the same.

Finally they had enough for a race. Everyone agreed it was something different as the chimps didn't drive so straight.

Moral: Races of all kinds are enjoyable. And everyone is always looking for a novelty.

### Rabbit Offspring

There were once two rabbits who loved each other and stayed together a long time. They had more than 30 surviving offspring.

They said raising offspring is hard work, but it was worth it. Indeed the two rabbits said it was the best thing they had done in their life.

Moral: Don't underestimate the love of a parent for their children.

### Downfall of the Greatest Animal

There was once a bear who said he was the greatest animal in the forest. And he said no animal or animals dare to attack him.

But then he noticed he had a skin disease. It quickly spread and soon he had lost all of his fur. He became the laughing stock of all the other animals, especially bears which ran away from him.

Moral: Time can change anything.

Moral 2: It's sad to see the mighty fall

### The Corn Farmer

Once there was a farmer who had a group of deer eating his corn.

So he tried to scare them away with fireworks but they came back bolder than ever. So finally he shot them with rubber bullets and that finally got rid of them for good.

Moral: Gentle persuasion is often nicer and better than killing someone or some creature.

### International Animal Day

One day the UN declared a new Animal Day.

Essentially people would adopt a pet for a day and if they liked the pet they could keep it free of charge.

Moral: Being nice to animals gives one a good inner feeling.

## Desperate for Food

Some people and animals will embarrass themselves by doing anything to get food.

The dolphins jump, the elephants raise their trunks, the lion jumps through hoops and so on.

Moral: Like these circus animals, we humans often do dirty jobs for small pay. We have just enough money to eat rice and vegetables.

## Avoiding Humans

The mother fox had seen what humans could do, so whenever people were near, she and her babies ran away.

She taught them well and they all lived to be relatively old.

Moral: If you have good parents it is very likely you will be good too.

## Genetic Engineering and Art



All dogs can breed with all other dogs and also with wolves. Similarly all cats can breed eg. a tigerlion. But some fight each other and so can only breed with a test tube.

So too with humans. If humans from different ethnic groups mate, the child will be good looking, some ethnic groups have not intermarried ever.

Moral: Genetic engineering will create some great beauties with perfect bodies. Artists will also draw for facial surgery.

### The Tuna

The fisherman caught a large tuna. The tuna said, "I will put a curse on you, if you don't let me go."

Now the fisherman was superstitious so he said please don't curse him and proceeded to let him go. "Also you need to sacrifice 10 kg of fish to me every day." said the tuna. OK fine said the man.

Moral: Some who are bold take advantage of others' weaknesses and illusions.

### Male Deer

Said one male deer to another, "What would you rather be?" "A male deer or a female?"

The other deer replied, “A male gets more females since hunters shoot the males. But females live much longer.”

Moral: Most creatures’ lives have their compensations.

### Bohemian Robin

There was once a robin bird who told all his friends that he wanted to be a famous bird and that he was moving to New York city.

He sung his heart out near Broadway and had a nest on top of one of the buildings with a female robin.

But others said just singing a robin’s song over and over again won’t get you noticed in New York city.

Moral: If you want to be Bohemian, then you need to be really different.

### Unpopular Hyenas

No one liked the hyenas except themselves. No one liked their laughing bark or their scavenging ways.

Everyone said they would be better without hyenas.

Moral: If humans don't like your style these days, then your days are numbered.

Panda Bears.

Panda bears in the zoo, as they say, are very picky about choosing a mate.

Just like some people are.

Moral: Pandas are endangered partly because they are so picky.

Adrenalin

Most wild animals have an abundance of adrenalin as they are often running for their lives or desperately chasing another animal to get food.

Like espresso coffee it is an addiction to the chase.

Moral: The thrill of the chase is better than the kill.

We are not Animals

Some humans are content to just eat, sleep and have romance. But for many others they want a complicated thoughtful life. Animals don't live long enough generally to think about anything other than the basics

Moral: However the vast majority of people believe in progress. Progress is our religion now.

Magic Ape Oracle (Once Again)

So it was one deer wanted to have a human master and eat regular food and not have to worry about predators.

Said the oracle, "Hang around a farmer's house and show that you are relatively tame and maybe then the farmer will put food out for you every night and you would be safe from predators." "OK" said the deer.

And it worked out.

Moral: You have to know good advice when you hear it.

Magic Ape Oracle (Yet Again)

Said the dog, “What can I do? “My master had me fixed and now I don’t have much passion for life.”

Said the magic ape, “Humans don’t want such passionate pets. Anyway you should feel relieved that you don’t need to waste time running around looking for a mate. You can just sit in the sun and dream your life away.”

Moral: Better not to worry about things we are powerless to change.

### Rebel Bear

Well said the bear, I am going to try to go down the road and into this park. And I am going to live as far as possible from roads once I am in there. I just want peace and quiet. I don’t care for eating garbage anyway.

Moral: If you stay in a place that hunters seldom frequent you have a good chance at survival if you are a bear.

### Madman and his Animals

A certain countryside dweller had filled his house with differing kinds of wild animals. He enjoyed the noise they made. And he didn’t mind the filth.

Moral: Some people can live with any animal or any person.

## Magic Ape Oracle (Another Episode)

Said the rabbit, “How can I be rich?”

The oracle replied you can sell your offspring, you can get a job in a magic show or the circus. There are many things you can do.

“If I sell my offspring, what should I do with the money?” “Have more romance I guess,” said the ape.

“It seems a vicious circle.” said the rabbit.

Moral: Some people and animals are so cruel and greedy they would sell their offspring and forget all about them.

## Daydream of a Bear

Said one bear to another, “I’ve got an idea for an animal-human Olympics.”

And he said, “We could have events such as throw humans as far as you can. Or starve humans as much as possible or eat humans. Or make them run until they drop. Or make them run around without their fancy clothes and make them try to survive in the wilderness. And so on.”

Moral: Many animals hold grudges against humans. So too some cruel humans treat other humans cruelly.

### Masked Personalities

There were several women in the town who started wearing masks with an angelic halo above their heads.

It wasn't long before the fad caught on and soon in this city and others many were wearing masks of some kind, often indicative of their personality (eg. some wore wolf masks.)

Then one day everyone was wearing masks, some people having many of them and they wore them all the time.

Moral: It is difficult to know who someone is anyway. It's a world of mystery.

### The Hurricane

The hurricane totally smashed the farmer's barn and the animals went flying in all directions. The animals were all surprised they had been conditioned to feel important and immortal.

Moral: Animals assume they will be around forever eternally youthful, just like some humans.

What is Love?

Said one bear female to another, “I heard one female bear tell me she was in love, you know just like humans think they are in love.”

“Love is just uncontrollable passion,” said the other bear. “It doesn’t last anyway. Humans made up this idea of love because they were bored with life and they all pretend it’s so important. It’s just a game.”

Moral: People get tired of love sooner or later. The game gets dull after a while.

More Foxes

Said one female fox to her mate, “Oh you are so much cleverer than me.”

Her mate replied, “Yes but I enjoy being with you. Intelligence is not the most important thing in life.”

Moral: Some people have too much intelligence and are therefore not useful to most people. They are superfluous.



## Blondes

A certain young girl adopted 3 orphan bear cubs. She dyed their hair blonde and referred to all three of them as “Blondie.”

Some said that some polar bears had a tinge of yellow fur, but these 3 bears were completely blond.

So she introduced them to the wild gradually and finally some male bears came to flirt with them. These males seemed really excited.

Moral 1: Blondes have more fun.

Moral 2: Everyone likes novelty, but there is something about blonde women that drives every man crazy.

## Apes’ Magic Disappearing Act

So the apes had collected a lot of money and food from the other animals for their magic show.

All of a sudden in a puff of smoke the apes and the money disappeared.

The animals were all shocked and said are these ape geniuses?

Moral: We pretend to know reality and convince ourselves we know but sometimes it is clear we don’t know much. And life is largely illusory.

## King of Vultures

The vultures had a hero who had ripped the eyes out of lions and hyenas and wild dogs many times.

Finally though he got complacent and a lion grabbed him and killed him.

Moral: If you make a living by attacking those who are more powerful than you, your career will not last long.

## Surfing Dogs

A group of surfers taught their dogs how to surf and charged money for people to see it. It was a very good income for the fun-loving, lazy surfers.

As it became more popular they began judging the dogs and awarding regularly “gold medals” and they would also train people’s dogs for them.

Moral: Just another use for animals.

## Fighting Boars

The owners of the boars put steel knives on their hooves and had them fight.

The fights were popular and soon many other animals were fighting the same way. There were mostly males fighting. People would bet on their favorites.

It was in a poor country so no animal rights activists had any influence there.

They even put the fights on satellite TV and gambled over the Internet.

Moral: Humans never seem to tire of abusing animals, just like they never tire of abusing one another.

Magic Ape Oracles (speak again)

Said the male lion, "What is the future of lions?"

The oracle replied, "Lions are just killing machines. They have no use in our bright future."

"Nonsense" said the lion. And he tried to chase the ape up a tree without success. "I'm going to wait here under this tree until you come down" said the lion. "But the ape did his patented disappearing act and the lion sat there feeling foolish and inept."

Moral: Humans can kill lions but lions can't kill humans. It's just the way it is.

## Animal Courtship

Said one male bear to another: “With females you need to dance and court them, smell their bum and so on.

Yes said the one bear, but some females are really picky. If you don’t court them right they will not be interested.

Moral: So too with humans a man has to play his cards right to earn her love, and sometimes it is just too difficult.

## Animal Charities

The scientists had taught the chimp to go up to people with a tin cup and wearing a sign to collect money for animal charities.

It was a great idea and soon many animals were trained to “ask” for money.

And of course some rich pet owners hoped their sick pets could be saved.

Moral: Some of these pet owners loved their pets more than anything.

## Proving He was Good

Said the female bear to a male bear, “Prove to me you are a good bear.”

So the male brought her a nice goat. I’m still not convinced she said.

So then he chased a farmer and brought back the farmer’s hat.

Yes I would like to wear this hat said the female. Very good. What else can you do for me? That’s it said the male if you are still not happy there’s no way to make you happy.” And he left.

Oh well said the female he just wasn’t good enough.

Moral: Some people will never be satisfied. This can sometimes be a good thing, but usually it is foolishness.

## A Tale of Two Dogs

One time there were two neighbors and each of them had a German shepherd dog. One of the dogs was male, the other female.

The owners of the female put some jeans shorts on her and let her run, but the male was always on a leash.

The female would dance in front of him and drove him mad; but she always stayed out of range.

Moral: Some pets are tormented by their masters.

## Expensive Clothes

Said one dog to another, “Humans look ugly in clothes. Better to run naked as nature intended; especially in hot countries. Jeans and a t-shirt look just as good as a business suit to me and as I say nudity is better.”

“Some foolish people even work their whole lives to wear more expensive clothes.”

Moral: Humans are vain and foolish.

## Poachers

In a lot of big game parks in Africa, they have trouble with poachers. They need to make it capital punishment to kill these animals in all these countries and hire far more park rangers.

Moral: People need to be educated that animal parts will not make good medicines.

## Dog Tags

There was once a certain dog who ran away from his masters numerous times, but every time someone caught him and brought him back to his masters. He didn't realize he had dog tags around his neck.

Moral: Some lives and lifestyles can not be avoided.

### Barking Dog

A certain bear was tired of hearing the barks of a certain dog. So finally he grabbed the dog by the neck and put him high in a high tree.

"I cannot get down," Said the dog.

"That's your problem," said the bear.

But finally the dog jumped down and was unhurt. But after that he never barked at bears.

Moral: When you disturb the powerful, beware of the results.

### Super Animals

Some say there will be supermen and super animals, but great people make great mistakes. The bigger they are the harder they fall.

Moral: Fooling around with human nature will lead to chaos.

### Animal Video Games

They will one day train animals to “live in” virtual reality.

So they can have hunting games, sports and so on.

Moral: There is no limit to what humans can imagine with animals.

### More Animal Future Speculation

In the near future there will be more animals as demand for dairy products and meat increases.

But in the far future many animals will live in huge fenced off parks with the fences electrified and monitored by radar.

No humans will be allowed in these truly “wild” parks. And no more zoos.

Moral: Maybe people of the future will all feel guilty about the number of animals and their living conditions.



Ape Oracle (answers again)

Once an ape went to the oracle and said, “Make me into a better ape.”

“What kind of ape would you like to be?” The oracle said.

“Hypnotize me and find out,” said the ape to the oracle.

So the oracle hypnotized him and when he snapped out of it he was friendlier and less shy. And he was much more confident and the other apes liked him more.

Moral: Sometimes hypnotism can change people and animals.

Love of Animals

What will it take to teach people to love animals?

For starters people should have a pet. This will help make them animal friendly.

Also if synthetic meat and dairy products makes animals freer to live in the wild, that would be good. It is not a question of loving animals, but just respecting them, and not using them.

Moral: Maybe animals will be left behind evolutionary speaking. They will stay in the parks as the world turns. But it is likely that humans will try to “improve” animals and everything and everyone else.

### High Tech Zoo

In the future, all the animals in a park would have a microchip in their body. So the park rangers could follow the movements of the animals with a tiny camera attached to each animal.

In this way poachers could not escape with the meat or ivory or skin or herbal medicine ingredients and so on.

Moral: If humans want to protect wild animals then it will be so. But it is likely that humans will take away the vast majority of their habitat.

### Immortal Animals

If they develop medicine to make humans immortal, will animals be included? Why not many people say? Plenty of room on this earth to share.

Moral: Some people love animals, others don't care about animals at all.

## Reading Animals' Minds

One day they will be able to read the thoughts of animals using technology. Maybe if animals could communicate in this way, the future will be bright.

Moral: There's always hope for animals.

## Who is in Charge?

All of the animals at the farm thought they were the one in charge. And there were frequent fights.

Moral: So too humans often think they are in control of their life, but aren't.

## Rich Fox

The fox told the other foxes, "I will retire when I am a millionaire."

But the other foxes told him that he had no need of money. He already had everything he needed.

Moral: So too with humans, many overestimate the money they will need to survive.

### Dog Owner

The man spent tens of thousands on his sick dog only to have it die.

But he cared not for wild animals or other animals.

Moral: Sometimes we are only kind to people who are close to us or around us.

### Worm Business

There was once an entrepreneur who had thousands of worms in a large box and he sold the worms to fishermen.

But one night thieves came to the box and stole all the worms, thus ending the business.

Moral: Some people will steal anything they can. As if they were Robin Hood or something.

## Breeding Dogs

The hard thing to do when breeding is to put nice tempered animals together to breed. It is easier to mix exotic breeds, but that is important too.

Moral: So too with humans when they breed personality is the most important thing more often than not.

## Animal Internet

So they will one day be able to read animal's minds through the Internet. As a result animals everywhere were a novelty to speak to for humans.

Moral: It will be a great day for animals.

## The End

One day all the animals were given vocal chords and trained in languages, and so the dream of fables came true finally.

Moral: In the future animals will use their brain just like humans do, but who knows what the final result will be?

THE END

