

## The Donkey, The Fox, and the Lion



A Donkey and a Fox had become close comrades, and were constantly in each other's company. While the Donkey cropped a fresh bit of greens, the Fox would devour a chicken from the neighboring farmyard or a bit of cheese filched from the dairy. One day, the pair unexpectedly met a Lion. The Donkey was very frightened, but the Fox calmed his fears.

"I will talk to him," he said.

So, the Fox walked boldly up to the Lion.

"Your highness," he said in an undertone, so the Donkey could not hear him, "I've got a fine scheme in my head. If you promise not to hurt me, I will lead that foolish creature yonder into a pit where he can't get out, and you can feast at your pleasure."

The Lion agreed and the Fox returned to the Donkey.

"I made him promise not to hurt us," said the Fox. "But come, I know a good place to hide till he is gone."

So, the Fox led the Donkey into a deep pit. But when the Lion saw that the Donkey was his for the taking, he first of all struck down the traitor Fox.

**Traitors may expect treachery.**

**Moozie says,** "Be kind to others. It is better for yourself and others to be repaid with kindness from others than to treat them badly and have them retaliate in the same manner."