

## The Fox and the Leopard



A Fox and a Leopard, resting lazily after a generous dinner, amused themselves by debating about their good looks. The Leopard was very proud of his glossy, spotted coat and made disdainful remarks about the Fox, whose appearance he declared was quite ordinary.

The Fox prided himself on his fine bushy tail with its tip of white, but he was wise enough to see that he could not rival the Leopard in looks. Still, he kept up a flow of sarcastic talk, just to exercise his wits and to have the fun of disputing. The Leopard was about to lose his temper when the Fox got up, yawning lazily.

"You may have a very smart coat," he said, "but you would be a great deal better off if you had a little more smartness inside your head and less on your ribs, the way I am. That's what I call real beauty."

**A fine coat is not always an indication of an attractive mind.**

**Moozie says,** "Be kind to others, animals, Earth and yourself. Find something nice to say and give compliments. It is kinder to find the good qualities in others and yourself, and not dwell on weaknesses or imperfections. Sometimes the real beauty and finest qualities are hidden. Don't judge a book by its cover."