

The Cock and the Fox - Aesop's Fables

"The Cock and the Fox" is also called as "The Rooster and the Fox" included into the Perry index of the great collection called as the Aesop Fables and it is the story of how a cunning and guile fox tries to trick a cock but the wise old cock did not fall for his tricks.



Story

There was once a wise Cock, "Mr. Cockadoodledo" who lived in a big farm. Every morning at dawn, he used to wake up and crow thrice loudly.

"COCKAAAADOOOOODLLLLLEEEEDOOOOOOOO"

A second time! "COCKAAAADOOOOODLLLLLEEEEDOOOOOOOO"

And a third...."COCKAAAADOOOOODLLLLLEEEEDOOOOOOOO"

All the animals used to wake up only at his sound and start their day.

At the end of the day, or dusk, Mr. Cockadoodledo used to fly up a tree. He used to crow thrice loudly.

"COCKAAAADOOOOODLLLLLEEEEDOOOOOOOO"

A second time! "COCKAAAADOOOOODLLLLLEEEEDOOOOOOOO"

And a third...."COCKAAAADOOOOODLLLLLEEEEDOOOOOOOO"

He would put his bright red head under his wings and then go to sleep.

Master fox enters the scene

One day he was just about to go to sleep when he saw a red flash. It was Master Fox. He did not like Master Fox since he was always trying to eat him. The Cock kept looking carefully at the Fox.

“Good Evening, Mr. Cock. I hope you are fine. Have you not heard the wonderful news?”

The Cock replied, “I am very well, thank you. What wonderful news Mr. Fox?”

The Fox said with a bright smile, “There was a great meeting between your family and my family, all the foxes and the dogs and the cocks and the hens. All our families have agreed to forget the fights in the past. We will now live in peace and friendship from now on forever.”

The Cock replied, “Really? I am so happy to hear that.”

The Fox jumped up in joy. “Indeed. I do not need to hunt or chase you again. How wonderful it is. Come down so that we may hug and dance.”

Mr. Cockadoodledoo was a very smart bird. He did trust Mr. Fox. The Cock said, “That is indeed such wonderful news.”

He stretched his neck up and saw that there was no one nearby. He shouted “Yoohoo. Mr. Dog. I am so happy that you are coming over to dance and play too.”

The Fox heard this and got afraid. He started to run to the forest.

The cock asked, “Where are you going Mr. Fox? All the dogs are coming too. We can all hug and dance.”

The Fox shouted back, “Never mind. They might not have heard the news and they might chase me. Also I have a very important errand which I must attend to. Good day, Mr Cock”

Saying so, the fox ran away. The cock smiled and then put his head under his wings and went to sleep.

What is the moral of the story "The Cock and the Fox"?

The moral of the story is “The trickster is easily tricked.” The moral can also be interpreted as “Pride comes before the fall”!

Questions and Answers on "The Cock and the Fox"

1. What is the plot of the story "The Cock and the Fox"?
2. Who are the main characters of the story?
3. What did the fox want with the rooster?

4. Can you explain about the ending of the story?
5. What is the moral of the story?

Answers

1. The plot of the story is about how a fox tries to trick a wise old rooster in order to eat it and how the rooster uses its wits and intelligence to escape.
2. The main characters of the story are a wily fox and a wise old rooster or cock.
3. The fox wanted to eat the rooster. The rooster was sitting on top of the tree and he wanted it to come down so that he could catch it.
4. The rooster says that the dogs are coming to play as well. Hearing that the fox ran away!
5. The moral of the story is "The trickster is easily tricked." The moral can also be interpreted as "Pride comes before the fall"!