

The Leap at Rhodes - Aesop's Fables

The story "The Leap at Rhodes" is a very famous [Aesop's Fables](#) story which is more than a few hundred years old. In this story, a very poor fisherman caught a small fish and has to decide if he wants to keep it or set it free....

The story-

Once upon a time, there was a man who had travelled the world. He returned back to his village and was boasting about all that he had seen and done.

“Do you know? I once saved a man from a Lion?”

“Do you know? I once fought a magician to save a princess?”

The villagers were tired of hearing him boast. A villager asked him, “Did you visit the great Olympic games?”

The man boasted, “Visited? I even took part in it!”

The village smiled and asked, “Really? Which game did you participate in?”

The man said, “Participate? Hah! I won the long jump! I made a jump so long that everyone was surprised. They said that no one in the world can ever jump so long!”

The villager asked, “Do you have any proof of this?”

The man said, “Everyone in the city could tell you that they saw me jump far!”

The villager laughed and said, “Why go so far? You can imagine that we are in the Great games and perform your jump once more. Show us how far you jumped.”

The traveller grew red and walked away.

Moral of the story:

The moral of the Aesop's Fable is that *“Deeds count, not boasting words.”*

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Questions on "The Leap at Rhodes"

1. Who are the main characters of the story?
2. What was the man like?
3. How did he get caught in the end?
4. What is the moral of the story?

Answers:

1. The main characters of the story is a man who boasts too much
2. The man was very vain and boastful
3. The man said that he jumped in the Olympics. The villagers laughed and said, "Why go so far? You can imagine that we are in the Great games and perform your jump once more. Show us how far you jumped."
4. The moral of the Aesop's Fable is that "*Deeds count, not boasting words.*"