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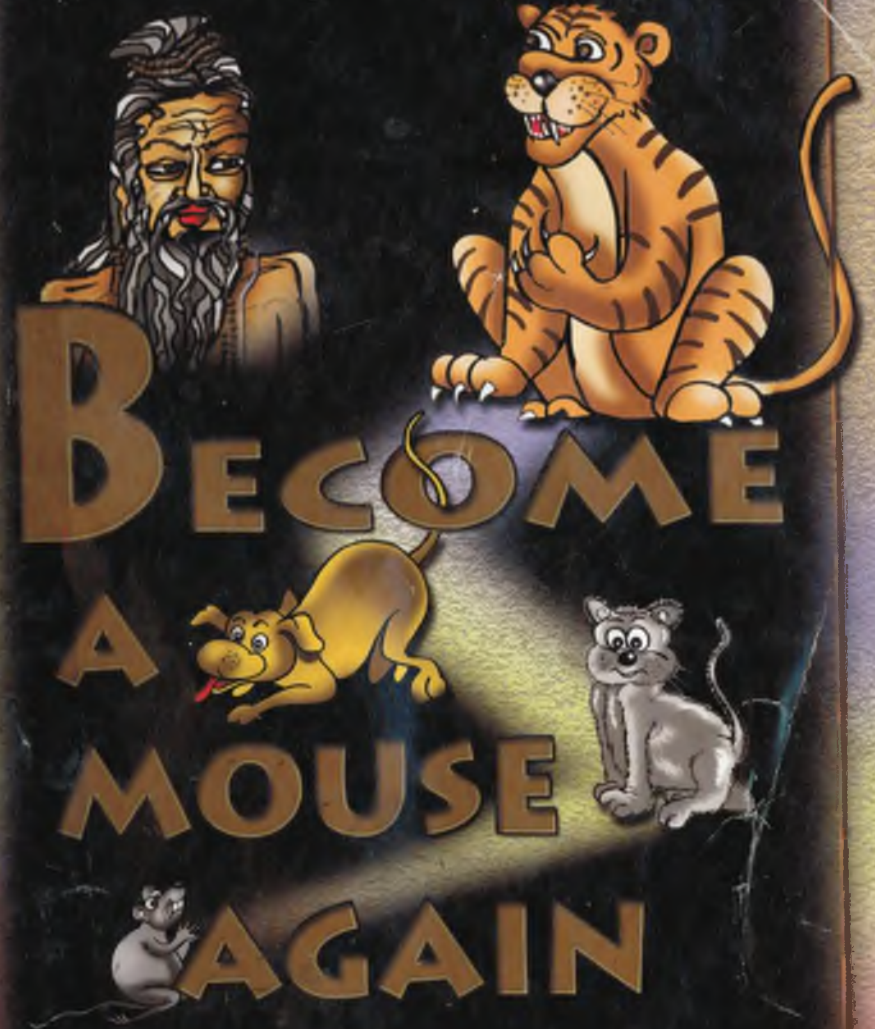
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**L**ong long ago in the heart of a forest lived a yogi. Everyday he sat under a tree absorbed in meditation.



One day suddenly a mouse came from nowhere and jumped on his lap looking for a place to hide.

**“Help me”**,

he said,



“A cat is chasing me. It wants to eat me, please save me.”





He waved his hand and cast a spell on  
the mouse,

“Become a cat.”



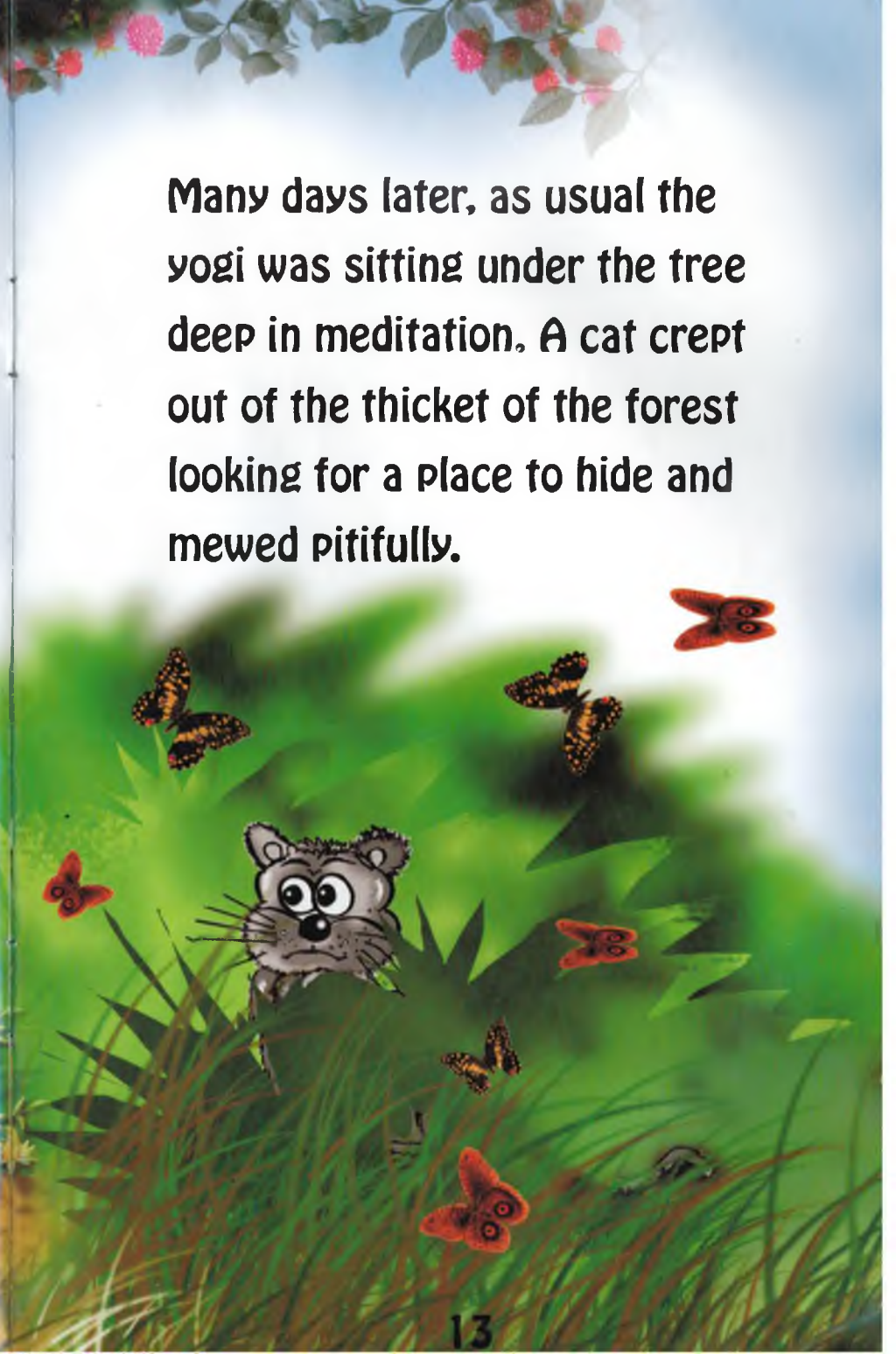
and lo!

The wee mouse  
became a big cat! It  
ran into the forest,  
happy with this  
change.





Many days later, as usual the yogi was sitting under the tree deep in meditation. A cat crept out of the thicket of the forest looking for a place to hide and mewed pitifully.





The yogi's concentration was disturbed and as he looked at the cat he said,

"I recognize you! You are the same mouse that I turned into a cat. What is it now? What do you want?"





"I am sorry but there is this ferocious dog that is chasing me. Can you do something to protect me?"

"Hmm. What can I do for you now? I think I will change you also into a ferocious dog."



thought the yogi.....



**“Become a dog.”**



So once more with a wave of his hand, the yogi cast a spell on the mouse which was turned into a cat and now he turned into a ferocious dog. The dog ran into the forest and the yogi returned to his meditation, content that he had done a good deed.



After a few days, once more the mouse that was turned into a cat and then into a dog returned to the yogi and began to howl painfully.



**“Now what is it?”**

asked the yogi impatiently. ,

“Oh great yogi please have pity on me. The tiger in the forest has been chasing me all day and I am tired of running”

said the dog which was a cat which was a mouse.





The yogi felt sorry for the creature and once more waved his hand and cast a deadly spell and said,

“May you become a tiger”.



So the mouse which turned into a cat which turned into a dog now turned into a **dangerous tiger**.



When the yogi saw that the tiger had not left he asked him,

“Well, you are now the most powerful animal in the jungle. You must be satisfied. What do you want now?”

The tiger admired his new body and began to lick his black and yellow striped fur with glee.



The tiger looked slyly at  
the yogi and

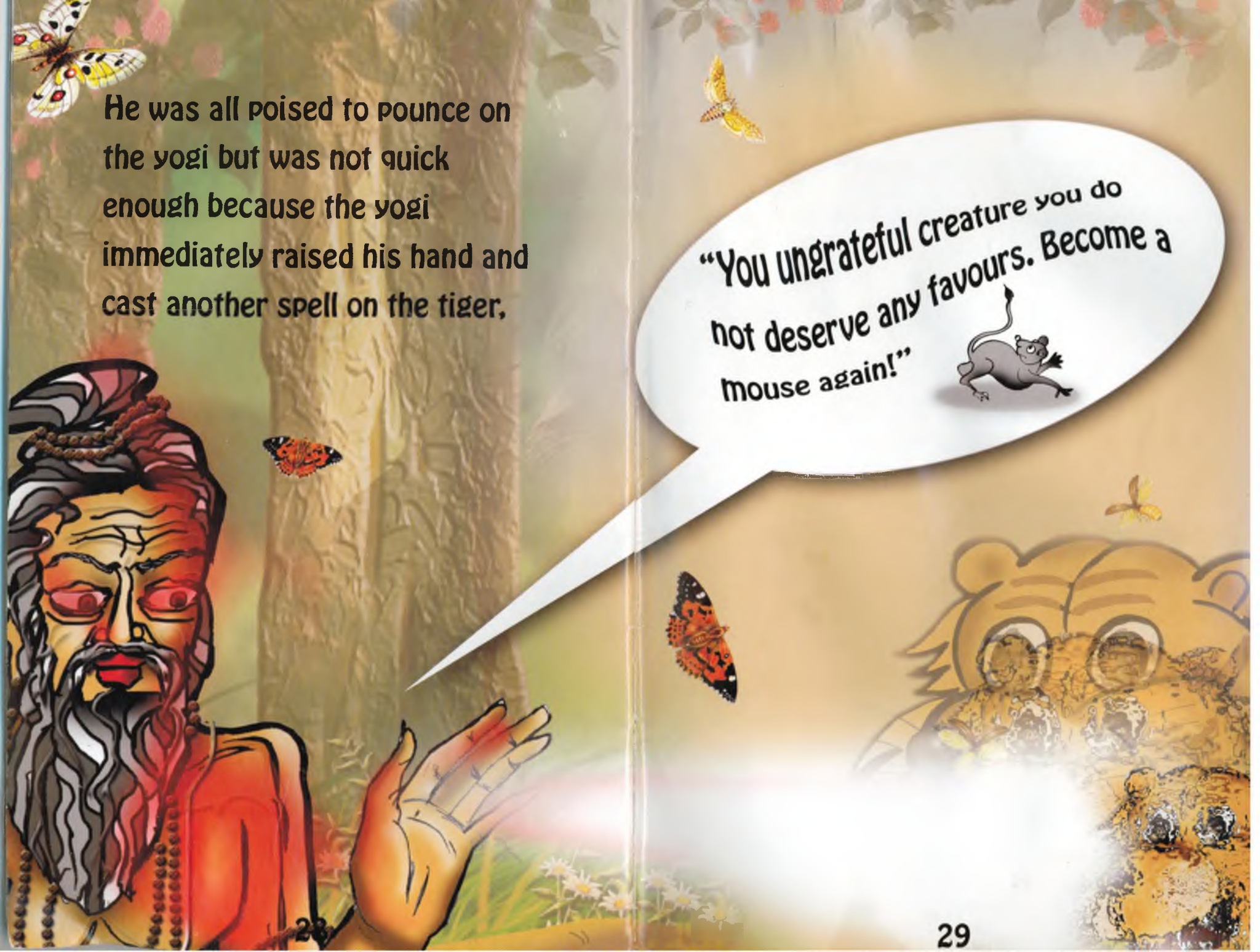


roared...



**"Now I want to eat you!"**






He was all poised to pounce on the yogi but was not quick enough because the yogi immediately raised his hand and cast another spell on the tiger,

**“You ungrateful creature you do not deserve any favours. Become a mouse again!”**





The mouse that  
cat turned into a  
turned into a ferocious  
tiger now turned back  
into a meek mouse and  
scurried into the forest  
without a sound.

moral

Every individual has his or her own true nature and acts as per that nature. The dog was the natural enemy of the mouse and the cat was the natural enemy of the mouse. They were all behaving as per their own true nature. We also have specific individual natures and must be true to it by not trying to be what we are

**BE CONTENT  
WITH WHAT  
YOU HAVE.**

