



# *Conflict Amongst Friends*

Once a rich merchant set off to Mathura by bullock cart to expand his business and to collect more wealth.



One of the bullock named Sanjeevak sprained his leg and fell in the swamp. Since the merchant did not want to waste his time, they left him alone in the swamp and proceeded to Mathura for making business.



*It so happened that Sanjeevak somehow came out of the swamp. His injured leg too healed up.*



Then he started roaming on the banks of the river Jamuna, eating fresh green grass and drinking water from Jamuna. Now, he could roam about freely and was neither tied in one place nor had he to pull carts.



*This newly acquired freedom made Sanjeeevak strong and strout and he roamed about on the banks of the Jamuna, roaring like a lion.*



Once, King Lion along with his family came to the banks of the river Jamuna to quench his thirst. Just as he was going to drink water, Sanjeevak's thunder-like bellowing reached his ears. King Lion got frightened and took shelter underneath a big tree.



King Lion had two foxes named  
Kartak and Damnak as servants.






**That day, Kartak and Damnak saw King Lion return from the banks of the river Jamuna without drinking water.**

**Why did the King Lion and his family return without drinking water? He is surely frightened of someone!**

**If he has returned back from the river without drinking water than what will happen to us. How will we survive?**



**Your majesty, why did you return from the river without quenching your thirst?**


**I suddenly heard a thunder - like sound and hence I got frightened and returned from the river.**



**Your majesty! You are the Lord of the jungle and you were afraid of that thunder - like sound? It is so surprising. Please rest in peace. I shall find out from where this sound comes.**

Soon Damnak found out that the thunder-like sound was made by none other than a bullock and informed the King Lion about it.





*I am relieved! I no longer need to be frightened of that thunder - like sound. I would like to meet the bullock. Please request him to come here.*



**Your majesty!  
This is  
Sanjeevak.**



**The Lion King soon became fast friends with Sanjeevak due to his good nature. They talked for hours together and soon King Lion became spiritual and disliked violence. He soon stopped killing his prey.**

**Kartak and Damnak became unhappy of this growing relationship between the Lion King and Sanjeevak**

**If the King Lion does not kill animals than how will we survive? How will we get our delicious meat ?**


**Lets device a plan other wise we too will have to survive on just eating grass.**




**Damnak devised a plan.**

**Your majesty! A great calamity is going to fall upon you. I have heard that Sanjeevak plans to kill you and become the king of the jungle.**

**I did not want to kill a friend with whom I had spend so many happy moments. He is a very nice friend and enlightens me.**



***Sanjeevak is influencing your thoughts so much that you have forgotten your nature. You have stopped killing your prey and thus you are becoming weak. However, Sanjeevak is becoming strong day by day by eating fresh grass of your kingdom.***



***This way Sanjeevak has become stronger than you and he now plans to kill you. What will happen to your family members? It would bring a great disgrace that a mere bullock killed the great King Lion by making him non violent.***


**Damnak on the other hand, went to Sanjeevak ...**

**My dear Sanjeevak. I want to tell you something very confidential. King Lion wants to kill you and give your flesh as a feast to all the animals in the kingdom.**

**Oh now I understand his trick ! My friend, What do you suggest I should do?**


***You are so powerful. The King Lion was afraid just of your thunder - like sound. You are mighty. He is just feeding you so that you become fatter. This way he will be able to enjoy you more and share your flesh with all the other animals.***





***You should boldly come and attack King Lion with your horns and kill him instantly.***

***Oh! So that's the reason he behaves so well with me and let me and allows me to stay here and eat fresh grass in his kingdom***

A cartoon illustration featuring a fox and a white dog. The fox, on the left, is orange with a grey patch on its forehead and a gold collar with a bell. It has a determined, slightly angry expression. The white dog, on the right, has large, expressive eyes and a blue collar. The background is a simple brown ground with some green foliage. A speech bubble points from the fox to the text.

***Before he tries to kill,  
you should come and  
challenge him and  
show your strength.***

Next day Sanjeevak came to meet the King Lion. He did not bow down to the King Lion. King Lion challenged him by his angry looks and his thunder-like sound.





**Damnak's plan worked. The King Lion instantly attacked and killed Sanjeevak. Thus ended the friendship between King Lion and Sanjeevak.**



***Lion King was very happy with Damank and rewarded him with the flesh of Sanjeevak.***

***You have saved my life. I thus promote you as my chief minister.***

**MORAL :**

***Never make friends with persons who  
have selfish advisors.***