

The Lion and the Cow

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In ancient times, there was a lion and a cow. The lion had his own water hole while the cow had none and was very thirsty. When the cow decided to go to the hole to drink some water, she told her calf, “When you hear my voice, go and kill the lion’s cub.”

The cow then cried and her child went to kill the lion’s cub. When the lion came, he saw that his child was dead. He decided to go look for the cow’s calf because he wanted to kill him to get revenge.

When the calf found some farmers who were cultivating their fields, he begged them to hide him. They hid him, but the birds in the trees were watching them.

Then the lion came and asked the farmers if they had seen the calf. They told him, “ We haven’t seen any of that kind of beast. Besides, what would it be doing here?” However, the birds in the trees told the lion that the calf was hiding in an empty hole.

The lion told the birds to watch the calf because he wanted to go back home and drink water before he came back to punish the calf. But the calf took some sand and threw it in the birds' eyes causing them to fly away. Then the calf was free! When the lion came back to find the calf, the farmers chased him away to prevent him from pursuing the calf. That is the reason why cows are friends of humans.