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The Jungle Book

It was seven o' clock on a very warm day when father wolf, with his velvety, light-grey fur, woke up. He yawned, stretched until he couldn't stretch anymore and had a little shake.



"Augh I have to go hunting again," said father wolf lazily. He was about to spring off to the hills but Tabaqui - who was a belligerent jackal - got in the way. He blessed the children, "Good luck! Strong, white teeth! May your little cubs never be hungry!"

Surprisingly, father wolf let him in the cave. Tabaqui is poor and not important, but he can be very mischievous. He found a bone with no meat at all on it. Chomping on the bone and licking his lips. he gobbled it all up.

"Your cubs are beautiful with big eyes,"  
Tabaqui said.

It made father and mother wolf uncomfortable that Tabaqui was paying them so many compliments. Tabaqui continued,

"Shere Khan is hunting in the hills tonight."

"He can't change were he hunts without telling anyone," father wolf pointed out. He thought carefully about Shere Khan...how he eats cows - from the Waingunga village - which makes the villagers very angry. Why can he not stick to hunting wild animals?



"He has come to our village just to make our people angry!" taunted Tabaqui.

"GET OUT!" bellowed father wolf. He did not need to be told Shere Khan was near. Far below him, in the depths of the jungle he could hear a most untigerish sound.

Stupidly the terrifying, razor-sharp toothed tiger started to make a silly sound.

"He is not eating animals he is eating man!" father wolf said crossly.

"But, you should not be eating man unless you are teaching your children," said mother wolf, "If Shere Khan kills man they will come on elephants and the whole jungle will be unhappy."

The wolves left their cave to hear what the animals had to say. They heard that men are weak and it's unfair to hunt them. Listening to the chatter of the parrots, they discovered that Shere Khan had found his target...a man was chopping wood for the village. Shere Khan pounced on him.



"He missed," laughed mother wolf, "And landed in the man-fire!"

"He is stupid," agreed father wolf.

At least the jungle won't be unhappy.