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The Jungle Book - a retelling

It was 7 o'clock on a warm night in the Seeonee hills and Father Wolf had just awoken. He stretched every single limb in his body to release all of the horrible tension. Belligerently, he (Father Wolf) scrambled to his feet, then moaned: he had to go hunting.

"Argh!" he yelled angrily, "I have to go hunting again."

As soon as Father Wolf was about to spring out of the dull yet cosy cave, he was visited by a jackal who was crouching right in the centre of the cave, but not crossing threshold uninvited. The jackal came to wish him and his cubs a good hunt.



The news of Shere Khan

Politely, Father Wolf and the jackal had a long conversation about Shere Khan. Once the jackal had complimented the cubs - again- he strolled to the rear of the cave. The

scavenger discovered a fleshless bone and ate it noisily. In the jungle, it is unlucky to speak about someone or something while it is there and the cubs were certainly present. Therefore, the parent wolves were unhappy. Tabaqui, the jackal, was happy with the mayhem he had caused, and he continued to make them feel even more uncomfortable. He informed them Shere Khan was coming to hunt in their part of the jungle, instead of his own. Shere Khan had broken the jungle law. Father Wolf said sternly,

"He has changed his hunting area without telling everyone. That is illegal!"

Shere Khan hunting

Father Wolf was furious about this news: one he has broken the jungle law and two he will have to hunt earlier and take more, to ensure that his cubs remain well fed.



Father Wolf had spread the word and everybody was

annoyed. Taking his anger out on the messenger, he kicked Tabaqui out right away, trying not to kill him.

The man eater

Father wolf heard Shere Khan making a racket - he is not happy.

"Nobody makes that much noise while hunting animals," Father Wolf protested. Father Wolf finally worked out that stupidly, Shere Khan was hunting man!

"Why? Why would he do that? Everybody knows if an animal eats man their teeth will fall out and they shall slowly die," Father Wolf questioned.

Despite suspecting what Shere Khan was planning, Father Wolf went to ascertain the truth. There was another unusual noise from Shere Khan. The whole jungle was asking questions.

Something comes

Father wolf continued.

"That man is defenceless so Shere Khan will kill it easily. Therefore, he must die! We cannot risk man taking revenge, bringing guns and elephants to destroy our homes!"

For the last time there was a noise, yet it was even louder, and much closer this time.

"He missed his prey," Father Wolf said, relieved.