

Fox's Lesson

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Fox has a bright orange coat with three white paws, the other black. He has a black tip on each ear and a white end on his tail. He's incredibly sly and cheeky. He loves to play tricks on all the other animals in the forest, except Badger because he doesn't take any messing about and would probably attack him so Fox leaves him alone.

The thing Fox loves to do most is eat the other animals for his breakfast, lunch and tea. Rabbit and pigeon are his favourite, but squirrel and rat make delightful little appetisers (hedgehog too, if he can get through his prickly spikes).

One morning in the gloomy woods, fox awoke in his small, snug den (on the steep side of the muddy bank, by the old oak, which also was home to wise old Owl). Fox unravelled his long, bushy tail from alongside his smooth, sleek body to uncurl into a long soothing stretch. Meanwhile, Owl had his eyes on his breakfast (a small, unsuspecting field mouse, happily chewing on some dried grass). Owl dived into a soaring swoop - down and down and down he went, till he was literally seconds away, when suddenly out of the blue came a flash of orange resulting in a stolen breakfast! Owl had had enough of this so he teamed up with Badger to get rid of Fox once and for all.

Happy with his breakfast, Fox set off with a lively trot to see what other mischief he could get up to. Fox knew he was too fast for Owl alone so cautiously gained distance, unaware of Owl and Badger's partnership! He didn't take much notice of Owl but grew alert when Owl started alarm calling! Fox's neck grew firm, his eyes widened and his ears perked up in caution! Suddenly, the leaves started to loudly rustle, loader and loader, until Badger's broad body appeared from above the hill. Fox began to run. Thinking he could out smart Badger, Fox hid amongst the shrubbery. In a flash, Owl swooped once again, alerting Badger of his whereabouts. This continued till the two of them successfully forced Fox out of the forest until he was out of sight.

Happy with their day's work, Badger and Owl returned to the forest, when suddenly they were startled by a loud, "BOOM, BOOM," from the farmer's shotgun...Fox was never seen in the forest again.