

MOWGLI'S BROTHER'S CIRCLE STORY

RAKSHA
FATHER WOLF
JUNGLE
SHERE KHAN
TABAQUI
MAN'S CUB
WOLF/WOLF PACK

I WILL CALL HIM MOWGLI!
GOOD HUNTING!
OBEY THE LAWS!
GIVE HIM TO ME!
SNEAKY, SNEAKY, SNEAKY
THAT'S ME, THAT'S ME!
OWWWWWW!! (HOWL LIKE WOLVES)

HELLO, I AM RAKSHA. I AM THE MOTHER WOLF IN THE SEEONEE WOLF PACK AND I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE TIME A MAN CUB CAME TO LIVE WITH US IN THE JUNGLE.

IT WAS ABOUT 7 O'CLOCK IN A MAN'S TIME WHEN FATHER WOLF WOKE UP FROM HIS DAY'S REST.

"IT IS TIME TO HUNT AGAIN" SAID FATHER WOLF. HE WAS JUST ABOUT TO LEAVE OUR CAVE WHEN A LITTLE ANIMAL WITH A BUSHY TAIL CAME IN AND WHINED A "GOOD LUCK GO WITH YOU CHIEF OF THE WOLVES; AND GOOD LUCK TO YOUR CHILDREN."

IT WAS TABAWUI, THE DISH-LICKER-THE-JACKAL. THE WOLVES DO NOT LIKE HIM BECAUSE HE RUNS AROUND MAKING MISCHIEF AND TELLING TALES.

"OH RAKSHA" HE SAID, "YOU HAVE BEAUTIFUL CUBS. THEIR EYES ARE OPEN SO WIDE FOR SUCH YOUNG CUBS."

YOU SEE, WOLF CUBS LIKE PUPPIES, ARE BORN WITH THEIR EYES CLOSED AND IT IS SOME WEEKS BEFORE THEY OPEN. NOW, IN THE JUNGLE, IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE VERY BAD LUCK TO COMPLEMENT CHILDREN WHILE THEY ARE LISTENING – THEY MIGHT GET TOO PROUD AND THINK THAT THEY ARE BETTER THEN OTHERS. TABAQUI KNEW THIS AND IT PLEASSED HIM TO SEE US LOOK UNCOMFORTABLE AND HE WAS HAPPY IN THE MISCHIEF HE HAD MADE.

"SHERE KHAN, THE BIG ONE, HAS MOVED HIS HUNTING GROUNDS FROM THE WAINGUNGA RIVER. HE WILL HUNT HERE AMONG THE HILLS FOR THE NEXT MONTH SO HE TOLD ME" WHINED TABAQUI.

"HE HAS NO RIGHT!" FATHER WOLF SAID ANGRILY. "BY THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE HE HAS NO RIGHT TO CHANGE HIS HUNTING GROUNDS WITHOUT TELLING US. HE WILL FRIGHTEN AWAY ALL OF THE GAME."

RAKSHA SAID QUIETLY, "THEY DON'T CALL SHERE KHAN – LUNGRI, THE LAME ONE FOR NOTHING. HE HAS BEEN LAME SINCE HE WAS BORN. THAT IS WHY HE HAS ONLY KILLED TAME CATTLE. WE LISTENED AND HEARD THE DRY ANGRY SNARLING SING-SONG WHINE OF A TIGER WHO HAS COUGHT NOTHING TO EAT AND DOES NOT CARE IF ALL THE JUNGLE KNOWS IT."

"HUSH! IT ISN'T DEER OR CATTLE HE HUNTS TONIGHT" SAID RAKSHA. "IT IS MAN".

"MAN!" SAID FATHER WOLF. "ANY DECENT ANIMAL WILL EAT FROGS AND BEETLES BEFORE THE WOULD EAT MAN! WHY DOES HE DO SUCH A THING IN OUR FOREST?"

YOU SEE THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE FORBIDS ANY ANIMAL TO EAT MAN. HE IS THE WEAKEST AND MOST DEFENCELESS OF ALL LIVING THINGS AND IT IS UNSPORTSMANLIKE TO TOUCH HIM. HE CANNOT EVEN RUN FAST. HE HAS NO CLAWS OR TOUGH HIDE. HE CANNOT FIGHT! SO, IT IS A SHAMEFUL THING TO HUNT HIM.