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Day F Moral Reading

The Lion, the Fox, and the Beasts

A dying lion asked the animals to come and hear his last will. So the goat came to the lion's cave. It stopped there listening for a long time. Then a sheep went in. Before she came out, a cow came up to receive the last wishes of the lion. But soon the lion seemed to recover. He came to the opening of his cave. There he saw the fox. It had been waiting outside for some time. "Why don't you come to pay your respects to me?" said the lion to the fox.

"Please forgive me," said the fox, "but I saw the track of the animals that have already come to you. While I see many hoof-marks going in, I see none coming out. But as the animals which have entered your cave come out again, I know that I will be safe after seeing you."

It is easier to get into the enemy's toils than out again.

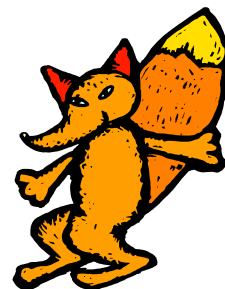
逃出陷阱比掉入陷阱更困難。

Vocabulary

receive	V	接受
recover	V	恢復健康
opening of cave	N	洞口
respect	V	尊敬
forgive	V	原諒
track	N	軌道
hoof-marks	N	蹄印

For the following question, write your answer on p.39-40 of your 'Reading Journal' (悅讀手冊).

Have you done any stupid things before? If so, what stupid things have you done, how did you feel, and what can you do to avoid (避免) doing stupid things again?



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The Lion in Love

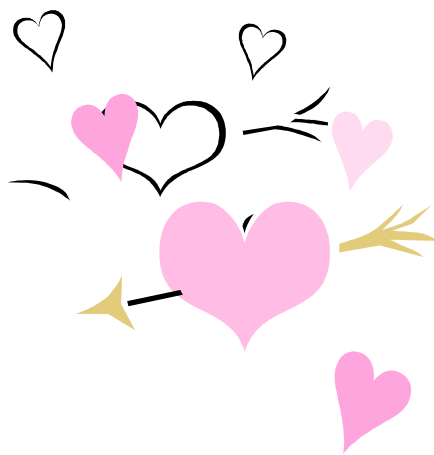
A lion once fell in love with a beautiful girl and proposed marriage to her parents. The old people did not know what to say. They did not like to give their daughter to the lion. However, they did not wish to make the lion get angry. At last the father said, "We feel highly honoured by your proposal. But you see, our daughter is still young. We fear that she may be hurt. May I suggest that you should have your claws trimmed and big teeth taken out. Then we would gladly consider your proposal again." The lion was so much in love that he had his claws trimmed and his big teeth taken out. But when he came again to the parents of the young girl, they laughed.

Love can tame the wildest.

愛可以馴服最狂野者。

Vocabulary

propose	v.	求婚
marriage	n.	結婚
honoured	n	榮譽、名譽
claws	n.	爪
trimmed	v.	修剪、修整;
tame	v.	馴化、馴養
wildest	n.	野生的、未被人馴養的



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The Lion and the Mouse

Once when a lion was asleep, a little mouse began running up and down upon him. This soon wakened the lion. He placed his huge paw upon him and opened his big jaws to swallow him. "Lion King," cried the little mouse, "forgive me this time. I shall never forget it. Who knows but I may be able to do you a turn some of these days?" The lion was so pleased with the idea of the mouse. He lifted up his paw and let him go.

One day the lion was caught in a trap. The hunters wanted to carry him alive to the King. So they tied him to a tree while they went in search of a wagon to carry him on. Just then the little mouse passed by and saw the lion's plight. The mouse went up to him and soon tore away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts. "Was I not right?" said the little mouse.

Little friends may prove great friends.

小人物也能幫助大英雄！

Vocabulary

awakened	n.	喚醒
huge	adj.	龐大的、巨大的
paw	n.	爪子
swallow	v.	吞下、嚥下
trap	n.	陷阱
wagon	n.	馬車
plight	n.	境況、困境
tore away	v.	咬斷
ropes	n.	繩



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The Rabbit with Many Friends

A rabbit was very popular with the other animals who all claimed to be her friends. But one day she heard the dogs approaching and hoped to escape with the help of her many Friends. So, she went to the horse, and asked him to carry her away from the dogs on his back. But he said no, saying that he had important work to do for his master.

"I am sure," he said, "that all my other friends would come to my assistance." She then asked the bull, and hoped that he would repel the dogs with his horns. The bull answered, "I am very sorry, but I have an appointment with a lady. I feel sure that our friend, the goat, will do what you want."

The goat, however, feared that his back might do her some harm if he took her upon it. The ram, he felt sure, was the proper friend to apply to. So she went to the ram and told him the case. The ram replied: "My dear friend. I do not like to interfere now because dogs eat sheep as well as rabbits."

The rabbit then asked the cow, who regretted that he was unable to help her. All of the others did not help it. So he would not help the rabbit either. By this time the dogs were quite near, the rabbit luckily escaped.

He that has many friends, has no friends.

Vocabulary

approaching	v.	接近
escape	v.	逃跑、逃脫
assistance	n.	幫助
repel	v.	擊退
horn	n.	角
ram	n.	公羊

