

## Story 11

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The lion said, "Yes, I'm tired."

The fox spoke softly and sweetly to the lion. "Go get some sleep. I'll keep your animals for the day."

The lion said, "Will you watch them really well?"

"Oh, yes I will," said the fox."

The fox ate the lion's fattest sheep. Then she took a little meat, and returned home where the hyena was still sleeping. When she went into her house she spread some

blood from the meat on the sleeping hyena's mouth. Then she ran back to the lion's animals. The lion came a little while after, while the fox was watching the animals. He counted the animals, and he saw that the fattest sheep was gone. The lion asked the fox what happened to the sheep, and she said, "The hyena ate it. I tried to protect it, but I couldn't."

The lion ran very fast to find the hyena. He saw the blood on the hyena's mouth, and believed what the fox said. The lion killed the hyena. The fox then had all the animals, and she got rid of her husband.

Lesson: Never trust a greedy person.

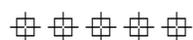
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SHEEKADA KOW IYO TOBNAAD  
DAWACO IYO WARAABE

Beri baa waxaa saaxiib ahaa Dacawo iyo Waraabe. Waxaa layidhi, Waraabuhu xoolo badan ayuu lahaa, laakiin dacawadu wey xoolo yarayd. Dacawada oo Soomaalidu ay ku tilmaanto in ay caqli badan tahay, ayaa Waraabihii waxay la yeelatay xidhiidh wanaagsan, ujeeddaduse wey ka duwanayd midda xidhiidhkooda saaxiibnimo. Waraabihii wuxuu go'aansadey in ay is guursadaan isaga iyo Dawacadu, ayaduna waxba kama diidin oo wey ka ogolaatey codsigii, waaney is guursadeen.

Maalintii danbe ayaa Dawacadii ka war heshay in Libaax uu raadinayo qof xoolaha u raaca. Markaasey tidhi, "war Libaax, xoolihii wax kuu raaca ma heshey." Markaasuu yidhi, "maya." Intey iska dhigtey wax ka naxaya, ulana haddashey si naxariisle ayey ku tidhi, "Iska seexo anaa kuu raaci xoolaha maante!" Libaaxii wuu oggolaaday, wuxuuse kula dardaarmey in ay xoolaha sifiican u raacdo ha ka werwarin ayey ku jawaabtey, Libaaxiina wuu iska seexday.

Dacawadii waxay cuntay neefkii ugu shishlaa xoolaha libaaxa, cad yar ayey soo qaadday oo intey u timi waraabihii oo hurda afka u marmarisay hilibkii dhiigiisii, oo iskaga tagtey. Waxaa u yimi libaaxii dawacadii oo xoolihiisii la joogta, markaas ayuu xoolihii tiriyeey. Waxaana maqnaadey neefkii ugu shishlaa xoolaha, libaaxii wuxuu waydiiyeey dacawadii halka uu neefkii jiro, waxay ku tidhi, “waxaa cunay Waraabe, markii aan isku dayey in aan ka celiyo, wuu diiday waanu ila dagaalamey.”

Libaaxii wuxuu u tagay waraabihii oo hurda, markaasuu arkey waraabihii oo afka dhiig ku leh. Markaas ayuu libaaxii rumaystay waxay dawacadu sheegaysay oo cunay waraabihii. Dacawadii sidaas ayey ku dhaxashay xoolihii waraabaha oo dhan.



*Dulucda Sheekada:*

*Hubsiiimo hal baa la siistaa ayey Soomaalidu ku maahmaahdaa.*

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A Play

Time: A long time ago

Place: The grasslands of Somalia

Characters:                   Narrator           Hyena  
                                  Fox                Lion

**Narrator:** Once upon a time a hyena and a fox were neighbors. They both owned a flock of sheep, but the hyena's flock was larger than the fox's. The fox didn't like the hyena, but she pretended to like him. Soon the fox and the hyena were married, and their flocks were joined together. One day the fox quietly left home while the hyena was asleep. She went to the lion who was guarding his sheep.

**Fox:** Hello, Lion. You look tired today. Would you like me to take care of your sheep?

**Lion:** Yes, I'm tired.

**Fox:** Go to bed. I'll take care of your sheep for the day.

**Lion:** Will you watch them really well?

**Fox:** Oh, yes I will. I'll watch so carefully.

**Narrator:** The lion goes to sleep. The fox kills the lion's fattest sheep. The fox returns home, where

the hyena was still sleeping. She spread the sheep's blood on the sleeping hyena's paws and mouth. She quickly ran back to the lion's animals, just before the lion woke up.

**Lion:** (Counts his sheep)

What happened to the fattest sheep?

**Fox:** The hyena ate it. I tried to protect it, but I couldn't.

**Narrator:** The lion ran very fast to find the hyena. He sees the blood on the hyena's mouth and he roars. The hyena wakes up.

**Lion:** Hyena, get up! I'm going to kill you.

**Hyena:** No, please. I've been asleep all day. Ask fox, my wife.

**Lion:** I don't believe you. Look at the blood on your paws and your face. You are guilty.

**Narrator:** That was the end of the hyena, and the fox got both flocks of sheep for herself.

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New Vocabulary

believed	paws
flock	protect
greedy	rid
guilty	spread
hyena	

Background Vocabulary

grasslands  
predator  
prey  
scavenger

Suggested Background Information,  
Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Discuss the characteristics of the fox and the hyena, and the different roles they play in the grasslands of Africa.
2. Compare and contrast the fox and the hyena.
3. Discuss the importance of animals in the Somali economy.
4. Use the new words in sentences.
5. Have you ever tricked anyone? How?  
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After Reading

1. What is the main idea in this story?
2. What lesson does this story teach?
3. What animals are both predator and prey?
4. How did the fox trick the hyena and the lion?
5. Find the new words in the text.
6. Perform the play, using stick puppets, etc.
7. Complete the cloz exercise.

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Cloz activity

Fill in the missing words in the story using the following words:

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\_\_\_\_\_ sheep was gone. The lion asked the fox what happened to the \_\_\_\_\_, and she said, "The hyena ate it. I tried to \_\_\_\_\_ it, but I couldn't."

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Number the sentences in the order they appear in the story.

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Hyena married the fox.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The fox ate the lion's biggest sheep.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The lion left his sheep with the fox.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The fox and the hyena were neighbors. The hyena owned more animals than the fox.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The fox told the lion that the hyena had killed his sheep.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The fox was happy because she had tricked the lion into killing the hyena. The fox had the hyena's sheep and her own.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The lion was very angry. He found the sleeping hyena with sheep's blood on his face.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The lion killed the hyena.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The fox returned to the lion's house just in time for him to come home.

\_\_\_\_\_ When the hyena was asleep, the fox went to the lion's house.

\_\_\_\_\_ The fox went home and put some blood on the sleeping hyena's face.

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