

## The Fox and The Foolish Goat

### Story

A fox fell into a well and could find no means of escape. A goat, overcome with thirst, came to that same well. When he saw the fox, he asked the fox if the water was good.

Concealing his predicament, the fox told the goat how wonderful the water was in the well. The goat, mindful only of his thirst, thoughtlessly climbed down into the well. When he had had a good drink, he asked the fox how to get out of the well.

The fox said, "Well, I have a very good way to do that. Of course, it will mean our working together. If you just place your front feet up against the wall and hold your horns up in the air as high as you can, I will climb up on to them, get out, and then I will help you get out afterwards."

The goat willingly agreed to this idea, and the fox clambered up the back of the goat. Steadying himself with the goat's horns, he safely reached the top of the well and pulled himself out and immediately scampered off. The goat shouted after him, reproving him for breaking their agreement.

The fox came back to the well and cried, "You foolish goat! You should have considered first whether you could trust me before you went down there."