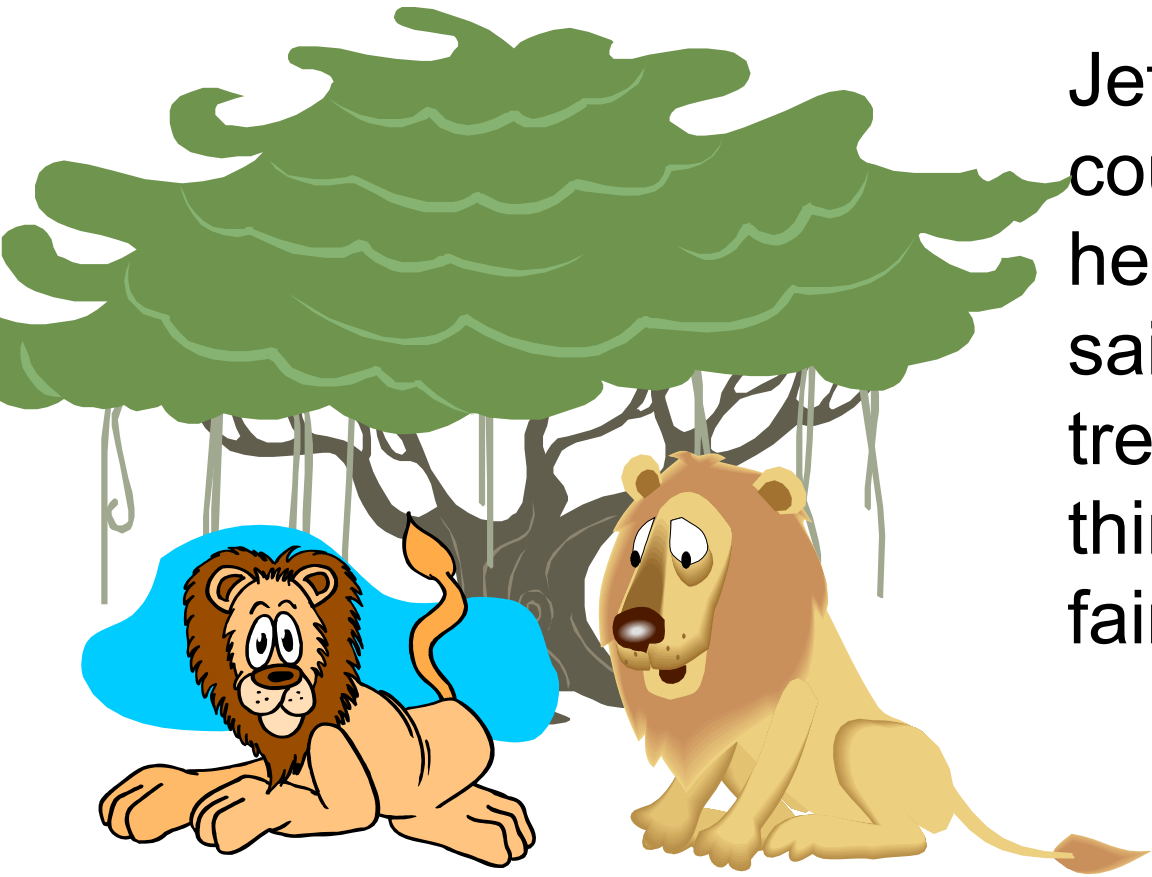


The Lying Lion

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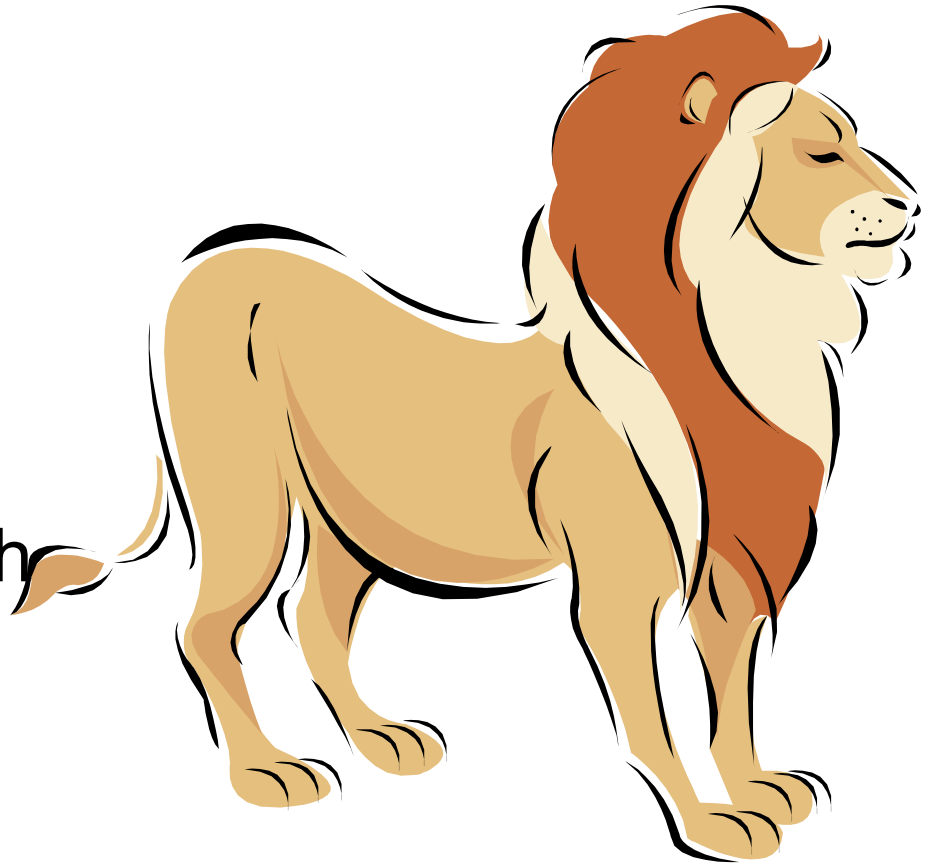
Steve, the lion, was sleeping under a tree. His friend Jeff came over and started to lie down next to him. Steve said, "You can't sit there."





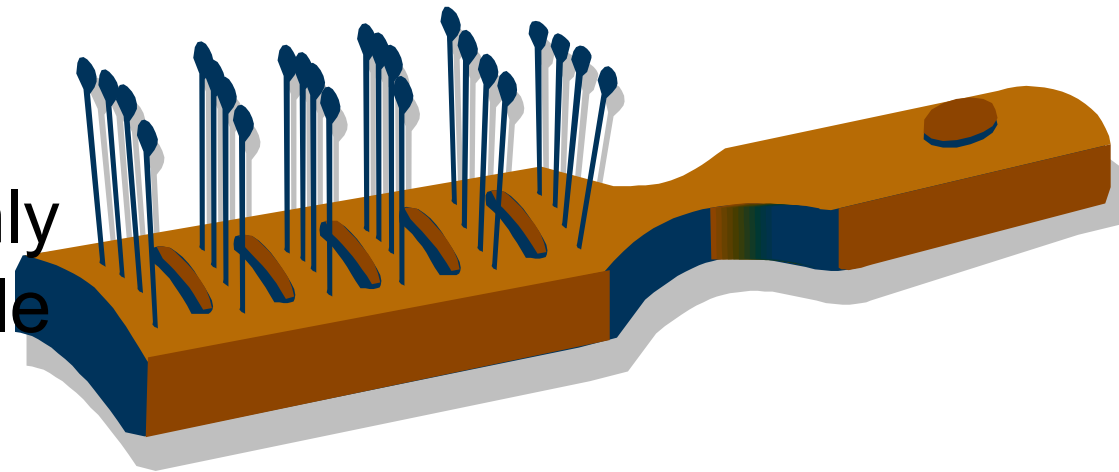
Jeff wondered why he couldn't sit there so he asked Steve. He said, "I own this whole tree." Jeff did not think that this was fair.

Jeff said, “If this is a lie, and I find out about it, you can never go under this tree again, and you can never use this tree again.” They both agreed on this.



Steve did know that he lied, but he also knew that Jeff could never prove that he was lying. He went back to bed under the tree.

Jeff went to their city hall to find out who owned what. He went to the most recent item that Steve bought. It was his new brush. The only other thing in his file was his cave. The tree was not on file.





Jeff ran back to Steve with Mayor Simba. In Mayor Simba's paw was Steve's file. They woke him up and said, "You cannot lie under this tree. You can't take anything from this tree!"

Steve said, “Why?”

Mayor Simba showed him. He said, “Fine, why would I want anything to do with this tree!”

He walked away. A year later Steve’s cave collapsed. He had to get a new house. He could not have a house because the only house available was one made out of the tree. Steve had no where to live, and he could no longer eat the delicious berries from the tree.

Moral

Never tell a lie to get anything you want.