

The Lion and the Rabbit

In the Kingdom of Beasts, the Lion was the king. The rest of the animals all wanted to please him so they agreed to offer the Lion a beast to eat every day so that he wouldn't have to search for food. Every day, the beasts played a sort of animal lottery to see which one had to go near the Lion and be eaten. One day, the unfortunate animal was a rabbit. It was really afraid of dying so instead of going to the Lion at the appointed time it didn't go to him until lunch time. The Lion got really angry because of this and when he saw the rabbit, he demanded why it was so delayed. The fearful rabbit told the Lion that it was delayed because there was another lion in the kingdom who wanted to have the rabbit for himself. When the king of animals heard this, he ordered the rabbit to take him to the other lion to find out if this was true. The rabbit took the Lion to a huge pool of water that was enclosed by high walls. The rabbit jumped into the water. The Lion walked to the edge to see where the rabbit had gone. To his surprise he saw another lion. Then the rabbit asked the Lion":can you see this lion in the water? He wants to eat a rabbit!"The Lion jumped upon his own shadow and fought against himself and at last killed himself thinking his own shadow was a different lion. Thus the rabbit freed itself from the Lion's jaws.

QUESTIONS.

1. Why did the animals offer themselves to the Lion?
2. Did the rabbit want to die?
3. Why didn't the rabbit arrive in time?
4. Why did the Lion want to find the other lion?
5. What was the pool like?
6. Do you think the rabbit was an astute animal? Why?
7. Vocabulary. Explain the meaning of:

Delay:

Jaw:

Shadow:

Jump:

8. Composition. What do you think about "Fairy tales"? (50 words)