

THE LEOPARD, THE CROCODILE, THE KUDU AND THE FOX

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On a warm dry morning, in the forest, there were many animals looking to find breakfast. There was a spotted golden female Leopard named Ana. She is the mother of three cubs. She had to go hunting for food to feed her cubs. Ana left early in the morning before sunrise. She left her cubs up in the trees where it was safe. Ana was prepared.

Ana saw a Kudu by the lake. Suddenly a Crocodile was coming by looking for breakfast too.

“Oh, hell no, you are not taking the breakfast for my babies,” said Ana, as she quickly and quietly went down to the lake.

The Crocodile was swimming slowly. She is also a mother. Her name is Diana. She was also going hunting but something was in her way. She saw the Leopard coming closer to the Kudu.

“Damn, I better swim faster before she takes my breakfast,” said Diana, as she swam under the water.

From behind the bushes, Ana saw Diana approach. The two animals suddenly attacked at the same time. The Kudu was terrified by the Leopard and the Crocodile. They were both attacking each other, back and forth.

“Oh no, it is getting away,” said Ana. “This was a waste of my time, thanks to you.”



The Crocodile replied, “Hey, you were in my way while I was trying to get breakfast. Besides, I am a mother too.”

“Well, excuse me, I was here first, before you arrived,” said the Leopard.

As they fought back and forth, a Fox came along and said, “Hey, why are you two fighting so early in the morning, you can see that there are animals here sleeping.”

“How about you mind your damn business Foxy, before I eat you,” said the Crocodile.

“Yea Foxy, move along,” shouted the Leopard.

"How rude you two are. And besides, I am not afraid of you two. But, here's some advice: if you are fighting, looking for food, why can't you two work together to get your breakfast?" asked the Fox.

Ana had not thought of that idea, and she was not sure if Diana would want to do that.

"Okay, I am sorry," said Ana the Leopard. "I am sorry for being rude. I agree with what you said. Diana, you have to apologize too."

"Fine," said Diana, as she rolled her eyes. "I am sorry too, for being rude Foxy."

"Why, thank you for the apology because we all have to respect each other and to be treated with kindness," said the fox. "By the way, my name is Rosemarie."

"Well Rose, I guess me and Diana have to decide if we will work as a team to find breakfast," said Ana the Leopard.

"I guess. I have never done that before, but okay, I'll do it", said Diana the Crocodile.

"Yay, let's go," shouted Ana the Leopard.

"Well, what are you waiting for? There is plenty of time, it is



still morning," said Rose the Fox, as the Leopard and the Crocodile moved along to find breakfast together.

"Well, since I'm up, I have to get going too," said Rose the Fox.

"Hey, are you coming with us?" asked Diana the Crocodile.

"Nah, I am going hunting with my boyfriend," said Rose.

"Boyfriend?" shouted Ana the Leopard.

"Yes, my boyfriend," said Rose while blushing. "Okay ladies, I'll tell you about it later," Rose said.

"Wow, someone has a hot boyfriend," said Diana the Crocodile.

"Oh boy. Goodbye," shouted Rose, as they left and went on their way to hunt for food.

Work together instead of against each other.