



Bheema, the Sleepyhead

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Washerman Ramu owns a donkey called Bheema. Bheema loves to sleep and just cannot get up early. That's why Ramu, the washerman, scolds Bheema often.

One day, Gauri, the cow, asked Bheema, "Why are you so sad?" Bheema said, "I cannot get up early. Will you wake me up every morning, please?" "Ok, I will," said Gauri. Early the next morning, Gauri kept on mooing loudly, but Bheema did not wake up.

Coming back from the river in the evening, Bheema met Moti, the dog. "Moti, I can never get up in the morning on time. Could you please wake me up?" Bheema asked him. "Ok, I will," said Moti. So the next morning he barked and barked, but did Bheema wake up? No Sir!

That evening Bheema met Cheenu, the rooster. He said to Cheenu, "You crow in the morning and everybody wakes up. Will you wake me up too?" Cheenu agreed. The next morning, Cheenu crowed long and loud, but Bheema still did not wake up.





The next evening, Bheema saw Kalu, the crow, cawing away happily. “Kalu, would you please wake me up in the morning?” he asked. Kalu said, “Why not? I will caw and wake you up.” The next morning Kalu cawed all he could but Bheema just did not wake up. This made Bheema sad.

The next morning, a fly came and sat on his nose. “AAACHOOOO!” Bheema got up with a big sneeze. “Wow! I woke up. How did I wake up?” he asked in wonder. “I woke you up,” said the fly. “Could you wake me up early like this every morning?” “Sure,” said the fly. Bheema was finally happy. This trick would work!

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