

Cheeku the Clever Rabbit of Champakvan

Deep inside a large green forest called **Champakvan**, there lived a small white rabbit named **Cheeku**. Champakvan forest was located near a **freshwater river called Neeljal**, and it was home to many animals such as **elephants, deer, parrots, owls, monkeys, turtles, snakes, bees, and frogs**.

Cheeku lived in a **small mud-and-leaf hut** on the eastern side of the forest. He was **poor**, but he was also **honest and hardworking**. Every morning at **6:00 a.m.**, Cheeku worked in his **carrot field**, which had exactly **42 carrot plants** arranged in **7 rows and 6 columns**. The soil of the field was soft and brown, and Cheeku watered the plants using water carried in a **clay pot** from the Neeljal river.

Although Cheeku did not have much money, he owned a **simple mobile phone** that he had found near the forest road. The phone had a **small screen, number buttons, and a loudspeaker**, and Cheeku used it only to talk to his friend **Moti the Turtle** and **Chinki the Sparrow**.

The Strange Phone Call

One afternoon at **2:15 p.m.**, Cheeku's phone rang.

Ring... Ring...

Cheeku looked at the screen. The number was **99999-12345**, which he did not recognize.

A deep voice spoke from the phone.

"Hello! Congratulations! You have won a **forest lottery of 1,000 gold coins**. You are the lucky winner!"

Cheeku was surprised. He asked politely,
"Who are you, and why have I won this lottery?"

The caller replied,

"My name is **Singhendra**, and I am the **Lottery Officer of Champakvan**. To collect your prize, you must come alone to my office near the **Rocky Hill Cave** before **sunset**."

Cheeku knew something was wrong.

Cheeku Becomes Careful

Cheeku remembered what **Gyaniji the Owl**, the oldest and wisest owl in the forest, always said:

"Never trust unknown callers. Real lotteries never ask you to come alone or share personal information."

Cheeku also noticed **three suspicious facts**:

1. Champakvan forest had **no lottery office**
2. Singhendra did not know Cheeku's **full name or address**
3. Rocky Hill Cave was known as the **den of lions**

Cheeku pretended to be excited and said,
"Thank you! I will come soon."

But inside his mind, Cheeku made a **clever plan**.

The Smart Trap

Cheeku went to the **central banyan tree**, where forest meetings were held. He informed:

- **Hathiram the Elephant**
- **Meena the Deer**
- **Kalu the Monkey**
- **Gyaniji the Owl**
- **Inspector Sheru the Dog**

Together, they decided to **expose the scammer**.

Cheeku carried a **large carrot basket**, inside which was hidden a **net made of forest vines**. The animals followed him quietly and hid behind **rocks, trees, and bushes** near Rocky Hill Cave.

The Truth Is Revealed

When Cheeku reached the cave at **5:30 p.m.**, Singhendra jumped out. He was not a lottery officer at all—he was a **lion**, tall and strong, with **sharp teeth and golden fur**.

Singhendra laughed loudly and said,
“There is no lottery! I tricked you using a phone call so I could eat you!”

At that moment, Cheeku pulled the rope.

SNAP!

The vine net fell, trapping Singhendra completely.

All the animals came out and surrounded the lion.

Gyaniji the Owl announced,
“Singhendra is a scammer. He used **fake calls, false promises, and fear** to trick others.”

Singhendra felt ashamed.

The Lesson for Everyone

Inspector Sheru warned all animals:

- Do not trust **unknown phone numbers**
- Do not believe **free prizes**
- Never go alone to **unknown places**
- Always verify information with **trusted elders**

Singhendra was sent away from Champakvan forest forever.

Cheeku returned safely to his carrot field. Though he was still poor, he was now known as **Cheeku the Clever Rabbit**, protector of Champakvan.

And every evening at **7:00 p.m.**, Cheeku taught young animals about **digital safety, scam awareness, and smart thinking**.

Moral of the Story:

Being smart and cautious is more valuable than gold.