

The Blue Jackal

Simon was a jackal living in a forest. One day, galvanized by hunger, he went to a town nearby in search of food. Noticing him, a group of half-breed dogs began chasing and attacking him from all side. Then he suddenly jumped into a washing house. After scrubbing by dye he became a blue animal. Assuming that he was not the jackal they chased, the dogs dispersed.

The jackal came back to the forest with his body dyed in blue. When the tigers, lions, wolves, panther and other animals in the forest saw him, they got frightened and ran all over the place. They said to themselves, "His power and strength is strange". It is better we keep a distance from him. Elders taught us not to trust an unknown creature.



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Seeing them scared, the dyed jackal said, "Why are you running from me? Don't be afraid. I am created by God. He told me that you need a great ruler and sent me to you for your help. He named me as Amar and instruct me to rule all of you. Therefore all of you can be safe under my protection."

All the animals in the jungle acquired him as the king. He, in turn, assigned the lion as his minister, the tiger as his chambermaid and the wolf as the gatekeeper. After handing out the office to the animals, the new king Amar dispelled all the jackals in the forest. The tigers, lions, and the wolves killed other animals and delivered them as food for the king. Taking his share, Amar would give away the rest of the kill among his workers.

One day when the blue jackal was holding court, he listened to a gang of jackals howling. Inspired by the sound of his own ilk, Amar reacted loudly answering in his natural voice. The tigers, lions, and other animals instantly recognized that their king was, after all, a jackal and not a God's creature. They at once ambushed on the blue jackal and killed him.