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INTRODUCTION

I AM HAPPY TO INTRODUCE MY SECOND BOOK TO YOU. I WROTE SEVERAL FABLES AND STORIES. AS YOU KNOW, YOU CAN LEARN THINGS FROM FABLES LIKE: TWO CUPS OF WATER, THE GENIE, THE BOY AND THE ICE CREAM, TWO BROTHERS AND SO ON.

Bernice

PART I: FABLES

THE GENIE, THE BOY AND THE ICE CREAM

Once upon a time, there was a selfish boy living in a damp tiny and really old house. He was living with his poor dad and picky mum. His parents did not allow him to have any ice cream because the family was not wealthy. So his mum thought it was wasting money.

One day, his mum asked him to tidy up things. He thought his mum was very annoying because she was wasting his time to play with his toys and his best friends. For this time, when he was tidying up his things, he saw an old lamp. He started to rub it. Suddenly, a hairy, horrible, special and monstrous purple genie appeared. The boy was shocked about the scary genie. The genie mumbled:

"I am a genie even if you don't think so. Anyway, you can make a wish!"

Surprised, the boy finally replied:

" Only one? Usually we can make three wishes!"

"I am a special genie and therefore, I only grant one!" the genie replied.

The boy was thinking hard.

"I want to have a lot of chocolate ice-cream every day."

The genie mumbled again.

"Hum... Will you share with others?"

The boy blamed:

"Why do I need to share?"

The genie exclaimed with anger.

"You ungraceful and selfish boy, I will not grant your wish!"

And then, the genie disappeared.

The genie went to another boy's house and gave him all the ice-cream. This boy liked sharing. The genie reminded about that boy before he disappeared "Do not give any ice-cream to the selfish boy, he hated sharing. The boy whispered back", "Ok, I promise. Thanks for the ice-cream, bye!" The genie disappeared. We never saw him again.

Moral: Sharing a little is better than trying to get all the things for you. You will be happier when you share.

THE TWO MONKEYS

Once upon a time in a large forest, there were two monkeys. One was called James and the other's name was Sam.

In a morning, they were looking for some bananas. Unfortunately, they could not find any before the afternoon. They were tired and extremely hungry for bananas. James saw a tree and thought it was a banana tree. So, he called his friend Sam. James climbed up the tree and brought back a long yellow thing. But, while James was supposed to be in the banana tree, Sam found a real one.

On the way down, James, surprised, discovered that he was just bringing back a long yellow leaf. Sam, on his side, was going to take a big bite in his banana when James snatched it.

"Hey, we have to share!" said James.

"This is the banana that I found first, so it's mine!" replied Sam.

They started to fight each other. Suddenly, a bird flew and used its claws to grab the banana away. The two monkeys looked at their meal flying away, impossible to get back.

Moral: If you fight to possess something, it will not make a win-win but a lose-lose situation.

THE GREAT PHOTOGRAPHER

Long time ago, there was a great photographer. His name was Beau Capburger. He was taking many nice photos. He was always laughing to other photographers, saying they were not good at all. If he ever saw someone better than him, he would always copy the photo and pretending it was his.

One day, he brought one of his photos to one famous competition. Unfortunately, it was a copy from another photographer. However, he won the contest. Someone recognized his own photo as the winning one. He went to one of the judges, complaining about it. The judge asked Beau:

"Where did you take this photo?"

Beau was stuck and couldn't give an appropriate answer. On the contrary, the other photographer explained how and where the photo was taken. In front of this clear statement, Beau was disqualified.

Moral: People have to be honest and humble otherwise, they may pay for what they have done.

TWO CUPS OF WATER

Long time ago there were two cups of water. They were called "A" and "B" cups. They both were on a brown, wooden table. Their life was so short because if someone drank in them, the drinker would throw the cup away in the rubbish bin.

One day, as usual, it was lunch time. The master was extremely thirsty. He took the B cup and drank entirely the water, emptying it! The A cup cheered! "Ha ha, you're so unlucky. I'm still full!" After that, the master, with a big burp, threw away the cup in the litter bin. After drinking water, the master wanted to cook his lunch. However, he wasn't very good at cooking. That day, he lost his control and couldn't turn off the fire. Very quickly, the flames burned in the kitchen. It was full of smoke. At that moment, the master ran as fast as a lizard, grabbed the A cup and threw the water to extinguish the fire. A cup was very hot and finally evaporated in the flames.

Moral: Don't laugh at others, otherwise you will have a bad ending.

THE FLOWER WHO WAS THINKING

IT WAS PRETTY

Many years ago, there was a flower which was living in a beautiful garden located in the heart of a busy city called Grazy Town. Everyone never took time to look at the garden. It became just a bunch of flowers, plants, grass and soil until the day that something special happened. A stem with a big button grew from the soil. After few days, the sun pierced the gray clouds and reached the stem. The button, under the warm rays of the sun, opened, offering its colors to the eyes of the few visitors.

It was colorful, tall and very attractive. In few time, everyone took a look at the garden. Some started to take photos. In few hours, the photo of the flower was part of the news. Shortly after, everyone was taking a photo of it. Almost all of them thought it was the most beautiful and amazing flower in the world! The flower started to become arrogant after being prized.

One day, a boy with an unkind heart came to this garden. He was really stupid. He did not respect others then he went to the flower. "Hey, you aren't very pretty, you are even ugly! Let me cut you down," he thought. He got his scissors and cut it in many different shapes.

Moral: The flower who always thought it was the prettiest died because of its beauty between the hands of a very naughty boy. That was a bad ending for the flower.

TWO BROTHERS

Long time ago, there was a dense forest with lots of growing plants. In this forest, were living two brothers, John and Bobby. John, the big brother, was 11 years old. The little brother, Bobby, was only 5 years old. Unfortunately, their parents died, killed by a furious gorilla when the two children were very young. So, they lived alone in the forest since then, in a wooden house. They were loving eating bananas and banana cakes. Beside the house, there were thousands of banana and coconut trees. Every Saturday, they were going in a market to sell coconuts and making some money. With this money, they usually bought flour, rice and sugar. They had their own vegetable fields and their crops were always generous.

One day, the coconuts were unsweet and no one bought them. They didn't get enough money to buy what they needed to live and make cakes. They started to fight for food. John was angry after one night because Bobby ate all the left of food during the night. John was angry like an angry gorilla, like the one who killed his parents. He sold Bobby to a bad man. He used this money to buy food until his pocket was empty. However, he felt lonely and since, he was always starving. He decided to work hard with the coconut trees and kept hungry just to be able to save money. He wanted to get back his brother. Finally, he saved a lot of money. He went to the bad man and bought back his brother at an extremely expensive price. When he saw his brother, he screamed: "Sorry, I had many regrets when I sold you. I promise I'll not fight with you again."

Moral: It is useless to fight if you are going to regret it later at a high price.

PART 2: STORIES

THE PRINCE FINDING A PRINCESS

Once, long time ago, the cold arrived and it started to snow in the majestic country of the Lost Forest. There was a castle in the heart of the forest. That morning, when the prince went out on the balcony to take his breakfast, the snow was falling slowly, covering the table of a white dawn. He put away his sight and took a sip of his pancakes, soaked in a pond of maple syrup. But the prince was bored. His father looked at him through the window, wondering what he could do to make his son happy.

"What can we do to make him happy, dear Queen?" asked the King.

"Well, surely, he needs a princess!"

"Are you sure?" replied the King. "Hum... maybe you're right after all."

The king joined his son who took a sip of his juicy smoothie.

"Son", he said, " you look like bored since many months. So your mom and I thought about a wedding to enjoy your life!"

The prince looked at his father.

"I was going to ask you about it... I would like to find a princess!" said the prince, suddenly happy.

"And I would like to invite all the young women of the kingdom."

"And when would you like to make this... event?"

"Why not on Christmas's Eve?" replied the prince. "This way, we'll have plenty of time to prepare this celebration as well as the young ladies will do so."

In the kingdom, there was one young woman named Mary. She was very poor and living alone in the forest. However, her heart was pure and innocent. She couldn't believe people would act badly. When she heard about the invitation the prince sent, she was pleased. She took a look in the mirror. Her white skin and blue eyes were lost under her pale hair.

"The prince will never look at me. I should do something."

She went on the streets of the kingdom and did something that never she would think to do: she started to beg. After few weeks, she had enough money to buy some fabrics. She sew days and nights a beautiful dress.

When the day arrived, she was ready. She wore the dress and took a look in the mirror. She was very elegant.

"At least, I am not so ugly in this dress."

Then she walked in the direction of the castle. Many young women were already arrived at the celebration.

It won't be easy for the prince to choose a princess... they are extremely gorgeous, wearing stunning gown.

"Surely he will never look at me!" she thought.

However, she was very attractive. The prince appeared and went down among all the beautiful young ladies. He didn't know what to do, or who to choose. The king was following him.

"Is there a problem my son?"

"Yes... but I get an idea. Why not you choose the five most beautiful girls and then, I will ask them a question."

The king followed his son's instruction as said as went in the big hall among the beautiful young ladies. He was reluctant as there were too many pretty pretty future princess. He finally chose fifteen. The prince looked at his father.

"I said five..."

The king raised his shoulders, not knowing what to say.

"" Alright", said the prince. I'll choose five".

Among the fifteen girls, the prince selected five, five beautiful and gracious girls.

"What do you like most to eat in the morning?" he asked them.

The first girl was Emily, wearing glasses and having golden hair.

"Cereals with honey and water, your majesty," she said.

The prince pulled out his tongue in a disgusting way. The second one was Helen. She was a beautiful and looked like a real princess.

"Bread with peanut butter with a hot cup of coffee," she replied.

The prince nodded his head. The two other girls gave more or less similar answers. The prince arrived at Mary, a very shy girl but she was wearing a very beautiful dress. The prince was astonished at the dress.

"Where this dress comes from? I don't know any designer in my kingdom being able to make such beautiful dresses, "he said.

Mary became red and bowed her head.

"I made it, Sir."

The prince was even more surprised.

"Then, tell me, what do you like to eat for breakfast?"

She said with a very shy and low voice but still, a beautiful one:

"Pancakes and a fruit smoothie, my prince."

The King and the Queen, following their son, all exclaimed in a same voice:

"Oh! This is very yummy! You are what we are looking for my dear!"

The prince invited her to open the bal. The king clapped his hands and the orchestra started to play and all the other guests followed the prince, and soon, everyone was dancing. The prince was smiling but mainly looking at her princess. Never the king has seen his son so happy.

A WOLF AND THREE RABBITS

One sunny day, there were three rabbits and their mum. The first rabbit, the biggest one, was called Amy; the second rabbit was named Susan; and the third one, the youngest, was named May. Susan was very smart and she always protected little May. Amy was fat and always walked very slowly. That day, mum needed to go out from home to buy food for the rabbits. It didn't take long, the grey wolf knocked at the door.

"Little rabbits, may I come in?"

Amy didn't know who it was, so she opened the door. When they saw the big Grey Wolf, they ran to hide immediately. As Amy walked very slowly, she hid under the bed. Susan and May hid in their room. Susan quickly got a costume which was a huge brown bear. Once worn, she bravely jumped out! The Wolf thought it was a real bear and ran away.

The rabbits celebrated the Susan's victory against the Big Grey Wolf. When the mum came back, they told her what happened. Mum rabbit and the whole family were very proud of Susan.

A FISH STORY

Once, in a sunny and hot day, a farmer wanted to buy a little fish. He talked to his wife the whole morning about it. At last, they decided to buy one at the market.

The farmer got onto his donkey and went to the market. He bought a little orange fish called Fishy. They fed it three times a week.

When the winter came, it was very cold. Every day was colder and colder.

Their harvest was not good. They did not have enough money to buy any food. They thought they needed to sell the fish. They wanted to get as much as possible for the fish. So they used all their money to buy food for the fish. They fed it twice an hour. They wanted Fishy to grow bigger.

Unfortunately, it was always too full and finally, in the cold water of winter, Fishy died.

The farmer was sad because he and his wife had no more money. They had to borrow some money from their friends if they wanted to eat. After some weeks, the family died, not so long time after Fishy, just because they used all their money to buy healthy good for Fishy.

THE SPORTS DAY AT THE SUNSHINE ACADEMY

At the Sunshine Academy, in the 4A class, there were Ben, Tommy, John, Martin and other students. Ben was not good at sport, poor and didn't have even one friend. He was bullied all day long. Tommy was the kindest boy, always helping people, so he had lot of friends. John was the best student in sport. But he was an arrogant child, always laughing at people. Martin was the fastest runner in the class. He was also John's best friend.

One day, their classroom teacher, Mr. Chan, asked the students:

"Who want to join the Sport Day? You can join the individual race, the relay race which is two runners or the long jump."

Many children applied to the Sport Day but not for the relay. They knew so well that John and Martin were going to win. As for Ben, he didn't want to join any competition. Tommy, on his side, really wanted to do the relay but he needed a partner for it. Only Ben was available. He decided to ask Ben to be his partner.

"Do you know, practice make perfect."

"So?" replied Ben.

Let's apply the relay together, don't mind others,

"You really want to lose?"

Training is difficult but not impossible. Just do your best!" added Tommy.

"So maybe you can run faster than a snail!" said John to Ben.

Martin was laughing very loudly. Ben was embarrassed.

"You think you don't need practice because you're the best?"

"Of course!" said John and Martin at once.

Ben took Tommy's hand and went to register for the relay race.

They started to practice right away. Ben failed every single time but he did not give up. He went to bed early at night, and got up early in the morning to practice. He was improving more every day.

"Ben," said Tommy after an intense training, "you really need new trainers!"

Ben looked at the ground, silent. He was too shy to say he does not have money at all, neither his parents.

The day of the competition came. Ben was extremely nervous.

"Don't worry, just do your best! No matter we lose or win."

John and Martin were laughing at them.

"They will probably lose because we will win!"

The next competition was the boys relay race. Mr. Chan called them:

"John, Martin, Ben, Tommy, please report to the registration counter."

"Hey Ben", called Tommy, here is for you!"

Ben opened the strange box and discovered a brand new pair of trainers. Tommy put his hand on

his shoulder.

"Now, we are going to win, isn't it?"

Then they went to the starting block. The judge shouted:

"On your mark, set, go!"

John and Martin ran as fast as lightning. The cheerleaders shouted:

"Do your Best!

The whole area was very lively. Ben rushed as fast as he could and crossed the finish line the first.

He couldn't believe it.

"No pain no gain" and "Practice make Perfect", he said.

READING A BOOK IS WORTH FOR TESTS

As it was a rainy day, John stayed at home. He was bored. He had nothing to do.

"Why don't you read a book?" asked Mum.

But John preferred to play with his toys instead.

The following day, he went to school. He had an English test. Unfortunately, he failed. His friend Ben got the highest score in the class: 96 percent. John was impressed.

"How did you do it?"

"My mum asked me to read as many books as possible during my free time!

"Oh! only that?" asked John.

"Yes!" Only that! So this week, I read many books and I learnt many tenses and prepositions."

John understood what her mum was saying. From that time, he reads many books in his free time.

Reading became his hobby!

Some weeks later, a second test was given to the children. He revised and read carefully and...

Guess What? He got the same high mark than Ben: 95 percent. They were both extremely excited.

At last, the teacher gave them a present. One of John's friend came to him.

"How did you get it?" he asked, amazed by the sudden high mark of his friend.

"I read books!"

"Only that?" his friend asked.

"Yes! John answered "Only that!"

The End



Hi Readers! My name is Bernice.
I am 9 years old and I'm in grade 4.

I have a silly sister called Belle. She is 7 years old. I live in Tiu Keng Leng, in Hong Kong, with my whole family.

I love to play board games, read and draw with my sister.

My dream is to become a writer when I grow up.

My favorite books are « Science Adventures» (level 2) and «Captain Underpants». I think they are very funny!

I also love reading fables because I can learn a lesson from every story.

«Endangered Animals» was the first book I wrote. I really enjoyed writing it and I hope you liked it.

«Fables and Stories» is my second book in which I wrote different fables and stories. It took several months of hard work where I had to create all 6 fables and 5 stories. I didn't always have the time, but I took it if I wanted to finish this book.

I hope you will like it as much as you liked my first one.

Thank you very much!

Bernice