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Are You The Wolf or The Goat?

In Aesop's Fables he uses many different animals and oftentimes within the Fables he shows the characteristics and mannerisms of that particular animal. In terms of the goat who is curious to a fault, yet extremely intelligent. Then, we see the wolf being complex, highly intelligent, yet caring. We can take those same characteristics and mannerisms and compare them to how we are as human beings.

For example the sheep and lamb in the fables were humble and trusting. Just like when we trust a boyfriend or girlfriend that's going behind our backs seeing someone else, they shouldn't be trusted. In comparison to the outcome, when a person is sneaky they are said to be sly like a fox. A person befriending an elderly person by deceiving them only to get control of their life-savings.

In Aesop's fable, The Fox and the Goat, the fox had fallen into a well and thought it wasn't very deep but found that he couldn't get out again. The thirsty goat came by and thought the fox went down to drink so the fox lured him into jumping in, by saying the water was tasty. The thirsty goat jumped in and the fox used the goat and his horns to jump out. After doing so the goat found himself stuck in the well with no way out. He didn't think about how he'd get out once he jumped in.

In Aesop's fable, The Two Goats, the goat symbolized one who is not a thorough thinker, hard headed, ready to jump into any situation at any given time without thinking of the outcome.

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For example, there were two goats trying to cross a very narrow bridge going in opposite directions. The bridge was not big enough for even a squirrel to pass. Both goats fought against each other until the bridge broke out from under them and they were swept away by the torrent underneath.

In Aesop's Fable The Wolf & the Sheep, the wolf was hurt by a bear, so he asked a sheep that was passing to fetch him some water so he can gain enough strength to go get solid food. The sheep instantly knew he was talking about him so he told the wolf don't talk to him about a drink.

In The Wolf & the Goat, the wolf spotted a goat at the top of a steep cliff. The wolf was encouraging her to come down because it's dangerous up there and the goat looked over the edge and was wondering why would the wolf be so concerned about her and why he was so willing for her to eat the grass down where he was. The goat soon realized that it wasn't her appetite that wolf was thinking of but his own.

In both fables the wolf symbolizes one who is sly and cunning and very thoughtful of what they are doing to bring the outcome that they want. We as human beings sometimes exhibit the same attributes and shortcomings as the animals in these fables. At times, there are some of us that tend to think about things before doing them in order to get the outcome that we want, as the wolf. Then there are some situations where we jump into a situation thinking that we are getting the outcome that we want only to find that we fell short of the ultimate goal, as the goat.

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On the other hand there are times when one who thinks they are the king ends up being the peasant. So, one should never think he'll always get over on the other. Aesop teaches us to think of every possible outcome before making our ultimate decision.