The Blue Jackal

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Once, a hungry jackal sneaked into a village to steal chicken from a coop. The house dogs woke up and chased him into the dark night. Desperate to escape, the jackal tripped and fell into a weaver's pit filled with blue dye. The dogs, after running a long distance and seeing no sign of the jackal, turned back.

When the jackal crawled out and returned to the forest, his body was dyed a deep sky-blue. Seeing the other animals flee in terror from his strange appearance, he realized they didn't recognize him. Seizing the opportunity, he gathered them and declared, "God has sent me from heaven to protect you. My name is Kukudrooma, and I am your new king."

The animals accepted him. The blue jackal made the proud lion his servant, the tiger, his commander, and the elephant his gatekeeper. Fearing exposure, he banished his own race of jackals far away. For days, he lived in luxury and was served fresh food, honey, and fruits by his terrified subjects. One cloudless night, a beautiful full moon rose. From a distance, a pack of wild jackals began to howl. Overcome by his natural instinct, the blue jackal forgot himself and loudly howled along: "Ukka, ukka, ukka, ooovaaaa!"
Hearing his true voice, the forest animals realized they had been fooled. Before the jackal could run, the furious lion struck his throat and the elephant stomped on him, bringing a swift end to his lies.

Moral of the Story:
We must always be ourselves and take pride in who we are. Our true happiness lies in honesty. You can only sustain a lie for a short time; brass polished to look like gold will eventually lose its shine. If your true nature is exposed through deception, your life is ruined. There is dignity in being exactly who you are.