

Once upon a time, there lived a fox in a village. The fox could not find anything to eat and was extremely hungry. Hoping to satisfy its hunger, it went to the river to drink water.

When the fox reached the riverbank, it saw a little lamb drinking water at a short distance. The moment it saw the lamb, its hunger increased even more.

The fox thought, “I must somehow catch and eat this lamb.”

However, in those days, it was not easy for one animal to kill and eat another without any reason. It needed some excuse. So, the fox began searching for a false reason.

The fox went near the lamb and angrily said:

“Hey! You have become very arrogant! You have polluted my water and made it muddy. You have spoiled the water I drink. I will catch and eat you right now!”

Hearing this, the lamb became frightened, but it bravely replied:

“I am drinking water downstream, and you are drinking upstream. How can I possibly make your water muddy?”

The fox had no answer to this, so it made up another lie and said:

“You insulted me rudely six months ago!”

The lamb, surprised, replied:

“I am still a small lamb. I was born only three months ago. Six months ago, I was not even born. So how could I have insulted you?”
Hearing this, the fox became even angrier and said:
“What? Are you saying that I am lying? Then it must have been your mother or your father who insulted me!”
Saying this, the fox grabbed the lamb’s leg.
The lamb became very scared and pleaded:
“Is it fair to punish me for the mistakes of my parents? Is this justice? Can an intelligent person like you behave this way?”
But the fox mercilessly replied:
“I know the principles of justice very well. If you want a share in your parents’ good fortune, then you must also share their sins. You must suffer for their actions!”
Saying this, the fox caught the lamb and ate it.

Moral of the Story

- **A powerful person does not need a reason to commit injustice.**
- **In the hands of an unjust person, even truth can be defeated.**