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The Mouse And The Frog

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Once upon a time lived a mouse and a frog who were the best of friends. The frog liked to talk to his mouse friend so much that he would hop out of his pond each morning at 8 AM to visit his mouse friend's house.

It was not a big house. It was just a medium-sized cosy hole in the side of a tree about 20 minutes away. They would talk about interesting or funny topics, have breakfast together and by 11 AM, the frog would say good-bye and hop on home.

The mouse was certainly a very happy mouse. He was so delighted about his frog friend's daily visit that he was unaware that his friend was slowly getting more and more upset with him with each passing month. The frog was slowly turning into an enemy, more than into a close friend. But the mouse had no idea what was going on.

Why was the frog getting more and more unhappy, you may ask? Well, the frog felt hurt because although he visited the mouse every single day, the mouse had never once made an offer to come visit him at his house. No. Not even once.

"Why is Mouse hesitant to come to my house? Does Mouse think that I live in a smelly house? Is my house too low-class? Is Mouse embarrassed to be seen in public with me? Does Mouse think I'm penniless and I can't afford to feed him?" There were too many questions being raised in the frog's head.

One day, the frog felt that he had been humiliated enough. So, during that day's visit, he decided to do something drastic. Throughout breakfast, the frog secretly tied one end of a string around his own leg and he sneakily tied the other end to the mouse's tail. And when the clock struck 11 AM, the frog quickly stood up and hopped away, dragging the helpless and shocked mouse behind him.

Soon, the frog reached his pond and dived deep into it. The mouse tried to free himself but couldn't, and soon he sadly drowned. His poor tired body floated to the top.

Within minutes, a muscular hawk flew by and spotted the mouse's body that was floating on the pond's shimmering surface. The hawk swooped down swiftly, grabbing the mouse in his talons and flew to the branch of a nearby tree. The frog, of course, was hauled out of the water too! He desperately tried to free himself. But he simply couldn't do it.

The hawk could not believe how great his day was as he laughed heartily. He soon put an end to the frog's struggles by having the frog for dinner after eating the mouse for lunch.

In Africa, they have a saying that goes: 'Don't dig too deep a pit for your enemy, you may fall into it yourself'.

Moral of the Story

1. *Think well of others. Don't assume the worst in people.*
2. *If someone doesn't invite you to his or her house, don't be offended. Make some excuses for them and move on. It's alright. You don't have to go to people's houses to enjoy their company.*

3. *Don't be over-sensitive. Don't over-think why someone does this and why someone does that. If the reason is hidden and not apparent, perhaps it is wiser to leave it be. Don't be suspicious. Don't spy on people.*
4. *If we have a bad feeling about someone's intention of doing a good deed, we should perhaps just let it go. We can't see his or her intentions which are deep in his or her heart. So, let's not imagine what the real intentions are. Only Allah knows.*
5. *Don't listen to shaytan as he likes it when people hate or envy or even shun one another. For the shayateen, divided people are easier to handle than united people with a common goal.*
6. *If you find that visiting a person daily is getting to be troublesome, you should stop doing it. Or at the very least, you should try visiting him or her less frequently. Visiting others daily is usually not an obligation, so you most probably don't have to do these daily visits. (Unless, certainly, if you have a sick parent or an ill close relative, then, you will have to re-evaluate the situation, in shaa Allah). But as a general rule, visit people in moderation and only if necessary. And perhaps you will enjoy each visit even more, in shaa Allah.*

Hadith: The Prophet said:

“Beware of suspicion, for suspicion is the most false of tales. Do not seek out faults, do not spy on each other, do not contend with each other, do not envy each other, do not hate each other, and do not turn away from each other. Rather, be servants of Allah as brothers.”

* Brief meaning:

(s.a.w.) = Sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam = may peace and blessings of God be upon him

Allah = God, The one Almighty God

Allah (s.w.t.) - When writing the name of God (Allah), Muslims often follow it with the abbreviation "SWT." These letters stand for the Arabic words "Sub-haanahu Wa Ta'ala," or "Glory to Him, the Exalted." Muslims use these or similar words to glorify God when mentioning His name

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ = Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) = Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.) = Prophet Muhammad SalAllaahu 'alayhi wa sallam = Prayer of God be upon him (Prophet Muhammad) and peace

SubhanAllah = How perfect God is! Glory be to God!

Alhamdulillah = All praises and thanks to Allah

Hadith, Arabic Ḥadīth ("News" or "Story"), also spelled Hadīt, record of the traditions or sayings of the Prophet Muhammad, revered and received as a major source of religious law and moral guidance, second only to the authority of the Qur'ān, the holy book of **Islam**.

