

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

In the outskirts of Europe, there lived a small village which barely managed to scrape by. One of the villagers there, Zach, one of the youngest in the village, was entrusted to herd the sheep as a way to do something for the community. They even paid him for his work!

During a normal working day, the boy sat on top of the hill surrounded by an extreme amount of sheep, wondering what was the point of herding the sheep every day. It felt boring, repetitive even. Suddenly, a thought popped into his head and his mouth lifted up into a smirk. He knew that he was adored by the villagers, so he planned to trick the villagers into thinking that there was an actual wolf attacking him and the sheep.

As he lay on the hill, the more he thought of the prank, the more he started chuckling loudly, laughing until his stomach hurt and even the sheep started looking at him.

After rethinking the prank once more, he decided to go for it, since in his words, "You only live once." He took a deep breath and shrieked at the top of his lungs, "Wolf! Wolf! Please Help!" he said in a panicked tone. As his voice echoed through the village, the villagers brought their weapons and suited up to save the boy.

The villagers sprinted up the hill trying to look for the wolf, but all they saw was the untouched herd of perfectly fine sheep and a mischievous grin from the boy. As the villagers realized what was happening, steam started rising from the village head as he tried to hold in all the anger he wanted to direct at the boy. Seeing how mad the villagers were, the boy was very satisfied and did it once more. As expected, the villagers ran up the hill and saw nothing but the boy and the herd of sheep.

This time the village head didn't hold back and started yelling at the boy. "You can't lie about these types of situations. You've let me down Zach. I thought you would've done better," he said angrily, scolding him. The boy felt guilty as he realized all the trouble he had caused for the villagers. The boy promised himself that he would never lie about there being wolves ever again.

A few days after the incident, as Zach was herding the herd of sheep, he spotted a dark figure in the bushes. He brushed it off, thinking it was his imagination, but after each passing second, he found that the footsteps were getting increasingly louder. Curiously, he looked behind him and his whole body froze when he saw the wolf. He looked back and saw the barn in the distance. He decided to make a run for it and lead the sheep while yelling for help.

"Wolf! Wolf! Help Please!" he yelled desperately, but when he saw that nobody was coming to help him, he used the last solution he could think of, which was feeding the wolf. Since Zach lived in a village, he would always come across wild animals, so he would bring chicken legs or some type of meat for them to eat. The boy hurriedly threw the chicken far away from the sheep and watched the wolf follow it.

When he got to the village, he was panting and out of breath. The villagers around him whipped their heads around and looked at the poor boy with the herd of sheep. They immediately ran to comfort him. They praised him and told him that they would believe him again after all this.