



I want to share a story of a ferocious lion and a crippled fox. A young hermit was living in the remote savanna. Every day, he would walk a long distance from his hut to the nearby village to collect food alms. On most days, he would have food enough for the day, but on days when he did not receive food from the villagers, he would go hungry.

While resting under a tree one day, he saw a crippled fox at a distance. It looked well-fed. Amid his wandering thoughts, a lion appeared with a piece of meat and placed it infront of the fox.

The young hermit was thrilled by the amusing sight and felt a sense of enlightenment that he had found the "Way". The following day, instead of making his daily routine trip to the village, he waited in his hut for the villagers to come to offer food alms. After persistently waiting for three days, no one came. On the fourth day, he was so hungry and weak that he could not sit up. An older hermit passed by and saw him in a dire state. He offered the young one food and asked him what happened. The young hermit related his story.

After hearing the story, the old hermit's calm face brightened up into a huge smile and he said," It is enlightening indeed!". Surprised by the old hermit's response, the young hermit asked him why.



The old hermit said to the young one, "you have chosen the crippled fox to live a life of limitation; I have chosen the lion to live one of empowerment".

The story tells us that we face many important decisions in life; you have the means to choose one; that of empowerment like that of the lion.

So Gessions, empower yourself, every challenge is an opportunity for knowledge enhancement. Even the encountering of setback is knowledge gained. ONWARD!

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