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The Lion And The Elephant Retold

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A lion and an elephant became very good friends but many of the other animals did not understand why the lion would like such a plain fellow.

"I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much," said the fox. "The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had a long bushy tail like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

Then, the bear said, "I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much. The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had long sharp claws like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

"I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much," said the ox. "The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had long curved horns like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

Then, the peacock said, "I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much. The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had beautiful long feathers like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

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"I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much," said the leopard. "The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had a soft spotted coat like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

Then, the zebra said, "I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much. The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had bold black and white stripes like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

"I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much," said the giraffe. "The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had a long neck and long legs like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

Then, the kangaroo said, "I can't understand why the lion likes the elephant so much. The elephant is rude and not very pretty. But, if he had a pouch and strong tail and legs like mine, I could see how the lion would be pleased with him."

"We can understand why the lion likes the elephant so much," said the walrus, hippopotamus, and donkey. "He has long beautiful tusks like mine," said the walrus. "He has beautiful wrinkled skin and strong pillar feet like mine," said the hippopotamus. "And, he has long beautiful ears like mine," said the donkey.

But the lion and the elephant did not say a word.

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Moral

He who loves himself, loves others. But he who loves himself too much, cannot love others.

Do not judge a book by its cover.

Among friends all things are common.

Friendship is a plant which must be watered.

The End.

Animals & characteristics include:

- fox - long bushy tail
- bear - long sharp claws
- ox - long curved horns
- peacock - beautiful long feathers
- leopard - soft spotted coat
- zebra - bold black and white stripes
- giraffe - long neck and long legs
- kangaroo - pouch, strong tail and legs
- walrus - long beautiful tusks
- hippopotamus - beautiful wrinkled skin & strong pillar feet
- donkey - long beautiful ears