

THE LION AND THE BOAR

A ten-minute comedy
inspired by Aesop's Fable *The Lion and the Boar* by
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One scorching summer day, a Lion and a Boar found a small well at the same time. Since they were both equally thirsty, they argued over who should drink first. Their argument turned into a fight, and they attacked each other without mercy. After stopping to catch their breath before fighting again, they noticed a pack of Vultures hovering above them, waiting for one of them to win so they could feast on the loser. Seeing the Vultures circling, they immediately agreed to share the water.

It is better to be friends than become the food of Crows or Vultures.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

LOUIE, a boy.

BOBBY, a boy.

VIC THE BULLY, a bully.

(Lights up on two kids, LOUIE and BOBBY. There is a table in the middle, with a package of cupcakes. There's one left.)

LOUIE: Can you believe the gym teacher? He made us run so much.

BOBBY: I know! We weren't even running anywhere. Just running.

LOUIE: So much running.

(They stumble on the cupcake.)

Oh, there's a cupcake left.

BOBBY: I thought they were all gone.

LOUIE: I guess they aren't. You want it, Bobby?

BOBBY: No, you take it, Louie.

LOUIE: Are you sure? I don't want to take it if you want it.

BOBBY: You can have it.

LOUIE: I shouldn't. My mom will yell at me for spoiling my dinner.

BOBBY: Why do they always say that? It's not like I can't eat a cupcake AND dinner AND another cupcake.

LOUIE: Or a pie.

BOBBY: A pie?

LOUIE: What? I'm a hearty eater.

BOBBY: Fine. You can have the cupcake.

LOUIE: No, seriously, you take it.

BOBBY: You really don't want it?

LOUIE: No!

BOBBY: I don't want it either.

(They look at each other.)

Okay, I'll take it.

(He reaches for it. Louie pouts.)

LOUIE: Oh.

BOBBY: You said you didn't want it.

LOUIE: So did you!

BOBBY: I don't!

LOUIE: Then why are you taking it?

BOBBY: Because you said you didn't want it. I don't want it to go to waste. Just because I'm taking it doesn't mean I want it.

(He reaches for it again.)

LOUIE: I mean, yeah, I WANT it...

BOBBY: ...me too.

LOUIE: Even though you said you didn't want it.

BOBBY: I do want it.

LOUIE: So do I! Let's just play rock paper scissors.

BOBBY: Okay, that's fair.

(They play rock paper scissors. Louie is a rock, Bobby is paper.)

Winner!

LOUIE: That's not fair! Let's split it!

BOBBY: I just won!

LOUIE: Two out of three!

BOBBY: But I won! AND you said I could have it!

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LOUIE: And you said *I* could have it!

BOBBY: I did, didn't I? Why don't we just split it? That way, we each get some, but neither of us spoil our dinner.

LOUIE: That's totally fair. I'll just take the top half.

BOBBY: That's the part with the frosting. The frosting is the best part! Who wants just the cake part of a cupcake?

LOUIE: I thought you might.

BOBBY: I don't. We'll split it down the middle. Do you have a knife?

LOUIE: I'm not allowed to touch anything sharp.

BOBBY: I can see that. I'll just rip it in half.

LOUIE: No, I will!

BOBBY: What, you don't trust me?

LOUIE: Of course I do.

BOBBY: Then left me rip it in half.

LOUIE: I don't trust you.

BOBBY: I don't trust YOU!

(Bobby reaches for the cupcake.)

LOUIE: You're doing it wrong!

(Louie makes a grab for the cupcake, while Bobby tries to hold him off. Just then, VIC THE BULLY walks on, staring down both of them.)

VIC THE BULLY: Nice cupcake you got there.

(Bobby and Louie stop fighting.)

LOUIE: Oh boy.

VIC THE BULLY: Yeah. Oh boy.

BOBBY: What do you want, Vic?

VIC THE BULLY: I want that cupcake. And you're going to give it to me.

BOBBY: Why? It's our cupcake.

VIC THE BULLY: Not anymore. It's mine. And you can't do anything about it.

(Vic starts to walk toward them.)

BOBBY: Wait, give us a second!

VIC THE BULLY: Sure. I can beat you up whenever I want.

(Bobby and Louie huddle.)

BOBBY: *(To Louie:)* He's not going to beat us up over a cupcake.

LOUIE: Yeah he will! They don't call him Vic the Bully because he's a really misunderstood nice guy!

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