



## **King Lion and the Fox**

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King Lion had a counselor,  
Who was a fox and a clever flatterer,  
King Lion believed his empty sentiments,  
Not knowing he controlled him with his eloquence,  
For the fox plotted and schemed and was not what he seemed.

King Lion's sons died. After he had cried, he said:

"You, mister fox, you alone, you shall inherit my throne."

Fox: "I thank you, sire, but there is a fire.

Hear the people shout.

Shall we put it out?"

King Lion nodded, and so they trotted to the well.

Oh, had he only been able to foretell that the fox would push him in the well!

After King Lion was drowned, the fox was promptly crowned.

*Moral: Do not trust flatterers or evil counselors, and do not believe in false friends, for they only use you for their own ends.*