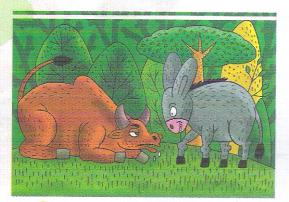
Pride Goes Before a Fall

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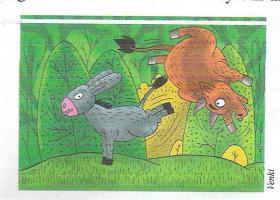




Once there was a little red bull, who thought he was very powerful. He was so proud that he would shout at everyone very loudly: "Get off my way! Or I will throw you away!!' The animals would run in fear when the bull was near. The trees also would sway in fright, thinking of the bull's might. Seeing all this, the bull was blinded by bliss. It became a trouble even to a bubble.

One day he saw a donkey grazing in the nearby field. Filled with pride, he said to the donkey: "Hey, you donkey! Make yourself a shield, for, under my strength, you have to yield." But the donkey said nothing. He just went on grazing! He was really hungry!

But this made the bull very angry! So he charged at the donkey in full speed! The donkey saw this and quietly turned his back on the bull. When the bull was near enough, the donkey gave the bull a nice, strong kick with his hind legs. The bull hit the dirt. Oh! it was so hurt! He fell at the donkey's feet and said "I am sorry I was curt. Now, I am hurt, will you let me dart!" The donkey laughed and let the bull run away. All the



animals heard this and laughed out so loud that the bull was no longer proud!!



Teacher: Why are you not answering my questions? Class leader: You told us not to open our mouths.



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