



Kancil Learns His Lesson

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In a cool, lush green forest, there lived a tiny mouse deer named Kancil who was quick on his feet and sharp in his mind. All the forest creatures admired his intelligence, but Kancil had a bad habit of being overly boastful. He loved showing off and firmly believed he was smarter than everyone else.



One sunny morning, Kancil pranced along the forest path with his head held high. Spotting Mr. Squirrel climbing a tall palm tree, Kancil shouted proudly about how he was the cleverest animal in the woods. He bragged that he knew everything and could do anything he set his mind to.



Mr. Squirrel smiled gently and warned Kancil that while intelligence is wonderful, pride often leads to trouble. Kancil simply laughed off the wise advice and scampered away, confident that nothing could ever outsmart him.



Soon, Kancil arrived at the edge of a farmer's garden filled with large, juicy green cucumbers. Convinced that his brilliance made him invincible, he decided he could eat as much as he wanted and slip away completely unnoticed.



Kancil leaped into the garden and began munching happily on the delicious cucumbers one after another. Absorbed in his feast and feeling unbeatable, he paid no attention to where he stepped and missed a thin cord hidden beneath the leaves.



With a sudden snap, Kancil's foot tripped the hidden string, releasing a sturdy wooden cage that slammed down around him. He frantically tried to leap, bite the thick wooden bars, and push against the walls, but the cage remained firmly shut.



Realizing he was trapped, Kancil huddled in a corner with tears in his eyes, overcome with deep regret. He acknowledged that his arrogance had made him careless and foolish, realizing that true wisdom required caution and humility.



Hearing faint sobbing, Mr. Buffalo lumbered over to the edge of the farm and discovered Kancil inside the trap. Kancil truthfully admitted his wrongdoing, expressing deep sorrow for his boastfulness, negligence, and taking food without asking.



Moved by Kancil's sincere apology and newfound honesty, Mr. Buffalo pressed his mighty horns against the cage door. With a strong, careful push, the heavy wooden door shifted open, allowing the relieved mouse deer to leap out to safety.



Bowing deeply to Mr. Buffalo, Kancil promised to always remain humble, heed good advice, and think carefully before acting. From that day forward, Kancil became truly wise, earned the respect of all the forest animals, and lived happily with his neighbors.