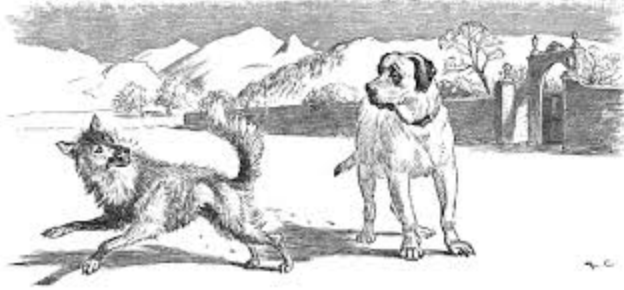


The Dog and The Wolf

Once there was a wolf that was nearly dead with hunger. He was very thin, so thin that the outline of his bones could be seen clearly beneath his thinning coat of hair. With hardly enough



energy to walk, the wolf had little hope of finding food. As he lay beneath a large tree, a dog out for a walk noticed him. Seeing how thin and hungry-looking the wolf was, the dog felt sorry for him and said, "You are in terrible shape! You look as if you haven't eaten for many days."

"You're right," said the wolf. "I haven't eaten because you and your friends have done too good a job guarding the sheep. Now I am so weak that I have little hope of finding food. I think I shall surely die."

"Then why not join us?" asked the dog. "I work regularly and I eat regularly. You could do the same. I will arrange it. You can help me and the other dogs guard the sheep. In that way, we won't have to worry about your stealing the sheep any more and you won't have to worry about going hungry any more. It's a good deal for both of us."

The wolf thought it over for a few minutes and then decided that the dog was right. So they went off together toward the ranch house where the dog lived. But, as they were walking, the wolf noticed that the hair on a certain part of the dog's neck was matted down and thinning. He was curious about this, for the dog had such a beautiful full coat everywhere else. Finally, he asked the dog about it.

"Oh, don't worry about that," said the dog. "It's the place where the collar rubs on my neck when my master chains me up at night."

"Chained up!" cried the wolf. "Do you mean that you are chained up at night? If so, does that mean that if I come to live with you I must wear a collar and be chained up at night too?"

"That's right," answered the dog. "But, you'll get used to it soon enough. Why I hardly think about it anymore."

"But, if I am chained up, then I won't be able to walk when I want to take a walk or to run where I want to run," the wolf said. "If I come to live with you, I won't be free anymore." After saying this, the wolf turned and began to run away.

The dog called after the wolf, saying, "Wait! Come Back! I may not be able to do everything I want when I want to do it but I'm healthy, well fed, and I have a warm place to sleep. You are too worried about keeping alive to enjoy life. I'm more free than you are."

Question: Who made the better choice, the dog or the wolf?

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Directions: After reading the story, list below 3 advantages of being either a dog or a wolf and 3 disadvantages of being a dog or a wolf.

DOG

WOLF

Which economic system best applies to the dog?

Which economic system applies to the wolf?