

# The false beast

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Once upon a time there was a tiger who lived in a cave with his wife. Every day, they went out to find food. One day, the tiger was very happy because he knew that they were going to have a baby.

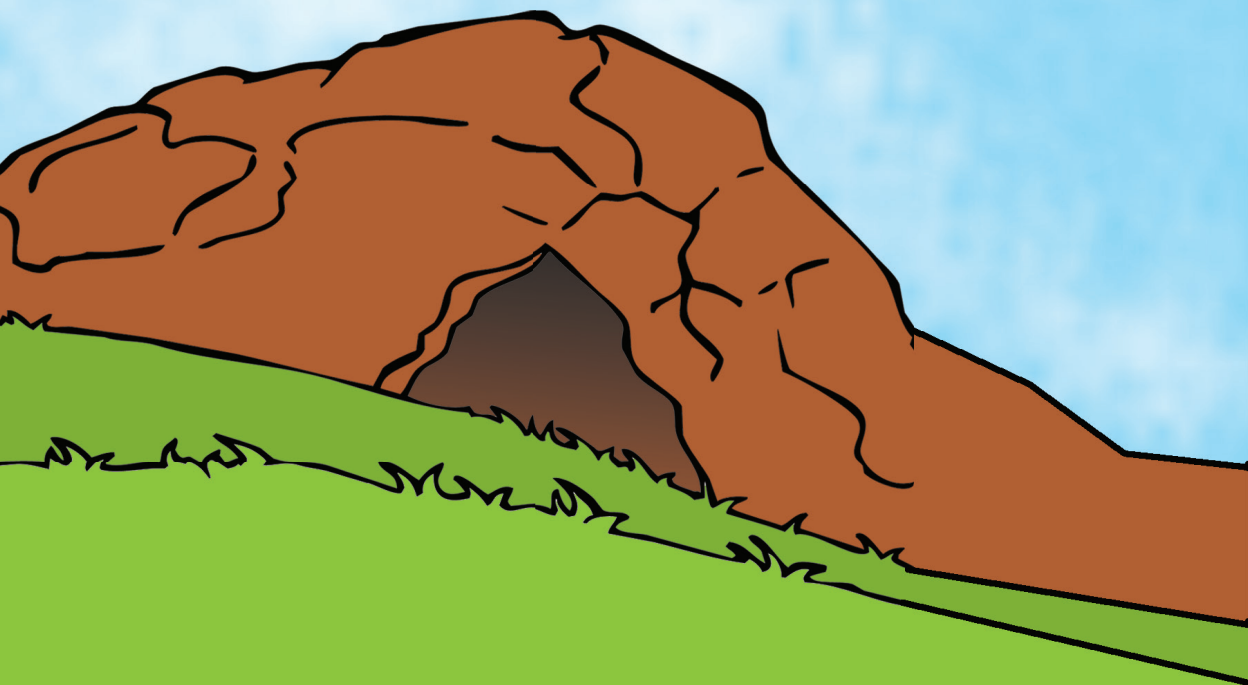




The tiger told his wife to stay in the cave and he went alone to find food.

One day, the tiger found a small sick fox. The tiger decided to take the sick fox to the cave. When the wife saw the tiger, she was very angry because she didn't want the fox to live with them.





She said that the fox was too dirty. The tiger told his wife that the fox was sick and small and it would help them when the baby came.

The little tigers told the fox that the beast was very big and it had a very big mouth and very big sharp teeth. The fox turned round to go out. It was thinking about the beast and its shadow. The fox was sure there was no beast outside.







Again the fox heard the cries of the two little tigers. When the fox looked inside the cave, it saw its own shadow on the wall. The shadow of the “fox” was very big and very frightening.





The fox ran to the forest. It decided to lead the tiger and his wife into the traps of the hunters. When the fox saw the tiger and its wife, he began to cry and scream when he came near them. The fox told the two parents that something with very big sharp teeth took their children away.



The fox told the little tigers that they would never leave the cave without orders from the beast, and they would obey the fox.



Time passed and the two little tigers grew into two strong tigers, but they were still afraid of the beast. They obeyed all the orders of the fox:



The two tigers walked together to the entrance of the cave. Suddenly, the two tigers saw their own shadows on the wall. Their shadows were much bigger than that of the beast.





The two tigers realized that the shadow they saw before was the shadow of the fox. The two tigers killed the fox. The two tigers lived free and happy for the rest of their lives.

## Questions:

### ① Answer the following questions.

1. Where did the tiger and his wife live?
2. Where did the tigers go every day?
3. Why was the tiger happy one day?
4. What did the tiger find when he went out alone?
5. Where did the tiger decide to take the sick fox?
6. Why didn't the tiger's wife want the fox to live with them?
7. Why did the tiger want the fox to live with them?
8. What did the fox decide to do when he listened to the tiger and his wife?
9. How many babies did the tiger's wife give birth to?
10. Why did the tigers leave their babies with the fox?
11. Why did the little tigers scream?
12. What was the beast?
13. What did the fox decide to do when it know that its shadow was frightening?
14. What was the wicked idea of the fox?
15. What did the fox decide to do to the tiger and his wife?
16. What did the fox tell the tiger and his wife?
17. How did the fox frighten the little tigers?
18. What did the fox tell the little tigers about their parents?
19. What was the beast's condition to go away?
20. What were the fox's order to the little tigers?
21. When could the little tigers leave the cave?
22. What did the little tigers do to please the fox?
23. Why did the little tigers decide to go out?