

The jackal and the crow - Readers' theatre script by Nick Bilbrough

Narrator 1: There was once a jackal who was looking for food.

Narrator 2: There wasn't much to eat and he was very hungry

Jackal: I'm so hungry!

Narrator 1:He said, sadly

Jackal: I haven't eaten for days. I haven't eaten for weeks! What can I do?

Narrator 2: Suddenly he saw a piece of chicken on the ground in front of him.

Jackal: Delicious!

Narrator 1: ...said the jackal

Jackal: That's just what I want!

Narrator 2: He was just about to eat it when a big black crow flew down and picked up the meat in its beak.

Narrator 1: The crow flew up to a tree with the food.

Narrator 2: She didn't want to drop any of the food.

Narrator 1: So she waited for the jackal to go away so that she could eat. But the jackal didn't go away.

Jackal: Oh what a beautiful bird!

Narrator 2: ...said the jackal

Jackal: Your wings are so wonderful!

Narrator 1: The crow didn't want to drop the food so she just nodded.

Jackal: Your eyes are so elegant!

Narrator 2: The crow nodded again.

Jackal: Your feathers are so fantastic!

Narrator 1: The crow nodded again.

Jackal: Your beak is so beautiful!

Narrator 2: The crow nodded again.

Jackal: And is it true?

Jackal: Is it true that you have a beautiful voice? The most beautiful voice in the whole world?

Narrator 1: The crow nodded again.

Jackal: I don't think it is true!

Narrator 2: ...said the jackal and he licked his lips.

Jackal: I don't think you can sing. I can't hear you!

Narrator 1: The crow was very angry. She couldn't wait any more.

Narrator 2: She opened her beak and started to sing.

Narrator 1: And her voice was very beautiful, but when she opened her beak she dropped the piece of chicken. It fell down, down, down to the jackal under the tree.

Narrator 2: The jackal was licking his lips and waiting under the tree.

Jackal: Thank you very much

Narrator 1:said the jackal

Jackal: It is true that your voice is very beautiful. But this food is mine. And it's even more beautiful than your voice.

Narrator 2: And the jackal licked his lips and sat down to enjoy his food.