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THE TIGER AND THE JACKAL

Characters:

NARRATOR 1, 2, 3
TIGER, MONKEY, RABBIT, CHEETAH,
GIRL, COW, ELEPHANT, JACKAL
CHORUS

ALL: Good afternoon!   We are Class 40<u>4</u>.   The story we are
going to read is an Indian folktale, The Tiger and the Jackal.
Hope you'll like it.

NARRATOR 1:   Once upon a time, there was a tiger who was
caught in a trap.

TIGER: Growl!   Growl!   Let me out!   Let me out!   GROWL!

NARRATOR 2:   A monkey jumped up and down in a tree nearby
the trap.

TIGER: Oh great!   A monkey!   He can help me!   GROWL!

MONKEY: What is it?   Oh no, a fierce tiger!   I'd better swing
away!

TIGER: Hey Monkey!

MONKEY: Uh?

TIGER: You see I am trapped in this cage.   Come down here
and open the door for me!

MONKEY: I'm sorry but my legs are broken.   I can't climb off the
tree.

NARRATOR 3:   The monkey swung away quickly.   The tiger was
very angry.

TIGER: You liar!   GROWL!   GROWL!

NARRATOR 1:   Then a rabbit hopped by.

RABBIT: Oh, it's the tiger! I'd better hop away. Or, she might eat me in a minute!

TIGER: Hey Rabbit!

RABBIT: Who? Me?

TIGER: Yes, you! Get closer! Open this door!

RABBIT: I'm terribly sorry, Tiger, but my hands are too short to open it.

NARRATOR 2: The rabbit hopped away immediately without looking back.

TIGER: Wait! Growl! Growl!

NARRATOR 3: Before long, a cheetah came by searching for the rabbit.

CHEETAH: Oh Rabbit, where are you?

TIGER: Cheetah!

CHEETAH: Who's there?

TIGER: It's me, Tiger! I am stuck in this cage. Please let me out!

CHEETAH: Huh! Who cares? I have a rabbit to chase! Oh, there it is! Come on, Rabbit!

NARRATOR 1: The cheetah ran after the rabbit and soon was gone.

NARRATOR 2: The tiger was sad because no one helped her.

CHORUS: Tiger! Tiger! Stuck in a trap! She has no way out.

NARRATOR 3: The tiger waited and waited hoping someone passed by.

NARRATOR 1: Then, a girl came running along the road.

GIRL: Hop! Skip! Jump!

TIGER: Help! Help! Please let me out!

GIRL: Oh, my goodness! A fierce tiger!

TIGER: Girl! Help me, please! Free me from this cage!

GIRL: I cannot let you out, Tiger. If I do, you will eat me!

TIGER: Eat you? Never! I promise I won't eat you. Let me out, please!

GIRL: Well, if you promise then I'll set you free.

NARRATOR 2:   The girl opened the trap door.

GIRL: Come on out, poor Tiger!

TIGER: Growl!   I am FREE!   Now I am starving!   I must eat you
                for my dinner!   Growl!

NARRATOR 3:   The tiger pounced on the girl as soon as she was
                out of the cage.

GIRL: That's not fair!   You promised!

TIGER: Ho, ho!   But I'm a tiger and tigers don't keep promises!
              GROWL!

CHORUS: (Song)
              I am behind you, I'll always find you, I am the tiger
              People who fear me never go near me, I am the tiger
              And if I meet you, what if I eat you, I am the tiger
              I am behind you, I'll always find you, I am the tiger
                        Tiger, tiger!

NARRATOR 1:   The tiger opened her mouth wide, wide, WIDE!

CHORUS: That's not fair!   That's not fair!   She promised!

COW: Moo!   Moo!   Moo!

NARRATOR 2:   Just then, a cow came trudging down the road.

COW: Oh no!   A tiger is having her dinner. I'd better keep going.

GIRL: Gracious Cow!   Please listen to me!

COW: I… I don't have time now.

GIRL: Please!   I let the tiger out of the trap, and now she wants
            to eat me for her dinner.   She promised that she wouldn't.
            So, it's not fair, is it?

COW: I… I don't think it's… not fair.   Sorry.

NARRATOR 3:   The cow said no more and trudged on.

TIGER: See?   Ha! Ha!   And now I must eat you for my dinner!
              GROWL!

CHORUS: No!   No!   Don't eat the girl!

Help!   Help!   Someone help her!

ELEPHANT: Thump!   Thump!   Thump!

NARRATOR 1:   Down the road trundled an elephant.

ELEPHANT: Uh-oh!   The tiger is having her dinner.   I'd better go away.   Or, I may get into trouble.

GIRL: Noble Elephant!   I freed the tiger from the cage.   Now she wants to eat me for her dinner.   It's not fair, is it?

ELEPHANT: (Clear his throat) Fair, or not fair, that is the question!   I don't see… it's not fair.

NARRATOR 2:   The elephant said no more and trundled on.

TIGER: See?   HA! HA! HA!   I must eat you now!   GROWL!

CHORUS: No!   No!   Don't eat the girl!
Help!   Help!   Someone help her!

JACKAL: Pitter patter!   Pitter patter!   Pitter patter!

NARRATOR 3:   Down the road pattered a jackal.

JACKAL: Oh no!   The girl is in danger!

GIRL: Jackal!   I let the tiger out of the trap.   Now she wants to eat me.   She promised that she wouldn't.   So, it's not fair, is it?

JACKAL: What?   What did you let the tiger out of?

GIRL: A trap.

JACKAL: I didn't quite hear you.   Say it again.

GIRL: A trap!

JACKAL: Dear me.   I'm not hearing very well today.   What did you say?

TIGER: A trap!   I was in a TRAP!

JACKAL: But I still don't understand.

TIGER: GROWL!   You foolish animal!   Look!   This is the trap!

JACKAL: Oh, and where were you?

TIGER: Here!

NARRATOR 1:   Suddenly, the tiger jumped into the trap.

TIGER: Look!   Look!   LOOK!

JACKAL: Aha!   Now I see.

NARRATOR 2:   The jackal quickly shut the door.

JACKAL: I think, Mr. Tiger, we will leave you there a little longer,
just until you learn to keep your promises!

NARRATOR 3:   The jackal and the girl ran away together and
never came back.

CHORUS: Hop!   Skip!   Jump!
Pitter patter!   Pitter patter!   Pitter patter!

ALL: (Bow)   Thank you.