

Turtle and Snake meet up

One day Trendy Turtle was ambling along the river bank, looking for a sweet morsel to eat or a nice place to take a nap. Trendy Turtle was in no hurry. He wasn't really hungry, but a little bit of food wouldn't be rejected.

Just then he saw a big, big snake whose name was Snippy Snake. Trendy knew him well and was aware that Snippy could be difficult if not treated with respect. Not being sure what was Snippy's mood, Trendy pulled his neck and head into his shell.

"So, what are you doing on my river bank and where are you going?" spat out Snippy Snake. Muttered Trendy Turtle from within his shell: "And what business is it of yours what I do? This river bank is as much mine as yours."

Snippy Snake shot out his ferocious tongue and tried to frighten Trendy. But Trendy knew that once he kept inside his shell, there was not a single thing Snippy could do to harm him.

"Oh, cut out the nonsense" said Trendy. "Why do you always want to quarrel? Can't you relax a moment and just enjoy life?"

"Well, that's a thought" said Snippy. "I just wanted to have a talk with someone. Don't you think I get lonely sometimes? Everyone wants to stay far away from me."

Said Trendy Turtle: "OK. Let's have a chat." And the two of them began exchanging jokes. "You heard about the alligator who began eating a bicycle tyre, thinking it was a snake?" "Yes" said Snippy Snake. "He started bouncing up and down and couldn't go under the water" and they began laughing till their sides hurt.

Trendy and Snippy became good friends and every day they would meet under the Mango tree and chat, tell jokes and riddles. Trendy was no longer afraid to put his head outside his shell and Snippy no longer tried to frighten Trendy with his wicked looking long forked tongue.