

THE MONKEY AND THE CROCODILE.

Once upon a time a clever monkey lived in a tree that bore juicy, red rose apples. He was very happy. One day, a crocodile swam up to that tree and told the monkey that he had travelled a long distance and was in search of food as he was very hungry. The kind monkey offered him a few apples. The crocodile enjoyed them very much and asked the monkey whether he could come again for some more fruit. The generous monkey happily agreed.

The crocodile returned the next day. And the next one after that. Soon the two became very good friends. They discussed their lives, their friends and family, like all friends do. The crocodile told the monkey that he had a wife and that they lived on the other side of the river. So the kind monkey offered him some extra apples to take home to his wife. The crocodile's wife loved the apples and ~~made her~~ ^{grew curious} to taste the monkey's heart. She persuaded her husband to get the monkey's heart for her or else she would die. The crocodile was in a dilemma but finally agreed. The next day, when he went to the shore, he invited the monkey to his home. The monkey gladly accepted. He sat on the crocodile's back and they started their journey. When they reached the middle of the water, the crocodile started sinking low and told the

monkey of his plan. The monkey did not lose his presence of mind and said that he had left his heart on the tree and that the crocodile would have to take him back. The foolish crocodile took him back to the shore. At once, the monkey leaped on the tree and told the crocodile that "he ^{was} ~~wa~~ the biggest fool on the planet and the monkey had made a mistake in trusting him.

MORAL: Be cautious of who you befriend. Your best friend may be your biggest enemy.