

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED

Once there lived two friends in a village. They were fast friends and claimed to be sincere to each other. One of them was strong, active and tall, while the other was short, weak and thin. One day, they set out on a journey to try their luck. When they were making their way through a jungle, they saw a bear coming towards them from a distance. They were frightened. The tall friend, without showing any concern for his friend, ran, climbed up a tree and concealed himself in the branches. He did not stop to help his friend. The other friend was quite helpless in the crisis, suddenly, the saying of sage echoed in his mind. "The bear does not touch a corpse". He lay down on the ground immediately and feigned to be dead. The bear approached there, sniffed him, considered him to be dead and went his way. Soon the bear was out of sight. The tall friend climbed down the tree, came to his friend and asked him jokingly what the bear had