



The Beard of Young Goad

A young goat pretends to be wise Uncle Goat. Is it wise to pretend to be someone else?



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Once upon a time, there was a chubby and natty Young Goat. Spoiled by his parents, Young Goat just roamed around all day, doing nothing.



Young Goat found that Uncle Goat was respected by everyone. People always greeted and talked to him nicely. It must be good to be like Uncle Goat.



"Why don't I try being Uncle Goat?" Young Goat thought. He went find some corn silk and tied under his chin to pose as Uncle Goat.



Boastfully, Young Goat tried scaring little bunnies. Seeing the beard, the bunnies thought he was Uncle Goat. They greeted him fussily.



But the sheep family did not fall for that easily. They looked at Young Goat doubtfully and said to each other.- How come Uncle Goat's horns have just sprouted like those? And besides, that goat cries "Maa... Maa", just like a young one.



The sheep decided to figure out if that was the real Uncle Goat. They asked.- Can you please tell us what's covering that mountain peak?- Eh... eh... That's... smoke.



The sheep burst into laughter.- Wrong answer. That's cloud, not smoke.The sheep brother pointed at rice field and asked again.- What field is that?- Grass field, isn't it as clear as day?



The sheep rolled on floor laughing.- Take off your fake beard, buddy. You're not Uncle Goat. He is wise and knows everything in the world.



Embarrassedly, Young Goat took off his fake beard and stuttered.- I... I just wanted to know how it feels to be Uncle Goat. I did not know it's this hard. Everyone laughed in agreement.

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