Fable Series

The Vulture and his Friends

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In the beginning of time, the vulture was a big bird with a splendid appearance. The massive tuft on his head was burning red and the feathers of the body were brown grey, making the vulture an eye-catching species in the bird kingdom.

One summer month came with continuous rainfall. All birds stayed in to keep themselves dry from the rain. However, there was a food shortage problem for everybody.

"I will go out to look for food for you, bros,' said the vulture.

The vulture braved the rain and flew through the woods. Back he came with berries, and worms for the starving company. But the massive tuft on his head was thoroughly soaked and the weight gave him a bad pain in the neck.

The easy-going vulture was good at problem solving. The next morning the birds were surprised at seeing the vulture with a shaved head.

The vulture went out to find food in the rain again. The hairless head saved him a lot of trouble after a wet food hunting journey.

Finally, the rain season stopped. The birds had had a good rest and now they were full of strength. But, in contrast, the vulture became exhausted after incessant flights of food hunting.

Everyone was excited and ready to hone their hunting skills. The vulture was too tired to compete with the others in this game. The other birds always

came before him at the target preys. But they never shared any food with the vulture.

Was vulture angry with the ungrateful birds? Negative. The vulture was easy going. He decided to wait for his turn until all other birds had got their foods. Then he consumed the remains of preys, or anything left on the ground after the crazy party dismissed.

And this is how vultures grew into the type you see today: having a terrible appearance with an ugly bald head, and being scavengers, feeding on decaying bodies. Believe it or not.

A person needs to think outside the box in face of problems.

Questions:

The following questions challenge your thinking skills of comprehension, analysis and evaluation.

- 1. In the story, the vulture shaved his tuft for convenience of hunting in the rainy season, and played a passive role in food grabbing with the other birds. Do you think you will do the same if you were the vulture?
- 2. Describe the relationship between the vulture and the other birds.
- 3. If you helped your friends and they did not do the same when you needed help or support, how do you feel?
- 4. Choose a scene and write a conversation between the vulture and his friends.