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The Boy Who Cried "Wolf!"¹

Once there was a shepherd ^{ALL} who was a liar. He took
 flock of sheep to the village pasture every day and
 brought them home every evening. One day after he had
 taken the sheep to the pasture, he began to shout, "Help!
 A wolf has eaten a lamb! Come and help me!"

A number of people in the village took their guns
 other weapons and rushed to the pasture. When they
 got there, however, they could not see any wolf or any
 evidence that a lamb had been eaten. The whole flock was
 grazing quietly, and the shepherd looked quite happy. The
 villagers asked the shepherd, "Why did you shout so? Why
 did you say that a wolf had eaten one of the lambs?"
 When the shepherd only laughed at these questions, the
 villagers went home angry at him.

Two days later the same thing happened. The shepherd
 shouted, "Help! A wolf has eaten a lamb! Come and help me!"

¹This is obviously an analogue of the Aesop fable of
 the same title. That does not necessarily mean that this
 tale was taken from Aesop or even influenced by Aesop.
 Many of the fables we call Aesopian have been in the oral
 tradition for ages.

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Nobody paid attention to him this time, and nobody to the pasture. This time, however, a wolf really attacked the flock and eaten a lamb. It ate not only a lamb but also most of the sheep and finally even the shepherd himself.

When evening came, the shepherd did not return to the village with the flock. When the villagers went to the pasture in search of them, they found that the herd and most of the sheep had been devoured.