

Story 1753 (1994 Tape 3)

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Delayed Political Reaction

In the forest all of the animals were working except the donkey. He spent his time singing and walking about aimlessly. This irresponsible behavior annoyed some of the other animals, and so they went to their king, the lion, and complained about the donkey

The lion called the donkey to him and said, "What do you do all day long? You do not work, but you are bothering the other animals who do work.

The donkey said, "Well, tell me something that I can do.

"All right," said the lion. "Take this money and with it buy some fruits and vegetables for us in the marketplace

The donkey departed and headed toward the marketplace. One week passed, two weeks passed, but the donkey did not return. Three weeks, four weeks, a whole year passed, and still no one saw the donkey. Four more years passed before the donkey one day suddenly reappeared in

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the forest

Everyone asked him, "Where have you been all this time? What have you been doing?" They then took him into the presence of the lion.

lion said, "I sent you to the marketplace five years ago. What happened to you?"

The donkey answered, "Let me tell you my story from the beginning. I went to the market to buy fruits and vegetables. There was a singing contest going on alongside the fair, and I entered that contest. I was awarded first place in the contest."

lion interrupted, saying, "Are you serious? How could that happen? You are only a donkey."

"My story is not yet finished. Listen," answered the donkey. "I became very famous after winning that contest. In fact, I was so popular that I agreed to be a candidate for mayor in the election that was just about to be held. When all of the voting had been done, I was declared the new mayor."

The lion could not believe this. He asked, "Are you crazy? You could not possibly serve as mayor--could you?"

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"I know. I know what you mean. But it took the citizens of the city five years to discover that!"