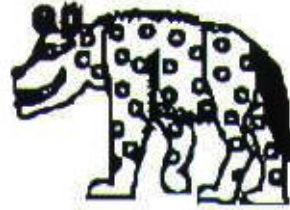


# Animal Justice For The Hyena And The Hare

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<b>6 Male Actors:</b>	<b>Hare</b>	<b>Hyena</b>	<b>Lion Cub #1</b>
	<b>Lion Cub #3</b>	<b>Lion Cub #5</b>	<b>Lion Cub #7</b>
<b>6 Female Actors:</b>	<b>Queen Lion</b>	<b>Lion Cub #2</b>	<b>Lion Cub #4</b>
	<b>Lion Cub #6</b>	<b>Lion Cub #8</b>	<b>Lion Cub #9</b>
<b>2 or more Narrators:</b>	<b>Guys or Girls</b>		



**Narrator ①:** There was once a Hare who was looking for a job.

**Hare:** Hi! I am a Hare! I am looking for a job! Does anybody have a job for the very responsible Rabbit that I am?

**Narrator ②:** The Hyena found the Hare a job. Hyena said:

**Hyena:** Hare, I have found you a cub-sitting job. You can look after the cubs of Queen Lion while she is out hunting.

**Hare:** Oh, thank you, Hyena!

**Hyena:** No problem! One day, I'll come for my reward. And you'll have to pay me back, because I found you a job at the finest place of all, the Lion's Place. After all, the Lioness is the Queen of all the animals.

**Hare:** Of course, Hyena! And thanks again!

**Narrator ①:** The Hare high-tailed it to the Den of the Lioness. Hare said:

**Hare:** Greetings, Queen Lion! Hyena tells me that you will let me have the Cub-Sitting job! Is that true?

**Lioness:** Yes, it is true! I go out hunting every day. I need you to watch my nine cubs for me while I am gone! Keep them safe! Keep them happy! And all will be well!

**Hare:** Definitely, your Highness! I will do my very best!

**Narrator ②:** The Lioness brought out her nine cubs from her den. She had four boys cubs and five girl cubs. The Lioness said:

**Lioness:** Here are my nine children! Watch them well!

**Hare:** Hello, you wonderful cubs and cubbettes. We are going to have a good time together!

**9 Cubs:** Hi, Mr. Hare! Let's play!

**Narrator ①:** What kind of qualities are necessary to be a good babysitter for younger children? Audience, please respond.

	
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**Narrator ②:** Predict what kind of reward the Hyena will demand from the Hare. Also tell whether or not that would be a reasonable reward to demand. Audience, please respond.

	
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**Narrator ①:** The Lioness went hunting every day. And the Hare was left to watch over the Lioness's nine cubs.

**Narrator ②:** At the end of the day, Lioness would return. She would say:

**Lioness:** Bring me my cubs, so I might feed them.

**Narrator ①:** Even though some of the cubs were girls and some of the cubs were boys, all the cubs looked exactly alike.

**Narrator ②:** Hare would enter the den, and bring out a cub, one at a time, to be fed by Queen Lion. Afterwards, Hare would return that cub to the den and bring out the next cub to feed.

**Narrator ①:** Hare would keep that up until all nine cubs had eaten their dinner. Then the Lioness would go to a private den to sleep her own dinner off, and Hare would remain to watch over the cubs.

**Narrator ②:** One day, the Hyena came by and said:

**Hyena:** I've come for my reward.

**Hare:** What do you want?

**Hyena:** I want a cub to eat.

**Hare:** I can't do that!

**Hyena:** You have no choice! If you do not give me a cub to eat, I'll have to eat you.

**Narrator ①:** If you were Hare, what would you decide to do?  
Audience, please respond.

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**Narrator ②:** What are some creative things Hare could have tried to avoid giving in to Hyena's unreasonable demand.  
Audience, please respond.

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**Narrator ①:** The Hare very reluctantly went into the den. He tried to smile and said:

**Hare:** Uh, Cub #9. Come on out and see a great big surprise that is waiting for you!

**Girl Cub #9:** A surprise! Oh, boy! I'll see you guys later!

**Narrator ②:** Sadly, Hare reluctantly brought out that youngest girl cub for the Hyena to eat. Hyena took the cub away so that no one would see him eating that poor little cub for his mid-day brunch.

**Narrator ①:** Then Hare tried to keep the other 8 cubs so busy, that they never noticed that their youngest sister never returned to the cave.

**Narrator ②:** That evening, the Lioness came home. She said, as she did every night:

**Lioness:** Bring me my cubs, so I might feed them.

**Narrator ①:** Fortunately for the Hare, all the lion cubs looked alike, and the Lioness could not tell them apart.

**Narrator ②:** So the Hare brought out the eight cubs that were left, one at a time to feed. Hare said to the first cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #1. It's time for you to eat your dinner!

**Boy Cub #1:** Oh, boy! I'm so hungry!

**Narrator ①:** When that cub had eaten his fill, he brought the little boy cub back into the den. Then Hare said to the next cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #2. It's time for you to eat your dinner!

**Girl Cub #2:** Oh, boy! I'm hungry too!

**Narrator ②:** When the second cub had eaten her fill, he brought the little girl cub back into the cave. Then Hare said to the next cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #3. It's time for you to eat your dinner!

**Boy Cub #3:** I'm so excited to eat! I'm starving!

**Narrator ①:** When the third cub had eaten his fill, he brought the little boy cub back into the cave. Then the Hare said to the next cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #4. It's time for you to eat your dinner!

**Girl Cub #4:** I'm more starving than my brother was! Feed me!

**Narrator ②:** When the fourth cub had eaten her fill, he brought the little girl cub back into the cave. Then the Hare said to the next cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #5. It's time for you to eat your dinner!

**Boy Cub #5:** Let me at that food! I'm soooooo hungry!

**Narrator ①:** When the fifth cub had eaten his fill, he brought the little boy cub back into the cave. Then the Hare said to the next cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #6. It's time for you to eat your dinner!

**Girl Cub #6:** Well, it's about time! I want my dinner!

**Narrator ②:** When the sixth cub had eaten her fill, he brought the little girl cub back into the cave. Then the Hare said to the next cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #7. It's time for you to eat your dinner!

**Boy Cub #7:** Food! Food! I want food! Let me at that food!

**Narrator ①:** When the seventh cub had eaten his fill, he brought the little boy cub back into the cave. Then the Hare said to the last cub:

**Hare:** Okay, Cub #8. It's time for you to eat your dinner!


**Girl Cub #8:** Oh, boy! Oh, boy! Oh, boy! Oh, boy! Oh, boy!

**Narrator ②:** When the last cub had eaten her fill, he brought the little girl cub back into the cave. Then the Hare turned to the first cub and said:

**Hare:** Guess what? It's your lucky day! You get 2nds on dinner!

**Boy Cub #1:** Seconds?!! AIIIIIIII right!!! I get more food than you do! Ha! Ha! Ha-ha-ha!

**Narrator ①:** What should Hare have done as soon as Queen Lion got home? Audience, please respond.

	
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**Narrator ②:** What should Hare have done before Queen Lion left for her own private den?

	
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**Narrator ①:** After all of her cubs had eaten their fill, the Lioness went to sleep her own dinner off in privacy. Hare remained to watch over the eight cubs who were left.

**Narrator ②:** Hare paced up and down that den half the night; unfortunately, he couldn't come up with a plan to stop the Hyena. He was afraid for the cubs, but he was even more afraid for himself.

**Narrator ①:** The Hyena continued this practice, day after day, until there was only one cub left.

**Narrator ②:** The Hare had to keep bringing out the same cub, nine times over to be fed. The first time, he went into the den, he said:

**Hare:** Okay, little cub! Your mother is here to give you your dinner!

**Boy Cub #1:** Oh, boy! Dinner!!! I'm starving!

**Narrator ①:** The little boy cub bounded out and ate his fill. Then the Hare led him back into the cave and said:

**Hare:** Guess what? Tonight's your lucky night! You get seconds.

**Boy Cub #1:** Seconds? Well, okay. I guess I could eat some more. I hope it won't be like last night again.

**Narrator ②:** Hare brought out that little cub a second time. After he had eaten, Hare brought him back into the den. Then he said again:

**Hare:** Guess what? You get to have some more food!

**Boy Cub #1:** More food? No!!! I just want to go to sleep!

**Hare:** Don't you argue with me! It's time for more food!

**Boy Cub #1:** Okaaaaayyyyyy! If you insist!

**Narrator ①:** Hare kept bringing the cub back into the den. Then the Hare would make him come back out to eat still another dinner.

**Narrator ②:** Finally, when Hare brought out the cub for the ninth time to eat his ninth dinner for the night, the poor thing started vomiting.

**Narrator ①:** The Lioness did some investigating, and discovered that she only had one little cub left. She roared:

**Lioness:** Roar! What happened to the rest of my children?

**Hare:** Qu-Qu-Queen L-L-Lion! It was Hyena who ate your cubs. I couldn't stop him! He threatened to eat me instead. It was Hyena who did this horrible thing!

**Lioness:** Roar! I don't believe you! I think you're the one who ate my cubs. So now, I'm going to kill you!

**Hare:** Okay, ..., uh, ..., yeah, uh, ..., why don't you tie a rope around my waist? And I'll go to the forest and say good-bye to all my family and friends. And when I'm done, you can pull me back. And then, you can kill the one who is responsible for the death of your children.

**Lioness:** Okay! I'll give you one hour!

**Narrator ②:** The Hare went into the forest and frantically began to look for the Hyena. Finally, he found him.

**Narrator ①:** The Hare knew the Hyena was very greedy, so he said:

**Hare:** Hyena, the Lioness is forcing me to eat some meat that is covered with flies. She said she'd kill me if I did not eat this meat. Do you want to eat this meat?

**Hyena:** I don't care if it has a million flies! I'll eat that meat!

**Narrator ②:** So the Hyena and the Hare exchanged places.

**Narrator ①:** The Lioness pulled on the rope and found the Hyena. Hyena greedily looked at Queen Lion and said:

**Hyena:** Give me the meat even if it has a million flies. I'll eat it!

**Narrator 2:** The Lioness realized then, that the Hare had been telling the truth. It was the Hyena who had killed eight of her children.

**Narrator 1:** So the Lioness killed the Hyena; thus, Animal Justice was done.

**Narrator 2:** Describe what made that conclusion be Animal Justice. What would have to change to make that conclusion be People Justice Instead? Audience, please respond.

 Students Respond:	
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**Narrator 1:** When Hyena threatened death to Hare and actually killed 8 of Queen Lion's cubs, was that considered to be Passive, Aggressive, or Assertive? Audience, please respond.

 Students Respond:	
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**Narrator 2:** When Hare gave in to Hyena's demands without a fight or much of an argument, was that considered to be Passive, Aggressive, or Assertive? Audience, please respond.

 Students Respond:	
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**Narrator 1:** Pretend you were one of the characters in this role-play. Use an I Message on another character in the role-play. Audience, please respond.

 Students Respond:	
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