

Fairy Tale Scavenger Hunt King Lion's Gifts

A Khoi narrative from Southern Africa

King Lion was hosting a party, and all the animals had to go because they couldn't refuse the king, even if they were afraid of him. And so all the animals danced and sang, ate honey, and drank milk. Then it was time for King Lion to hand out gifts. All the animals fought to get to the front, so as to get the best presents. After the king gave horns to the buck, Elephant and Rhinoceros wanted horns for themselves, and tried to grab them. King Lion punished them for their greediness by forcing Elephant to wear the horns in his mouth and Rhino on his nose. Next, King Lion was handing out clothes. Leopard got a spotted suit, and Zebra a striped jacket. Horse and Cow claimed they needed many suits to give to all their children. And so they received suits of chestnut and black and white and gray and multicolored. King Lion grew impatient as the night wore on, and the animals just had to take what they could get. Goat got a beard, and Hippo got enormous teeth. Soon there was only a laugh and a wail left, and two fussy and indecisive animals: Hyena and Jackal. And that is why even today, Hyena still has the loudest laugh of all the animals.

Find 5 items that match these descriptions.

Take a photo of the items and send it to Miss Amy at aambler@mclinc.org. We'll put the photos on our website!

 An animal (real or stuffed)
Something you wear
Something that makes loud noise
Something that fun at a party