



 **FOLK TALES of INDIA**

THE Traveller
THE Tiger
AND THE Very Clever
Jackal

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Long ago, in a small village in India, there lived an old traveller named Raaheejí.

Raaheejí had grown tired of sitting around everyday, dreaming of his old adventures. He decided he would get up early one morning and sneak off on a new adventure.

He got up very quietly, while his old wife lay sleeping. He knew his wife would be very upset to see him go as she told him everyday, "If you leave on another adventure, old man, you may never find your way back to your comfortable home."



With his small bundle slung over his shoulder, Raaheji walked for miles and miles going nowhere in particular. He left the road and was walking deep in the jungle when he came upon an unusual sight. There, in the middle of the jungle, sat an old Tiger, trapped in an even older cage.

The old man watched as the Tiger tried desperately to get out of his cage. He tried to cut the bars with his big sharp teeth. He tried to unlatch the door with his claws. He even tried squeezing his body through the bars to escape. He tried many different ways to get out, but each time, he would only fall to the floor and get more and more tired and unhappy.

