

Election Day

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Elections were coming up for all the creatures of the forest. The parrot really wanted to win, but he had a fatal flaw. The fox did not want to become president, but many creatures believed that he would be the best leader out of all of the forest. The lizard did not care to be leader, but he did not want the parrot or the fox to be in charge of him, so he decided to run for office as well.

The parrot went all around the forest promising all the creatures exactly what they wanted. Sometimes, the promises the parrot made contradicted each other, but it didn't matter because he wasn't planning on keeping them anyways.

"I'll make sure you get all of the carrots!" He said to one rabbit, but that rabbit didn't know that he had also made that same promise to all the other rabbits. One day, one of the rabbits overheard him tell two different deer the same promise, all the fruit. Instead of confronting the parrot, the rabbit started spreading the rumor about the parrot telling lies. He exposed to all the other rabbits that they had been promised the same thing.

The day of the election came and the parrot expected to win, but he didn't know about the rumor that was being spread about him. All of the candidates had a debate, where the lizard decided to drop out of the race because he didn't actually want to become president, and the parrot was scattered and unprepared to share his ideas, and the fox clearly explained his platform.

The parrot did not know what ideas he wanted to have yet, so he just said whatever he thought would make the most people the happiest off the top of his head. When the results of the election came back, parrot was shocked that he had not won.

Moral: Think before you speak

