**A Sad Friendship Story**

**Tom and John were two friends. One day they were passing through a dense forest.**

**John said, “Friend, I am afraid there are wild beasts in this forest. What will we do if a wild beast attacks us?”**

**“Don’t be afraid, John,” said Tom, “I shall stand by your side if any danger comes. We shall fight together and save ourselves.” Thus talking they went on their journey.**

**But suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them. Tom at once got up the nearest tree. He did not think what his friend would do.**

**John did not know how to climb a tree. He had no way of escape. He was helpless.**

**But soon he took a plan. He fell flat on the ground like a dead man.**

**The bear came up to John. It smelt his nose, ears and eyes. It took him to be dead and went away.**

**Then Tom came down from the tree. He said to John, “What did the bear whisper in your ear?”**

**John said, “The bear told me not to trust a friend who leaves his friend in danger.”**

Moral: An insincere and evil friend is more to be feared than a wild beast; as a wild beast can harm your body, but an evil friend can wound your soul.