

## THE DESPERADO FOX

Zooooommmmm! Give me your chocolates, your flowers, give me whatever you have! I'm the Desperado Fox! I'm a baddie! I'm a beast! I'm the worst of your fears. The Desperado Fox's teeth were sharp like a lion, his manners were rude and rough. The Desperado Fox would jump on his horse and steal food from all of the people.

One day, a little kangaroo was hopping along the road, then she stopped with her hands up to block her way. It was the Desperado Fox who called out. "Who goes there? Give me your cookies and puddings! Give me your cupcakes and cakes! For I am THE DESPERADO FOX, and whatever I want I take."

"I don't have any sweets," the kangaroo replied, "I just have a bunch of flowers."

The Desperado Fox gave a rude face and demanded, "Hand it over. These flowers are mine now and are bound to be tasteless. But I am the Desperado Fox, and these flowers belong to me!"

An echidna came along the road, then was stopped abruptly by the Desperado Fox. "Hand over all your goods?" said the greedy Fox.

The echidna tried to negotiate but the Fox wanted everything from everyone and anyone. He even stole leaves from the koalas, flies from a spider's web and bone from a dog!

One day the Desperado Fox crossed paths with a waddling kookaburra.

“I see you have nothing,” Fox complained, “in that case I’ll have to eat you!”

“Wait!” cried the Kookaburra, “please don’t eat me! For I have a sister with goodies and treats you will love to eat!”

“Where can I find her,” said the vicious, sly Fox.

“She lives in a deep dark cave right at the top of the mountain with plenty of biscuits and ice cream,” replied the kookaburra.

The Fox was greedy so he agreed to take the kookaburra on his horse to reach the cave in the mountain.

At last, they arrived at a lonely mountain and walked towards the cave. They called out, “Hello Sister - Sister -” and a voice back from the dark cave replied, “Sister - sister”.

The Fox got excited and pushed them and called out, “Do you have biscuits and ice cream?” and the voice replied, “Ice cream - ice cream!”

“I am coming to take them now !” shouted the greedy Fox.

“Take them now! Take them now!” the voice replied.

The Fox sprinted straight into the dark cave.

The kookaburra quickly jumped onto the horse and rode away down the mountain .

The brave kookaburra raced back to meet her hungry friends since the horse was loaded with all the Fox's goods.

Happy were they to see her and with all the abundance of food .

It seemed they knew that Fox would never come back from the dark cave and they were forever safe.

As for the Fox, after many days, he found his way out. Little did he know that the voice replying was his own echo! He was thinner and humble because the echoey cave taught him to not trust anyone and to stop being greedy. He lost his way back home and lost all his goods.

He now works at a cheese factory and cleans the floors in a new village.