

OLD CHICKEN EYES

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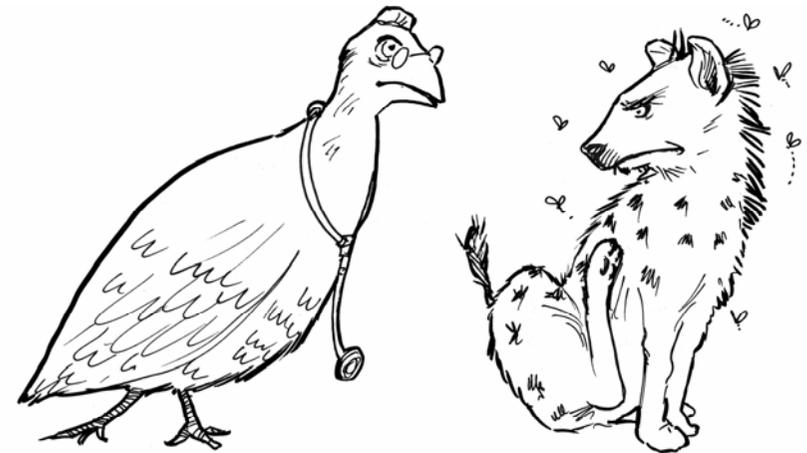
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And why not eating fruit and vegetables can seriously affect your chances of catching your dinner.



This is a tale from long ago. It tells you why Hares have very long ears.

Bouki the Hyena is miserable. He can no longer see in the dark. He feels weak. The other animals laugh at him, none louder than Sonko the Hare. Sonko is fat and healthy from eating carrots and greens. He teases

Bouki and calls him old chicken eyes and other even worse names. Hyena stops hunting. He eats only old rotten meat. He cannot see at night. He steps in Elephant dung. He smells bad. He is covered with flies. In the end he tells himself, "I must do something".

So he goes off to see old Dr. Guinea fowl who tells him "You cannot see at night because you do not have enough Vitamin A. When you were young you stole eggs and later you hunted animals and stole their liver. Liver is full of Vitamin A."

"But I cannot hunt any more," says Bouki. "I cannot see at night".

"You must eat green vegetables," said old Doctor Guinea Fowl, "and yellow and red fruit"

But I am a Hyena," says Bouki, "not a hare".

"Suit yourself old chicken eyes" says old doctor Guinea Fowl

So Bouki eats fruit. He eats and eats. Gradually his strength and sight comes back. But he does not tell Sonko. Every night he seems blinder. He even begins to wear dark glasses and use a white stick



Every night Hare teases him dancing round him. Then one night he gets too close and Bouki catches Sonko by the ears. "No vegetables for me tonight" shouts Bouki. "Tonight I'll have liver, Hare's liver"

He holds Sonko up in the air by his ears. Sonko struggles.

The ears get longer and longer. Finally "plop" and they are free.

Sonko runs away, but from that day to this all little hares are born with long ears