The Fox and the Leopard

One sunny afternoon, a fox and a leopard lay under a shady tree, their bellies full from a yummy lunch. The leopard stretched and said proudly, “Just look at my beautiful spotted fur! I’m the best-looking animal in the forest.”

The fox flicked his fluffy tail and smiled. “Well, my tail is pretty fancy too—with a white tip like a paintbrush!” The leopard sniffed. “Hmmph! Your fur is plain. Not special like mine.”

The fox chuckled. “Maybe. But I think being clever is even better than being colorful.” The leopard frowned. “What do you mean?” The fox stood up, gave a big yawn, and said, “You may have a fancy coat, but I’ve got smart ideas in my head. That’s the kind of beauty that really matters.”

And with a swish of his tail, the fox trotted off, leaving the leopard thinking quietly under the tree.

Being smart and kind is more important than just looking good.