

# *Short Stories*

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# THE TIGER CUB WHO BECAME A LEADER



**The characters are**



**Arnold the Bald Eagle**



**Robin the Indian Black Eagle**



The Tiger



kimba the tiger cub

## **Chapter 1 The Fight**

Once in a forest there lived an evil tiger who ate all the weak and small animals. He always used to bully other animals. Once the eagles got angry and told the tiger to stop bullying everybody but the tiger refused. They fought, 2 of the eagles got injured. Arnold was left to fight, they fought and fought. But Arnold had an idea he flew high into the sky and swooped almost scratching the tigers eye with his talon and the tiger got very angry. All eagles tried to fly away but they were injured so they couldn't fly. Arnold didn't give up and told the tiger "We accept defeat this time and we will leave this forest for now. We will come back again to fight with you".

## **Chapter 2      The Improviser**

The eagles went out of that forest and went to a different forest and were thinking how to fight the tiger and defeat him. They were thinking and thinking until from the darkest shadows of the forest a very old eagle came from the shadows and told all the eagles that he would help the eagles to fight the tiger. The old eagle taught all the eagles how to fight the tiger and defeat the tiger. "All the eagles are ready now" said the old eagle. After a month Arnold and all his friends came back to fight the tiger. This time they really fought with courage and as a team and the tiger lost the battle.

## Chapter 3    The Big Flood

The tiger left that forest and went to the jungle. He saw all different animals and plants in the jungle. The tiger went to explore and found a flower that would make a bad animals to a good animal but the tiger did not know that. He thought it was a harmless flower and went close to it and became very good and the tiger went back to the forest. The tiger said "hello" to the eagles and immediately all the eagles knew that the tiger had changed and asked the tiger that where he had gone ? The tiger told that he had gone to the jungle. The eagles knew that the a flower that would make a bad animals to a good animal grew there so they treated the tiger with respect and told the tiger that they would not fight and lived happily. One day a flood was rushing down a river and was about to hit the forest all the animals were warned and told to fly, swim, crawl, run and slither away. The tiger was not informed about the flood and the tiger was worried that where all the animals had gone. The tiger saw the water rushing towards him and he ran but he got caught in the flood. The eagles were wondering where is the tiger ? They went in search for the tiger and saw that he was in the water of the flood and went to rescue him the eagles flew up very high into the sky and swooped down to grab the tiger but all eagles missed. There was a waterfall in front of the tiger all the eagles swooped very fast and all grabbed the tiger and brought him to safety. All the animals came back to that forest and lived a happy and joyful life.

## Chapter 4 The little cub

After the eagles and the tiger became friends, it was time for the friendship to grow. The tiger named his cub as Kimba. The tiger trusted the eagles to be the best friends that Kimba could have. Kimba grew up eating worms like the birds and often fought with them when he could not fly like them.

The eagles watched for Kimba's safety and took pride in protecting him from all danger from other predators. Kimba could not leave his cave without the presence of the eagles. As Kimba grew from 6 months to 1 year, he started becoming very adventurous. Kimba wanted to run faster, wanted to hunt more and wanted to explore the jungle in all directions.



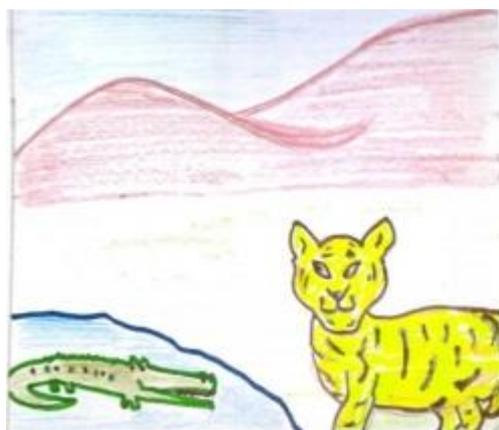
The eagles enjoyed seeing Kimba growing up and wanted their little ones to also experience the same. They often brought their younger ones to the play area where Kimba would try to pick a worm and the little ones of the eagle would snatch the food from him.

## Chapter 5 Kimba's adventures

Kimba loved exploring the length and breadth of the jungle. On a sunny day, he decided to go to the river. The eagles had eaten their lunch and were taking a nap. Kimba, being his naughty self decided to go to the river alone. The river was pristine cold and very beautiful. All animals of the forest went to the river for quenching their thirst. Elephants bathed in the river and deers hopped to the river to take a quick dip in it.

Kimba walked to the river as he thought that he had grown up and should explore the place by himself. He walked on the bank of the river and ran towards the unexplored territory of the river. There were no animals in sight and Kimba was very happy to be the only one there.

Kimba went into the water, dipped into it and make bubbles. He played in the water for two hours and was completely tired. He felt hungry and decided to catch some fish for a good meal. He got some good fish that he ate quickly but at the same time he saw the tail of an animal which he thought was a big fish.



Kimba decided to attack the big fish and swim home for his father. He leaped onto the tail just to be shocked that it was a crocodile. The crocodile was named Heera and was the most notorious crocodile in the jungle. Heera was sleeping when Kimba leaped onto it. Kimba quickly realized that he had to rush out of the water and save himself.

Heera was angry that Kimba had disturbed his sleep hence he vigorously turned to Kimba and opened his mouth to attack Kimba. Kimba jumped on Heera's back to be away from his jaws. They fought for some time till Kimba turned very weak. At that very moment, the eagle came to rescue Kimba.

The eagles were watching Heera and one of them took the lead and pierced Heera's eye with his beak. This immediately led to Heera losing his eye and getting into the water to remove the burning in his eyes. The eagle quickly picked Kimba with his talons and rescued him. All of them safely returned to Kimba's cave.

The tiger heard the brave and friendly gesture from the eagle's side and thanked them for saving Kimba. Kimba promised to his father that he would never disobey the rules set for him by his father.

## Chapter 6 The happy ending

Kimba grew big and was of 4 years when he decided that he will have to pick the talent of becoming the future king of the jungle. He started to lead various attacks on bad animals that were not obeying the rules of the jungle. The monsoon season had arrived and all animals were looking forward to rainy days. The monsoon that year was higher than ever. The birds had a difficult time safeguarding their nests and little ones. The other animals moved from one place to another to be in a safe place.

Kimba realized that he was safe in the cave while there were other animals in the jungle that were worried about their safety. Kimba decided to help the animals hence he called for a meeting which his father attended too. Kimba mentioned that all animals must make tents from bamboo and hay that can save them if there was a situation that demanded it. The elephants were given the task to collect bamboo and stack them up. The birds were given the task to collect twigs and hay. The monkeys were given the task to make the tent ready with their skills. This activity was completed in one week and there were 10 big tents ready for rescuing animals in case of an emergency.

The next month there was a night when lightning and thunder storm struck the jungle. The river was full and started overflowing. The animals living near the river bank quickly rushed towards the tents. The birds picked their little ones and took shelter in the tent. The elephants took one full tent as their shelter. The animals thanked Kimba for his leadership and intelligence.

Kimba's father was very proud of him and for saving many lives.

The animals moved out of the tents in the morning when the sun came out again and shined brightly on the jungle. The eagles were very proud of their friend Kimba.



## THE GIRL WHO BAKED HER OWN BIRTHDAY CAKE



## Chapter 1

In the north of India, there was a small town named Dholakpur. This town was self sufficient and all villagers were happy living there. This town had a small school, a hospital, a bus station, a grocery market and a few shops for essential items.

A small girl who was 8 years old named Tina was admitted to the school. In the school she saw many books and got interested with the pictures in the books. She read animal stories, history books and travel books. She looked forward to going to school every day in her cycle. One day she reached the school very early and decided to go to the small library which had some books lying on the table.

Her eyes caught the most shiny book which had a colourful cover. When she opened the book, she saw pictures of delicious food items. These pictures looked so good that she started salivating. There were many food items that she had never tasted but she got attracted to the pictures and decided that she wants to have all of them.



## Chapter 2

Tina went home after school and called out to her mother. Her mother's name was Savitri and she was a home maker. Tina told her mother that she had seen some amazing food pictures that her heart wished for. Her mother told her to describe the picture so that she could make some of them for her. Tina had forgotten all the names of the items that she had seen in the book. However, there was one name which she picked and wanted to eat above all other items that she had seen.

Tina told her mother that she wanted to eat a pink cake. Savitri had never eaten a cake nor had heard about it. She told Tina to describe the cake. Tina said that it was pink in colour and had white butter on top of 2 layers of round fluffy dough.

Savitri put her mind into creating something that Tina had described hence she made a dish which closely met Tina's description of the food item. She fried the dough and put beetroot butter on top of the dough and served Tina. Tina at once realized that the dish was not the same as she had seen in the picture so she hesitated to eat it. However, she tasted a little and hated the taste. She was sad that the item had not met her excitement.



## Chapter 3

One day, after school Tina went to meet her English teacher and told her about the picture of the pink cake. She told the teacher that she wished to eat the same. Her teacher heard the instance of her mother making a dough preparation and soon understood that Tina's mother had not made a cake. Since the town was very small, there was no bakery that made cake but the teacher helped Tina with the recipe of the cake.

Tina took the recipe with her and cycled home. She wore an apron and entered the kitchen. She took charge of making the cake and asked her mother for all ingredients. Her mother provided all ingredients that she had and informed Tina of ingredients that she did not have. Since Tina has 7 out of the 10 ingredients she decided to go ahead with preparing the same. Tina's mother was curious to see the outcome and helped Tina at all stages of the baking process. After 1 hour of effort, the dish was ready for eating. The cake looked very close to the picture that Tina had seen in the book hence she got very excited. All family members came to taste the cake and were very happy to eat the sweet flavoured cake with sweetened butter on the top with some nuts and cherry.

Tina took some cake to school for her teacher. The teacher tasted the cake and told Tina that she was a super baker. Tina was very proud of herself and made the same for her friends and family.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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## **BLURB**

A tiger cub playing with birds, ruling the hearts of other animals and growing to be a leader is an engaging story. Look out for how the different situations make a tiger cub grow into a leader.

A small village but a girl with big dreams living in that village, her aspiration to create something that is far away from her reach is a great story of following her passion and outdoing herself.