

## How the Sloth got so Slow

Once, sloths were the opposite to what they are now. They were fast, actually faster than that, they were very fast - no - extremely fast! Somehow they were as fast as a lightning bolt, if they wanted to be. Although, unfortunately, when the world was new and all, their species of sloth was rude and had no respect. Even though they were very rude, they still could be very kind (but that was very rare). O Best Beloved, sloth - furiously fast - was like a cheater today, because he had to be or else he would be lost! Not literally. Whereas, now they have learnt a brand new skill from them. As strange as it seems, but sloths, from older times, were actually very clumsy, they need to be called the clumsy critters. If only they were fast now, sloths would be the next big thing for centuries to come. Until they were extinct! They could be giving lifts in a heartbeat, "This is the sloth line for lifts, how can I help you?" they would be saying. ~~Whenever a sloth was in the world~~ However, wherever a sloth was in the world it would always find a way to be praised on the best rock...

Rather than living in trees and eating delicious leaves, which are probably quite nice, all sloths happily lived on rocks. Small ones big ones any rock they desired, as long as it was the perfect rock, they would live there forever, which is quite a long time. One particular sloth, who we will be talking about, changed his entire species forever! How? You might be asking. Well, I am going to tell you right now. In the deep, dark, forgotten pool, there was a humongous hill with round rocks scattered around it. Even though he was only a little sloth at the time (well, not that little) he got praised by all creatures passing by and by all the animals in the wonderful village, which was big. There were meerkats, little cats and big cats, there were lizards and wonderful wizards. There were snails



and quills and all types of animals. Because all living things didn't want to praise him, home was so calm as a flowing waterfall. Whenever anyone came past he demanded silence then to pray to him, that's why nobody liked him. Although, there was one animal who enjoyed playing with him, can you believe that someone liked him, ~~was anyone~~ let's get back to the story. It was cheater. Unfortunately, cheater was as devious as his name. Their days were just like total, complete and utter mayhem.

The two of them always, I mean always, found an old, dying animal, which was a woman, and speedily bumped into the back of. Since most of the lady animals never come out of their home, very wise, they targeted this poor old lady armadillo. Zoom, they performed every single day, kapow into one lady then into the next. After a while, they <sup>sometimes</sup> got bored and annoy other animals like elephant and giraffe. As they did springing every single day, both of them got faster and faster bumping and crashing into the back of animals. Even if there was no old animals to excitedly bump into, the two of them eventually found their desired animal to rapidly bang into the front/back of. One ordinary day (well it seemed ordinary) cheater and sloth sloth decided to meet up at their usual spot next to the jungle were old lady armadillo lived. When they arrived at her house, they saw that she wasn't there! Where could she be? For the whole afternoon they searched for her but just couldn't find her. After a while, they agreed to split up and find her over the acres of ground.

Suddenly, cheater heard a voice, it was old lady armadillo! Surprisingly, she was talking to God. If only he could hear better <sup>he thought</sup> so he was creeping towards God and old lady armadillo. While he was listening, he heard, "Forgive them. They're ~~not~~ on my property and are bumping into the back of everyone," by armadillo. "Okay, I will speak with them," said God in a low, loud voice. As soon as she came out, cheater hid under a bush. When old lady armadillo had walked out of view, cheater sprinted to God and shouted, "I am so, so deeply sorry master," lied cheater, "I will do better!" "Fine" replied God, "You are free of charge." "Yes," whispered cheater, thankful that God believed him. Walking away with no punishment, he decided to chase after old-lady-armadillo. ~~over things~~ Meanwhile, sloth was still scanning the area for old lady armadillo even though there was no point. Amazingly, sloth was summoned by God, he thought that he had done something well. Unfortunately, he hadn't. God told him about all his wrongs, but sloth furiously fast - didn't care and just strolled away with a bunch of attitude. Sloth didn't know that God had a villainous plan for him.

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foot. The next day, in the night, God put a curse on sloth. Probably, the most terrible curse you could put on him, O Best Beloved what do you think it was. Rather than making him completely different, he put on a curse that made him slow, slower than a snail. Now that the curse was on, all God had to do was wait. Cursing can be a very evil thing but it was the right thing to do for sloth's punishment. He will now walk slow, talk slow and even blink slow! The best part was that he won't even be able to run at all! Sloth - furiously fast - always speedy had to change.

The next morning, sloth woke up not feeling himself (obviously), he decided to look at the clock but his head, which was enormous, moved extremely slowly and when he finally look at the clock, he was late! Today was a very important day because they were going slower than a snail. ~~Once he had managed to turn his head, which took ten minutes, he slowly got out of his rock bed and took his time to walk out of his cave, when he had emerged and arrived, eventually~~ to round <sup>up</sup> all the <sup>old</sup> ladies into a pen and keep them there for a night or two. Also he wanted to do a lap around the world but he noticed he was going slower than a snail. Once he had turned his head, which took ten minutes, he slowly got out of his rock bed and took his time to walk out of his cave. When he had emerged and eventually arrived, cheater wasn't there so he walked all the way to a nearby tree and dimpled up. Just as ever, he got upsidedown and went to sleep, all alone, no friends...