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Once there was a poor washerman. He had a donkey. He was not earning enough to feed the donkey. Day by day, the donkey was becoming thin and weak. The washerman was worried.

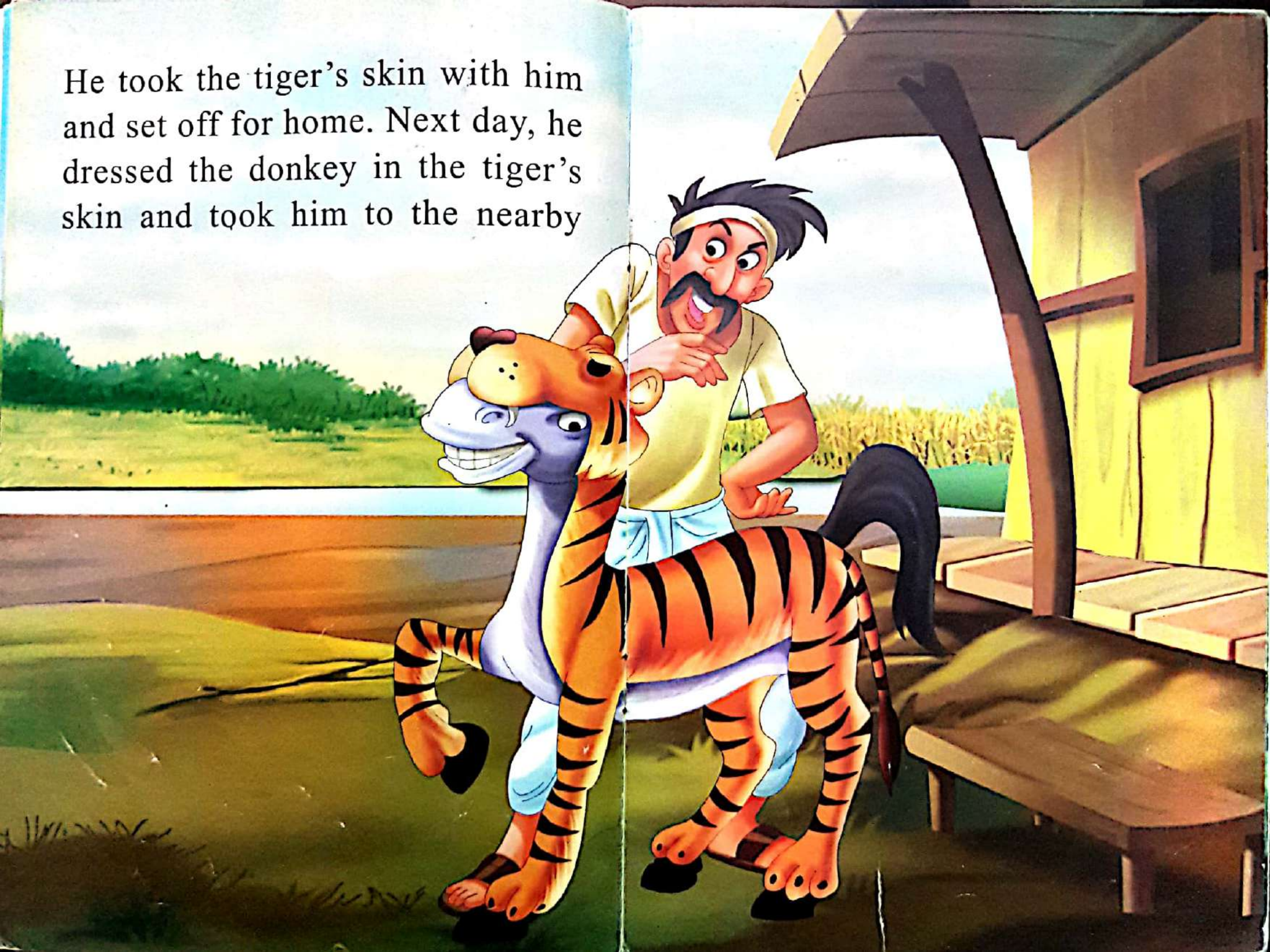


One day, while crossing a forest the washerman found a tiger's skin. He thought, "I will cover the body of my donkey with this skin and send

him to the fields to eat. All will think that he is a tiger and nobody will go near him. As a result, he will grow fat and strong."



He took the tiger's skin with him and set off for home. Next day, he dressed the donkey in the tiger's skin and took him to the nearby



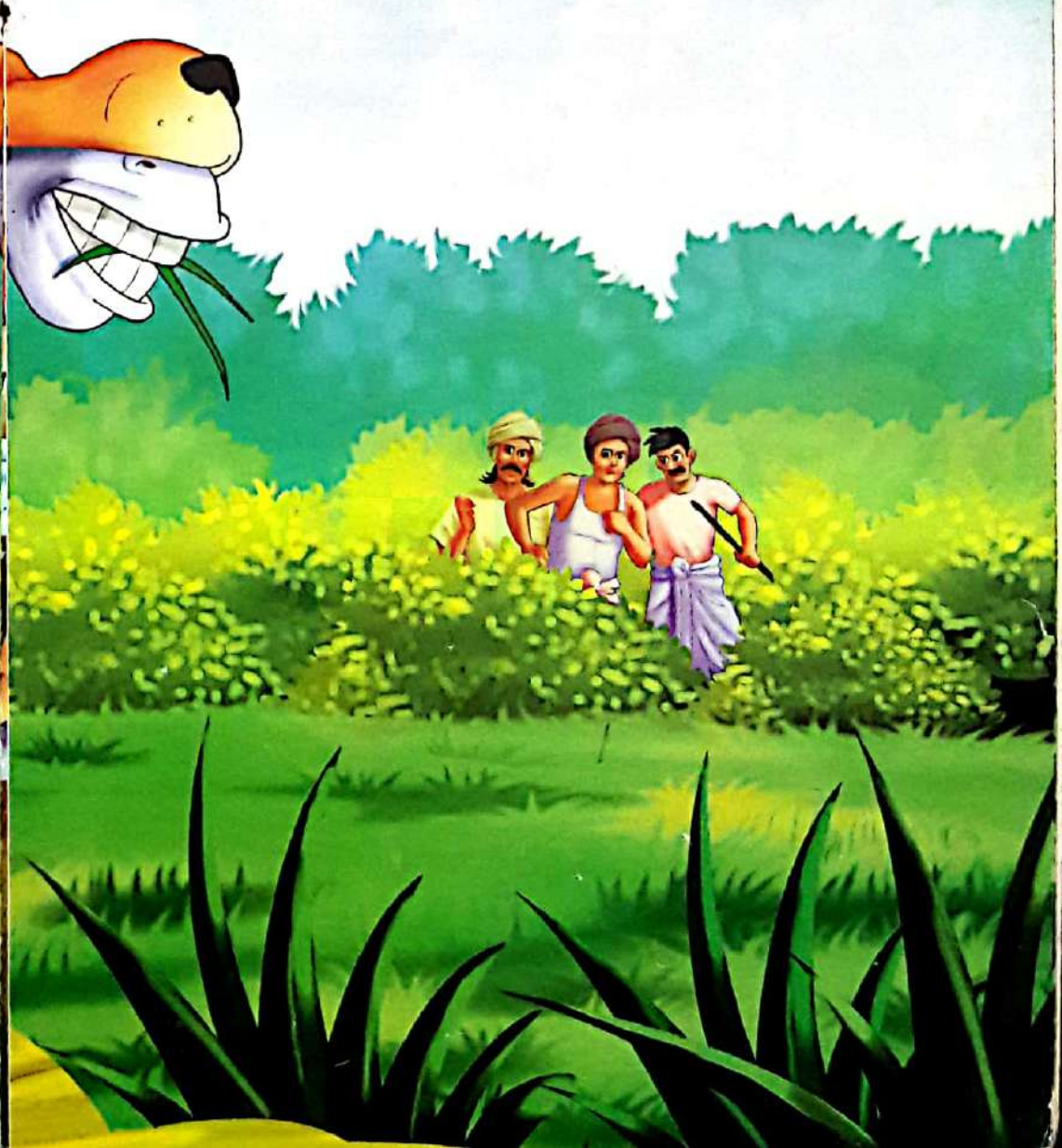
fields. The farmers, who owned the fields thought that a tiger had

come. Scared and nervous, they ran for their life. After a few days, the



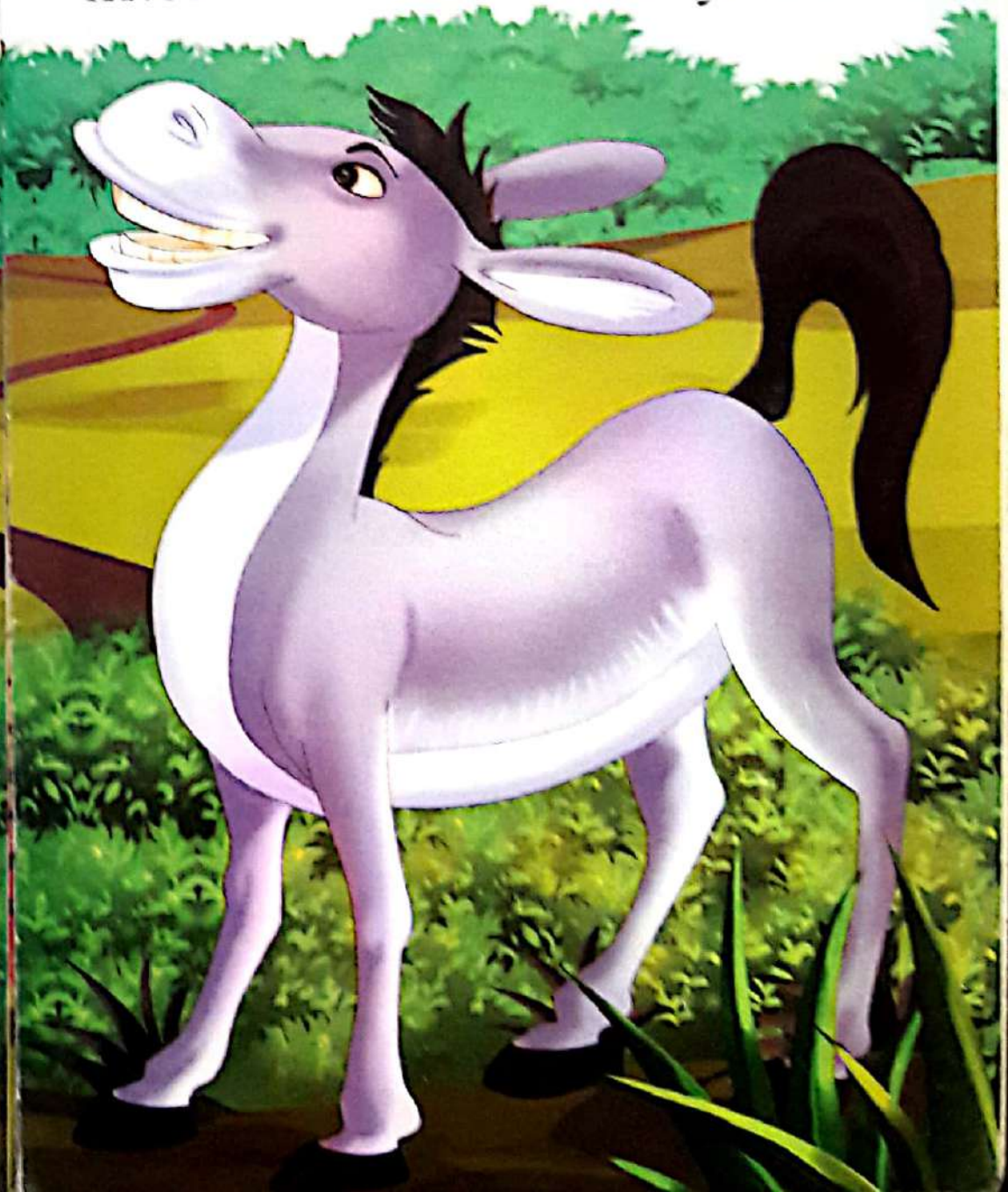
donkey grew fat and stout. He ate a lot of crops everyday. The angry

farmers decided to kill the tiger. One day, the villagers went to the



field with their sticks. The donkey in the tiger's skin was grazing in the field. Suddenly, another

donkey from the nearby field brayed. The washerman's donkey lifted his head and brayed too.



When the farmers heard the braying of the donkey, they were aghast.

They could not control themselves and killed the donkey with their



sticks. The farmer was sad and regretted his decision.

Moral: Think well before acting.

