

**SRI RAMAKRISHNA ASHRAMA INSTITUTE (HIGH SCHOOL)**

**CLASS VII**

**English Literature**

**Mowgli Among The Wolves**

**-Rudyard Kipling**

**Summary of the story:**

It was a warm evening in the Seeonee hills. Father wolf was getting ready to go out to hunt when Tabaqui, the jackal, came by looking for a bone. Tabaqui told Father Wolf and Mother Wolf that Sher Khan, the evil tiger, would hunt in the hills away from his usual territory. The wolves heard Sher Khan jump at a woodcutter's campfire. Then they heard something approaching their den. To their great surprise, it turned out to be not the tiger, but a naked human baby. Mother wolf, who was nursing her four cubs, had never seen a man's cub before. Sher Khan came to the mouth of the cave and demanded his prey. But the wolves refused to give him the man's cub. Mother Wolf, a fierce hunter, claimed the cub and scared away the hungry tiger. She named him Mowgli the frog because of his hairlessness and decided to raise him along with her own cubs. At the Council meeting Akela, the leader of the pack, wanted to know who would support the man cub's entry to the pack. Baloo, the bear and Bagheera, the Black Panther spoke for Mowgli's acceptance into the pack. That is how Mowgli was entered into the Seeonee wolf pack.

**Meanings of Difficult Words:**

- **Despise** – Feel contempt
- **Rags** – Old or tattered clothes
- **Stiffly** – In a manner that is not friendly
- **Scuttled** – Ran hurriedly with short quick steps
- **Rejoicing** – Feeling great joy
- **Thickets** – Dense group of bushes
- **Muttering** – Saying something in a low voice
- **Mumbling** – Speaking in a quiet and indistinct way
- **Savagely** – In a fierce and uncontrolled manner
- **Scrub** – Vegetation consisting of stunted forest growth
- **Thrust** – Advanced forcibly
- **Assuredly** – Confidently
- **Dripping** – Falling in small drops
- **Befit** – Be appropriate for

### **Important Questions and Answers:**

**1. How did Father Wolf come out of sleepiness?**

Ans: Father Wolf scratched himself, yawned and spread out his paws one after the other to get rid of the sleepy feeling in their tips.

**2. Why are the animals afraid of Jackal?**

Ans: The animals are afraid of the Jackal because no other animal in the forest has the tendency to go mad as the Jackal, who then runs through the forest biting everything in his way.

**3. What did Tabaqui say about the tiger?**

Ans: Tabaqui said that the tiger had changed his hunting ground and would hunt in the Seeonee hills for the next moon.

**4. Why did Father Wolf call the tiger a fool?**

Ans: Father Wolf called the tiger a fool because he was making too much noise while hunting.

**5. Describe the 'brown baby' as he came to the Wolves' den?**

Ans: The 'brown baby' could just walk and stood holding a low branch. The baby had no hair like the Wolves and laughed looking up at the Father Wolf.

**6. Why did Akela want the 'man cub' to be in the wolf family?**

Ans: Akela knew that since men and their cubs were very wise, the 'man cub' they found might be a help in time.

### **Homework**

### **Answer the following questions:(to be done in your classwork copy)**

1. Where did the wolves live?
2. Why did wolves of India despise Tabaqui?
3. What made Mother and Father Wolf look comfortable?
4. Where was the whine of a tiger coming from?
5. Why did Sher Khan come to the den of the wolves?
6. How did Sher Khan burn his feet?
7. What did Baloo propose about the man's cub?

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