

## The Zoo

*A lazy man named Kiroku heard that there was a job at a zoo, so he went for a job interview.*

- Sato: Good morning! I'm Mr. Sato, the manager of this zoo.  
Kiroku: Hello, Mr. Sato. What kind of job are you offering?  
Sato: Well, our tiger just died yesterday. He was very popular among kids, so I want you to be the tiger!  
Kiroku: Be the tiger!? How can I be a tiger??  
Sato: Easy! I took the dead tiger's skin, so you can wear it and become a tiger!  
Kiroku: Well... maybe, but I have some working conditions. First, I can start only from 10:00 in the morning.  
Sato: That's fine. The zoo doesn't open until 10:00 am!  
Kiroku: Second, I can't do much physical work.  
Sato: That's okay! You just have to stay in the tiger's cage.  
Kiroku: I don't want to talk to people, though.  
Sato: You better not. You are a tiger!  
Kiroku: Then third, I need to eat and sleep whenever I want.  
Sato: No problem! That's all a tiger does anyway!  
Kiroku: Last of all, I won't work past 4:00 pm.  
Sato: The zoo closes at 4:00 pm. And I'll pay you ten thousand yen a day.  
Kiroku: Hmm. I guess it's not a bad job after all. I'll take it!  
Sato: Great! Here's the tiger skin to put on.

*Kiroku put the skin on and got into the cage.*

- Kiroku: This is a boring job... Oh, what's that? It's an announcement! Children are coming!

Announcement: Ladies and gentlemen! Please gather around the tiger's cage! We have a special event today. The greatest fight between the King of the Savanna and the King of the Jungle! Come and gather around!

- Kiroku: Oh, no. No, no, no! The tiger is me! I didn't hear about that! Ten thousand yen a day isn't good enough for this! I will die! No, no! Don't! Aaaah, the lion is coming! The lion is going to kill me! No! No! Help me!!

*The cage opened and the lion came in. As it came closer to Kiroku, the lion suddenly whispered in his ear, "Don't worry. It's just me, Mr. Sato!"* (343wds)