

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)