The lion’s share

A fox and a donkey went hunting with a lion. After a tremendous chase the three of them killed a stag. Now came the time to divide the meat. The lion said, ‘Donkey, you share it out.’

The donkey gave a third to the lion, a third to the fox and kept a third for himself. ‘There. That’s fair.’

The lion looked at the portions before him and – BAM! – quick as a flash the donkey was dead. The lion: ‘Now, fox, it’s your turn. I wonder if you can do better.’

The fox said, ‘See this big heap? It’s yours. See this tiny one? It’s mine.’

‘Very good,’ said the lion. ‘Tell me: why did you share this way?’

‘I was taught by a good teacher,’ said the fox.

‘Oh yes?’ Said the lion. ‘Who was your teacher?’

The fox said, ‘The donkey.’