

## THE CRICKET MATCH

One day while all the animals were gathered together trying to find something to do, Bo Lion said "Let's have a cricket match."

Now, Bo Lion always took advantage of the others and they were afraid of him so they decided to play cricket.

Bo Lion said, "I will be one captain and Bo Monkey will be the other."

Bo Monkey agreed and they started to pick the teams.

Bo Lion picked Bo Tiger.

Bo Monkey picked Bo Elephant.

Bo Lion picked Bo Jaguar.

Bo Monkey said he wanted no one else on his team.

Everyone was surprised and told him, "Don't be so foolish. Pick your full team." Even Bo Elephant could not make him change his mind.

Bo Monkey smiled and told Bo Lion, "Make sure you have your full team of eleven." Everyone was eager to join Bo Lion's team.

Bo Lion then picked eight more of the strongest animals he could get.

Meanwhile, Bo Monkey could be seen talking to Bo Elephant who was nodding his big head.

The Umpires were Bo Alligator and Bo Snake.

The captains tossed to decide who would bat first. Bo Lion won but he asked Bo Monkey to go in.

Bo Lion's team went on the field and he put himself as the first bowler.

Bo Monkey put Bo Elephant to face the bowling.

Bo Lion took a sprint and pelted a fast ball.

Bo Elephant made an off-drive with his trunk and they scored one run.

Bo Monkey now faced the bowling.

Bo Lion came down the road and pelted the ball. He laughed as he scattered Bo Monkey's wickets.

The grandstand clapped and roared. Bo Lion's team was bound to win as they had to score only two runs.

The Umpires went out again.

Then Bo Monkey and Bo Elephant went in to field – to the jeers of the crowd.







Bo Monkey took his place behind the wickets and Bo Elephant took the ball.

Bo Lion was busy with the pretty girls so he sent Bo Tiger and Bo Deer to bat. Bo Tiger faced the bowler.

Bo Monkey shouted, "Come down, Elly."

Bo Elephant held the ball in his trunk and flung it with great force at Bo Tiger and hit him on the head. Bo Tiger dropped on the ground like a log of wood and had to be lifted and taken away.

The score was: One wicket for no run – But nobody was worried.

Bo Jaguar went in to bat. Bo Elephant bowled, and hit him on the head and he was knocked out.

The score was now: Two wickets for no run. There was some chattering in the grand stand.

Bo Panther went in. Bo Elephant bowled and knocked him out also.

The score was now: Three wickets for no run. And everyone was worried. They begged Bo Lion to go in but he saw what was happening and refused to do so.

The rest of the batsmen went in one after the other and all got knocked out.

The score was now nine wickets for no run. Bo Lion was the only batsman to go in but he made excuses saying he had a belly-ache.

Bo Monkey said, "Bo Lion, come out and take your innings!"

From the grand stand Bo Lion pleaded, "Bo Monkey, I give up, you win the match!"

Bo Monkey shouted to Bo Elephant, "Elly, bowl him where he is!"

By now, everyone was laughing at Bo Lion who had proved himself a coward. They cheered Bo Monkey and Bo Elephant.

(Crick-crack, Monkey break his back in the hamsack.)