







I was lying on the beach. That was what I used to do every day, between 7 am and 11 am, before I met the king.

That day, the weather was bad. I could see a ship being tossed by the waves.

The sailors threw many things overboard, to lighten the ship. They even threw away their heavy cannons. There were many of them. I counted over 40 cannons. But regardless of what they threw, the ship continued to sink.

The sailors were very scared. They were looking for a better way to save themselves. As time went by, fewer people had hopes of surviving the storm.

A man stood up in the ship. He was wearing a crown. He took his crown off and threw it into the water. He said, "Take my crown grandfather." The crown sank out of sight.

At once, the waves calmed down.

The ship then approached the shore. The king was the first to jump off. He waded towards me. He pointed at me and asked the ship's captain, "What is that animal lying there?"

The captain said, "That is a lion." All the sailors in the ship were very afraid. They said, "It's a scary creature. Look at its teeth."

I roared, "I am not a lion. Lions are found in Africa and India. There are many lions there, as well as other creatures." Stressing my identity, I added, "I am a tiger, or probably some other species of wild cat." But they could not understand me because, being an animal, I did not speak good English.

The king said, "I am impressed with that lion. I will name this place 'Singapura', the Lion City."

I slunk away. I was a native and I did not want to be associated with this foreigner. I decided to look for some sheep to eat.

The king said, "I will build my city here in order to trade with China." He then waved at me and said, "You are the first lion I have ever seen. I will never forget your striking body, which has black and orange stripes. What an odd lion you are."

I repeated, "That's because I am not a lion. I am a tiger or some other species of wild cat. With regard to this region, there are no records of lions being seen here." But he could not understand me. The reason was that I could not speak good English.

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