



# It's a Man-Cub

人类的孩子

It was early evening in the Seeonee Hills in Central India. Father Wolf woke up. He scratched himself and stretched his long legs.

“Oh, it’s a good evening for hunting!” he yawned.

Mother Wolf lay next to him. She was feeding her four cubs.\*

cub 指的是狐狸、熊、狮子等肉食动物的“幼崽”。

Suddenly, they heard the angry whine of a hungry tiger!

“It’s that fool, Shere Khan!” said Father Wolf.

“How does he expect to catch anything when he makes so much noise?”

“He has a bad leg,” said Mother Wolf.

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too + 形容词 + to + 动词原形：太……无法……

- He’s too slow to hunt buffalo.  
他太慢了，猎捕不到水牛。
- James was too young to enter school.  
詹姆士年纪太小了，不能上学。

“He’s too slow to hunt buffalo. The village people ☀ are angry because he kills their cows. But I think he’s hunting man, not animal, tonight! The Law of the Jungle says that we must not kill man. If we do, men with big guns will come to hunt us. Then we will all be in danger!”

- central 中央的
- wake up 醒来 (wake – woke – woken)
- scratch 抓, 挠
- stretch (腿等) 伸展、伸开
- hunt 打猎
- yawn 打哈欠

- lie 躺 (lie – lay – lain)
- whine (狗、狼等的) 悲嚎
- expect to + 动词原形 期待……
- make much noise 发出很多噪音
- buffalo 水牛 (复数形式是 buffalo 或 buffaloes)
- in danger 陷入危险





They could hear Shere Khan getting closer and closer. Father Wolf rushed out of the cave to defend his home.

Something was moving in the nearby bushes! He got ready to attack.

Suddenly, a baby stood in front of him.

- get closer and closer 逐渐靠近
- rush out of 突然冲出……
- defend 保卫
- nearby 周围；附近
- bush 灌木丛
- get ready 准备好
- attack 攻击
- hold onto 抓住……

- fall over ( 绊 ) 倒，摔倒
- pick... up 捡起……
- lay... down 放下……，放 ( lay - laid - laid )
- naked 裸体的
- bold 大胆的
- suckle 吮吸



“Man!” he cried. “It’s a man-cub!”

The baby’s little legs were not very strong. He was holding onto a low branch so he wouldn’t fall over. The baby laughed and looked up at Father Wolf.

“Is that a man-cub?” asked Mother Wolf. “I’ve never seen one before. Bring him to me.”

Father Wolf gently picked him up in his huge mouth. Then he carried him into the cave, and laid him down next to his own cubs.

“Oh, how little, naked and bold he is!” said Mother Wolf softly.

The little baby began to suckle like the little cubs.

“Oh, look!” she said. “He’s taking his meal with the others.”



Suddenly, the large head of the tiger, Shere Khan, appeared in the cave!

“So, you have the man-cub!” he growled. “Give him to me, he’s mine!”

“No!” said Father Wolf. “We only take orders from<sup>1</sup> the Leader of our Pack! We want to keep him. But if we want to kill him, we will kill him!”

The angry tiger’s roar echoed like thunder around the cave.

Mother Wolf sprang forward! She was ready to protect her cubs.

Her two large green eyes blazed like fire in the moonlight.

<sup>1</sup> take orders from... 听……的命令

We only take orders from the Leader of our Pack!

我们只听兽群领袖的命令!



“The man-cub is mine,” she howled. “He will not be killed. He will learn the Law of the Jungle. He will run and hunt with the Pack!”

- appear 出现
- growl (动物等) 低声咆哮
- pack (同种类的) 一群动物
- roar 咆哮；吼叫
- echo around 在……回响
- thunder 打雷

- spring forward 向前跳 (spring – sprang – sprung)
- protect 保护，守护
- blaze 发光
- in the moonlight 在月光下
- howl (狗、狼等) 嚎叫





The tiger backed out of the cave.

He was no match for an angry Mother Wolf.<sup>1</sup>

“What will the Pack say about the man-cub?” he growled. “He is mine, and I will have him in the end!”

Then he turned and limped off into the jungle.

<sup>1</sup> be no match for... 不是……的对手

He was no match for an angry Mother Wolf.

他不是发怒的狼妈妈的对手。

<sup>2</sup> rule against... 做出反对……的决定，做出不利于……的裁决

Will you still keep him if they rule against you?

如果他们反对你的决定，你还会留着他吗？



“He’s right, Mother,” said Father Wolf.

“He must be shown to the Pack. Will you still keep him if they rule against you?”<sup>2</sup>

“Yes, he is mine. I’ll call him Mowgli! He’ll be a brother to our four sons!”

□back out of 退出……

□in the end 最后

□limp off into 跛着消失在……

□be shown to 给……看

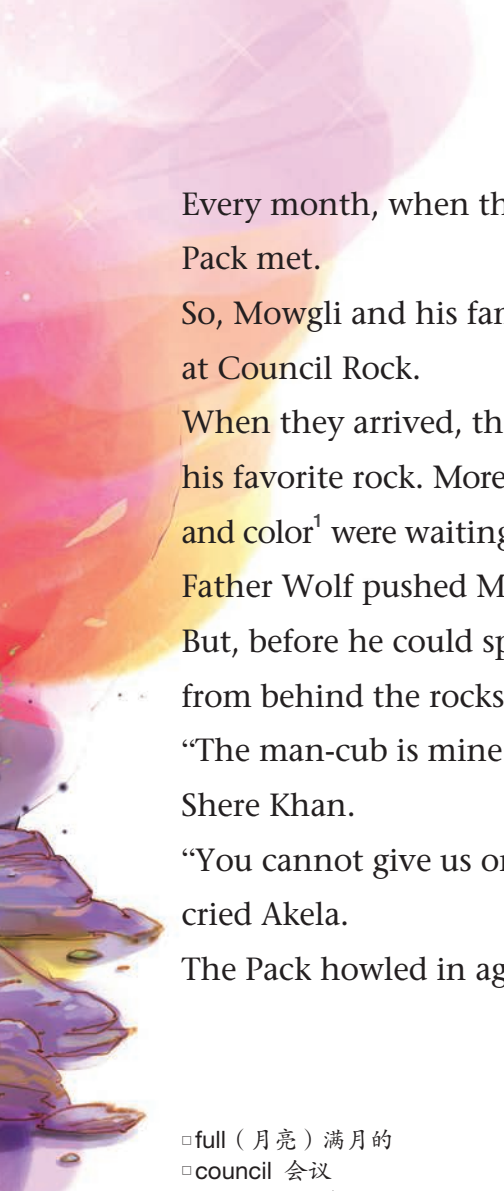
□still 仍然，尽管

□brother to ……的兄弟









Every month, when the moon was full, the Wolf Pack met.

So, Mowgli and his family went to the next meeting at Council Rock.

When they arrived, their leader, Akela, lay on top of his favorite rock. More than forty wolves of every size and color<sup>1</sup> were waiting to hear him speak.

Father Wolf pushed Mowgli forward.

But, before he could speak, there was a loud roar from behind the rocks.

“The man-cub is mine. Give him to me!” cried Shere Khan.

“You cannot give us orders. We are Free People!” cried Akela.

The Pack howled in agreement.

□ full (月亮) 满月的

□ council 会议

□ more than 多于, …… 以上 (= over)

□ push... forward 向前推……

□ loud 吵闹的, (声音) 大的

□ in agreement 一致地, 共同地

<sup>1</sup> of every size and color 体形和体色各异的

More than forty wolves of every size and color were waiting to hear him speak.

40多只大大小小、五颜六色的狼正等着听他讲话。



“Who speaks for the man-cub?” asked Akela.  
Baloo, the sleepy brown bear, stepped forward.  
He was the only other animal allowed to attend the meetings.

“I do, I speak for the little man-cub,” he said. “He’s harmless. Let him run with the Pack. I will teach him the Law of the Jungle!”

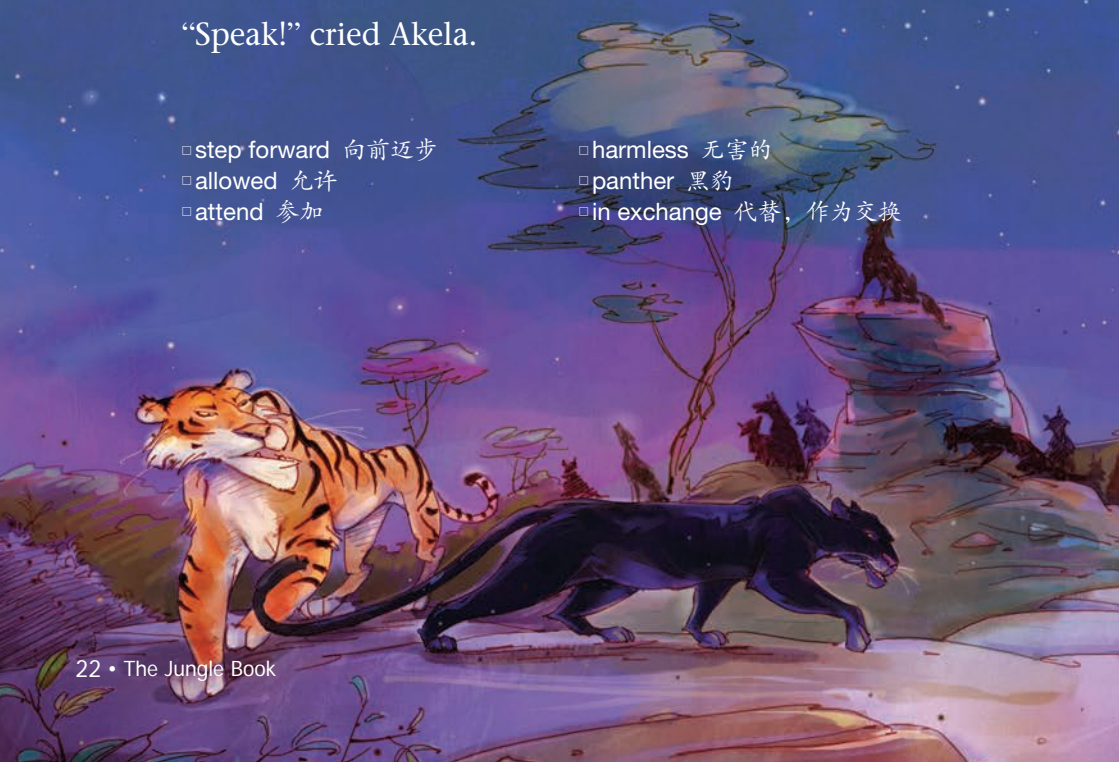
“Will anyone else speak for the man-cub?”  
A black shadow dropped down from a nearby tree.  
It was Bagheera the Black Panther. He was clever and bold.

“Akela, may I speak?” he said softly.

“Speak!” cried Akela.

- step forward 向前迈步
- allowed 允许
- attend 参加

- harmless 无害的
- panther 黑豹
- in exchange 代替，作为交换





“It is wrong to kill the man-cub,” said Bagheera. “Let him live with the Pack. And in exchange I will kill a bull for Shere Khan to eat!”

“Listen to Bagheera,” shouted the Pack. “We accept the man-cub!”

“Men and their cubs are wise,” said Akela. “This man-cub will grow up to be strong. Then perhaps he will help us. Now, take him away and teach him well!”

And that is how Mowgli became a member of the Seeonee Wolf Pack.

❓ 谁没有帮莫格里说话？

- a. Baloo.
- b. Bagheera.
- c. Shere Khan.

答案：c





# Check-up Time!

## • WORDS

在方框中选出合适的单词，填入空格内，完成句子。

stretched	howled	laid	rushed
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1. He woke up and \_\_\_\_\_ his long legs.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ the man-cub down next to his own cubs.
3. The wolves \_\_\_\_\_ loudly in agreement.
4. Father Wolf \_\_\_\_\_ out of the cave to defend his home.

## • STRUCTURE

选择合适的单词完成句子。

1. Shere Khan is \_\_\_\_\_ slow to hunt buffalo.  
☐ too      ☐ so
2. Father Wolf got ready \_\_\_\_\_ the tiger.  
☐ to attack    ☐ attacking
3. It is wrong \_\_\_\_\_ the man-cub.  
☐ to kill      ☐ killed

## ANSWERS

WORDS | 1. stretched 2. laid 3. howled 4. rushed  
STRUCTURE | 1. too 2. to attack 3. to kill

## • COMPREHENSION

下列叙述与正文相符的标T，不符的标F。

1. Mother Wolf was no match for Shere Khan. ☐ T ☐ F

2. Every month, when the moon was full,  
the Wolf Pack met. ☐ T ☐ F

3. Baloo was the only other animal allowed to attend  
the meetings. ☐ T ☐ F

4. Bagheera said he would kill a bull for Akela. ☐ T ☐ F

## • SUMMARY

在所给的选项中选出合适的单词，填入括号内，完成短文。

One evening in Central India, Father Wolf found a man-cub.  
(     ), the tiger, was hunting him and wanted him back. But  
Mother Wolf wanted to keep him and call him (     ). Later  
the family went to Council Rock to attend the Pack (     ).  
The wolves agreed to accept the man-cub as a (     ) of their  
Pack.

- a. meeting                      b. Mowgli  
c. Shere Khan                d. member

## ANSWERS

COMPREHENSION 1. F 2. T 3. T 4. F SUMMARY 1. c, b, a, d



# Mowgli Learns the Law of the Jungle

莫格利学习“森林法则”

For ten years Mowgli lived with the four wolf cubs and their parents.

Baloo and Bagheera taught him everything about the Laws of the Jungle.

He learned the meaning of every movement in the grass, and of every bird song.

He knew why a little fish splashed in the water, or a bat scratched in the trees above him.

Baloo showed Mowgli how to call the animals of the jungle.

“Say the words for the Hunting People,” said Baloo.

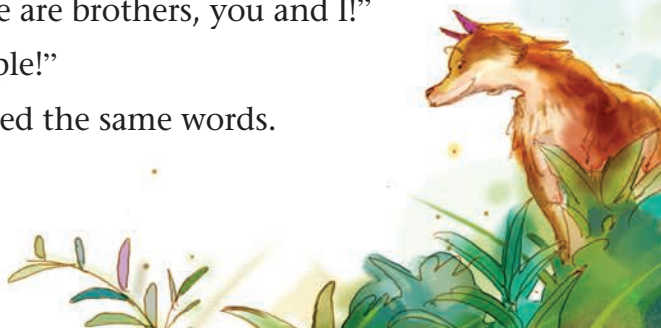
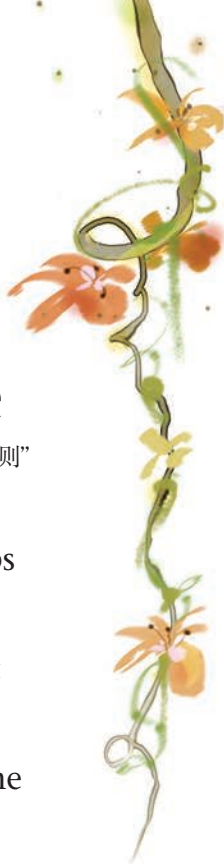
“We are brothers, you and I!” muttered Mowgli.

“Now, say it for the Snake People!” demanded Baloo.

Mowgli hissed, “We are brothers, you and I!”

“Now the Bird People!”

And Mowgli whistled the same words.



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- movement 动作  
□ splash (水中) 溅起  
□ mutter 嘟囔, 自言自语  
□ snake 蛇  
□ demand 要求  
□ hiss 发出嘶嘶声  
□ whistle (动物) 发出刺耳的声音;  
吹口哨

Bagheera taught Mowgli how to climb trees to pick nuts to eat. And Baloo showed him how to collect honey from the beehives.

“You don’t always have to eat meat, Mowgli. Honey<sup>1</sup> is sweet and delicious,” he said.

Bagheera taught him to run fast and swim well.

“You will need to be a quick runner if Shere Khan is after you!” he said. “And he doesn’t like getting wet, so you’ll be safe in the water!”

- nut 坚果
- collect 收集
- beehive 蜂巢
- be after 追赶
- safe 安全的
- stay away from 远离……
- cattle (复数形式是原形) 牛







Mowgli also learned to hunt only when he was hungry. But Baloo taught him the most important lesson of all.

“Stay away from the man village,” he growled. “Or they will kill you to protect their cattle!” ❄

<sup>1</sup> not always (部分否定形式) 不总是……  
You don't always have to eat meat, Mowgli.  
你不必总是吃肉，莫格利。

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or放在祈使句后，表示“否则”。

- “Stay away from the man village,” he growled. “Or they will kill you to protect their cattle!”  
“离人类的村子远一点儿，”他咆哮着说，“否则他们会为了保护他们的牛群而杀掉你！”
- Hurry up, or you'll miss the train.  
快点儿，否则你会赶不上火车。



Baloo was a strict teacher, and sometimes Mowgli was a bad pupil.

He got bored with so many lessons.<sup>1</sup>

“Pay attention, Mowgli!” cried Baloo.

When Mowgli didn't, Baloo would lightly slap him.<sup>2</sup>

But Mowgli didn't like being punished. So he ran away many times.

When he ran away, Mowgli went to play with the Bandar-log. They were a group of naughty monkeys.

One day, Baloo and Bagheera found Mowgli with them.

“Why do you play with them?” demanded Baloo, angrily.

- strict 严格的
- pupil 弟子，学生
- pay attention 注意
- lightly 轻地
- slap 打

- punish 惩罚
- naughty 调皮的，淘气的
- angrily 愤怒地
- control 指挥，控制
- obey 遵守，服从

<sup>1</sup> get bored with... 厌烦……  
He got bored with so many lessons.  
有这么多东西需要学习，他厌烦了。

<sup>2</sup> would + 动词原形 （过去的习惯）做……  
When Mowgli didn't, Baloo would lightly slap him.  
每次莫戈里不专心，巴鲁都会轻轻打他。



“Because they never punish me!” cried Mowgli.

“And they are always happy and kind.”

“Listen to me,” growled Baloo. “They have no leader to control them. They do not obey the law. Nobody speaks to them. Don’t go near them again! Now, let us return home.”

As Baloo, Bagheera and Mowgli hurried through the jungle, the Bandar-log quietly watched them from the trees.