

**550 BC**

**AESOP'S FABLES**

**THE SHIPWRECKED IMPOSTOR**

**Aesop**

Aesop (620-560 BC) - A Greek writer and/or collector of fables about whose life little is known. He is said to have been born a slave and later released, but many believe he is a legendary figure. Aesop's Fables are animal stories with moral lessons, many of which are from Oriental and ancient sources dated hundreds of years before his time. The Shipwrecked Impostor (550 BC) - "A liar deceives no one but himself."

***THE SHIPWRECKED IMPOSTOR***

The shipwrecked Chimpanzee had been clinging for a long time to a slender spar, when a Dolphin came up and offered to carry him ashore. This kind proposition was immediately accepted, and, as they moved along, the Chimp commenced to tell the Fish many marvelous tales, every one of them a bundle of falsehoods. "Well, well, you are indeed an educated chap," said the Dolphin in admiration. "My schooling has been sadly neglected, as I went to sea when but a week old." Just then they entered a large bay, and the Dolphin, referring to it, said, "I suppose you know Herring Roads?" The chimp, taking this for the name of a fellow, and not wishing to appear ignorant, replied: "Do I know Rhodes? Well, I should almost think so! He's an old college chum of mine, and related to our family by-" This was too much for the Dolphin, who immediately made a great leap, and then diving quickly, left the impostor in the air for an instant before he splashed back and disappeared. A liar deceives no one but himself.

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