

The Ram and the Wolf

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Once upon a time there were two rams, one plumb and chubby; and the other delicate and bony. The chubby goat was always boasting of his strength and beauty compared to the thin one. One day a hungry wolf found them grazing and asked the chubby goat:

-What are those on your head?

And the goat answered:

-Those are my horns, I use them to scratch my skin.

Then the wolf asked him:

-What are those in your mouth?

-These are my teeth, I use them to chew the grass when I'm hungry.

Then the wolf attacked him and devoured him bit by bit!

The next day, the wolf came and saw the thin and bony goat grazing. He said 'good morning' but the goat didn't answer. The wolf came forward and asked:

-Hey you, what are those on your head?

And he answered:

-Those are my horns that I will attack you with and slash your belly open and shred your intestines!

-And what are those in your mouth?

-These are my sharp teeth that will devour you and gorge your eyes out if you come near me!

The wolf was so scared that he immediately ran away never to be seen in that neighbourhood again.

10. Ein Al Shoara is a village near Mount Hermon in the Qatana governorate, 65 kilometers away from Damascus and at 1450 meters above sea level.