



*'I will have him between my teeth in the end!'*

'But what will our Pack say?' said Father Wolf.

The Law of the Jungle says: When cubs can stand on their feet, the father has to bring them in front of the Pack. The other wolves have to see them and know them. After that, the Pack will look after the cubs, and nobody can hurt them.



Father Wolf took his cubs and Mowgli and Mother Wolf to the meeting place on the top of the mountain. The Leader of the Pack at that time was Akela, the great grey wolf. From his high place, Akela looked down at about forty wolves. The cubs played in the centre.

A father or mother pushed a cub into the open place below Akela. Then the Leader of the Pack called, 'You know the Law. Look well, Wolves! Look well!'

The wolves looked at cub after cub. Sometimes one of the older wolves looked carefully at a cub, and then went quietly back to his place.

When it was time, Father Wolf pushed 'Mowgli the Frog' into the open place. The child sat there. He laughed and played happily.

Akela never moved his head. He called again, 'Look well, Wolves! Look well!'

A loud noise came from behind the wolves – it was Shere Khan. He roared loudly, 'The cub is mine. Give him to me. Why do you want a man's cub?'

Akela did not move his ears. He said, 'Look well, brave Wolves! Don't listen to Shere Khan. Look well!'

Most of the wolves shut their ears to the tiger. But one young wolf said, 'But why do we want a man's cub?'

The Law of the Jungle says: When a wolf doesn't want a new cub in the Pack, two other wolves have to speak for it. They cannot be its father and mother.

'Who is going to speak for this cub?' said Akela.