

Obey the law or be damned

Meaning: It stands for acts and deeds which are banned or prohibited. One who breaks the ban usually gets into trouble

Alternatives: Freedom has its limits. Everything has a price.

Illustrative Story

Adam was the first man. God presented him the garden of Eden and told him, "This is all yours

Here you live happily. All your needs will be readily met." "Thank you, Oh God!" Adam expressed his gratitude.

Come along.." God led Adam all around the Garden"

A spring gushed with clear water and fed the stream which ran round the Garden.

The water cascaded down slopes and produced musical notes. Giant trees lined the stream. The trees were laden with delicious fruits.

This is the best place to live. But.*. . " God stopped near a tree, pointed out the tree and its solitary " "I forbid you from tasting that fruit"fruit.

Adam sighed, in relief. This was small price, indeed. For there was a rich variety of fruits in the Garden. He could have them. So why bother about the forbidden fruit? He assured God

"Never, Oh God! Never shall I go anywhere near the forbidden fruit"

Good," said God"

"Too much of comfort made life boring for Adam. He appealed to God, "Give me a companion

God agreed and created Eve. The two, Adam and Eve, lived together happily.

One day, Eve was out on a stroll when she heard someone calling her. She looked all around and saw a snake.

which hung from the branch of a tree. It pointed to the forbidden fruit and said, "can't understand "why you have not tasted the fruit on yonder tree.

God told Adam not to go near the fruit," Eve replied"

It is the tastiest of all fruits. But alas, it is not for Adam and you. It is unfair on the part of God to lay " "such a condition.

the snake sowed the seed of discontent in Eve's mind.

I will go to Adam and ask him to taste the fruit," Eve ran back to her man"

Adam protested, "How can we do that? We owe everything to God's kindness, if we disobey Him, He will become angry.

"He will drive us out of the Garden of Eden. And we will never know peace.

I thought you were bold," Eve sneered"

Adam went into a sulk. Eve distanced herself from him. Adam thought she would relent. But she did not.



Every time he tried to buy peace, she taunted, "You lack guts." That was an insult. How could he clear himself of the insult.

He decided, finally, to taste the forbidden fruit and prove to Eve that he was bold and could be defiant.

He did that. God got the news. He turned Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden.

And thus began the troubles and the pains which afflict the mankind till today.

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