

The cow and the small creature



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Have you ever felt that you don't belong in your family? Well this cow does. The cow's name is Cole and he lives in a beautiful forest in Scotland called the Dornoch Forest. This forest is quite unique because in the autumn crystals grow and on the day of the full moon the crystals starts to light. This day was Cole's favorite day in the year except Guddah which is the day when all the calves get presents. Cole liked almost all important days, but there was one that he hated the most. This day was called St Celeb's day. St Celeb's day is the day they celebrate an important warrior who lead the cows to the champions for the first time. Cows celebrate this day by eating good food like hay and beans and they also celebrate with fights between the calves. My brother Chad is the one with the muscles and I am the thin one. I can't find a muscle on my body and that is why I always lose. The winner becomes the most loved one, I know it is unfair but it is how it is.

The day of the full moon Cole was walking in the forest near the river. He walked around admiring the crystals while thinking of how to win against his brother. When he looked besides some crystals he saw small creatures jumping around. These creatures were very odd, Cole had never seen something like them before. He observed them carefully. He went closer and closer when suddenly.. "What are you looking at?" said a voice behind him. He turned around and saw a little creature. He didn't know what to say so he just stood there. "I have been looking at you for a while and I can see that there is something you are thinking really hard of" said the little creature.

"Well, there is this tradition where the children are fighting each other and the one that wins gets the love of the family. My brother wins every time because of his muscles.

"Don't you have any muscles?" asked the creature

Cole dragged in his skin, looking very frustrated.

"Do you see any muscles on my body, look at this there is only flesh".

"But, can't you win another way?"

Cole's face lightened up and he started running, running home. Cole could fight Chad using his head instead of his muscles which he didn't have. There was only a few hours until the fight. Cole had tried to find out how to win for a long time, then suddenly he got an idea.

"Yes, yes I know how" shouted Cole as loud as he could.

He had finally found out how to win. He was going to use his knowledge in science and physics. Now there was time to fight. Cole was really nervous, but he was focused on his knowledge in science and physics.

"You are gonna lose again" said Chad while laughing.

Cole didn't care because he was gonna do the best he could to win this. The person who wins most rounds out of three wins.

"Scrachhh" that was the sound of the start signal. He could see Chad running towards him but it was like everything went slowly. He thought that this is his chance so he ran towards Chad taking the hand that was meant for his face and took his foot behind his brother's feet and kicked. Chad fell down. Cole had never been happier than right now when he got the taste of success.

Round two was much harder because Chad was now very mad. Chad was running towards Cole so fast that he didn't react when Chad hit him in the stomach. Cole could see that Chad was very happy now by the time he fell down on the ground. Now there was the final round, Cole thought about ways to get Chad down. The final round had started.

Chad was running towards him, but Cole was able to step aside in the second he got there. Cole turned around and sled 90 degrees and grabbed Chad's foot and dragged him down. Cole was so happy that he had won after all these years of losing. He jumped around screaming.

"I won, I won" screamed Cole.

Happier than this had Cole never been, because he proved to himself that to win was not only a matter of muscle strength. He could win by using the strength of his mind. Cole continued this and after time became the best warrior of the cows. Maybe one day they will have a day that celebrates him. The day could be called St Cole the Cow - day.



(Cole the cow)