

The Fox and the Grapes

attributed to Aesop

One day, a Fox spied a clump of ripe grapes hanging from a vine high above his head. The grapes looked juicy and delicious, and the Fox's mouth watered as he looked at them. The fox could not reach the grapes, so he tried to jump for them. The first time he jumped he missed it by a long way. So he took a running leap, only to fall short once more. Again and again he tried, but at last he gave up in frustration. He eyed the grapes and finally said, "I'm sure those things are sour anyway."