

Deep in the forest there lived a wolf who was thin and weak from hunger. That winter, food was scarce and he shivered from the cold every night.



One day the wolf came upon a house dog passing by on his way to a neighboring village.
"Hello cousin," barked the dog, "why do you look so hungry?"



The wolf explained that he could not find food in the forest. The dog shook his head.
“I have a warm bed at night, food given to me every day and good work to do for my master!
Why would you choose to live out in the wild like this?”



The wolf said he wanted badly to live in a house in the village, if only he could find a master.
“Come with me,” said the dog, “my master will take you in, and we’ll live comfortably together.”
But as they set off, the wolf noticed something strange...



The wolf noticed that the dog's fur was matted and worn all around his neck.
"Oh, that's nothing," said the dog. "That's where my collar goes so they can keep me chained up at night."

"Is that so?" said the wolf, "then goodbye to you, my cousin."
And the wolf disappeared back into the forest.

