35. *The Tiger and the Fox.*

When man first went a hunting and all animals flew before him to the most retired thickets, the Tiger alone resumed a courage, and bidding them not to be afraid, said, that he alone would engage the enemy, and so at once settle all hostilities, by his valour and strength. In the midst of these threats, while he was tearing up the ground for anger, a skilful Archer came into the woods, pierced his arrow into the Tiger's ribs, which hung by its barbed point in his side. He set up a loud roar, occasioned by the anguish he felt, and endeavoured to draw out the painful dart with his teeth; when the Fox, approaching him, inquired with an air of surprise, who it was that could have strength and courage enough to wound so severely such a mighty and valourous beast! — „Ah!" says the Tiger, „Indeed I have not seen him, and was mistaken in my reckoning, but apparently it was invincible man.

Application.

With prudence and knowledge we easily find means to overpower a strong adversary. Man, by far inferiour to most animals in bodily strength, governs them all by his understanding. Thus, a single genius may guide a thousand fools according to his will.

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