

Completing stories:

\*\*\*\*\* (01) A Thirsty Crow/Where There is a Will, There is a Way. (D.B -10, J.B-11, 23, R.B-10, 20, B.B-12, Ch. B-12, 16, C.B-12, Din.B-13, 23, S.B-17,20)

\*\*\*\*\* (02) A Liar Cowboy/A Liar Shepherd/Nobody Believes a Liar (C.B-09, D.B-16, R.B-17, B.B-17)

\*\*\*\*\* (03) Robert Bruce/Failures are the Pillars of Success (D.B-20, Ch. B-19, R.B-16, Din.B-16)

\*\*\*\*\* (04) The Honesty of a Woodcutter (C.B-11, Ch. B-09, D.B-12, C.B-20)/The Honesty of a School Boy (S.B-08, Din.B-10, B.B-15, D.B-23)/The Honesty of a Rickshaw Puller (C.B-23)

\*\*\*\*\* (05) Two Friends and a Bear/A Friend in Need is a Friend Indeed (D.B-11, 13, J.B-13, Din.B-11, S.B-11, B.B-10, R.B-08)

\*\*\*\*\* (06) Bayazid's Devotion to Mother (S.B-09, B.B-11, 16, Din.B-15, C.B-15)

\*\*\*\*\* (07) A Farmer and his Three Quarrelsome Sons/Unity is Strength (R.B-11,15, C.B-07, 17, S.B-12,15)

\*\*\*\*\* (08) Sheikh Saadi in a Very Simple Dress/Dress Does Not Make a Man Great (J.B-12, Ch. B-15, M.B-20)

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The crow continued its search and found a pitcher to drink water. But there was a little water at the bottom of the pitcher. The crow tried to drink but failed. The water level was too far for the crow's beak to reach. It tried to find out a good plan. At once it hit upon a plan. It picked up stones one by one and dropped them into the pitcher. After dropping a number of stones, the water level in the jar rose high enough to reach. Then, the crow drank water. Thus the crow saved his life by the use of his wisdom.

**2. Once upon a time there was a shepherd in a village. He used to tend a flock of sheep in a nearby field. There was a thick forest next to the field. The shepherd was a great liar. He always got pleasure to cheat people with his lies. While tending sheep in the field, he often cried out, "Wolf, Wolf, help, help!"**

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Hearing his shouting the farmers usually left their work and rushed to him in order to save him. But the boy laughed and got pleasure thinking that the farmers were foolish.

One day a wolf really came. The boy now cried aloud to attract the farmers. He cried and cried for help. No farmer responded to his crying because they thought that the shepherd was making fun with them. So, they did not come to help the boy. The wolf found the cowboy alone and killed him. After eating his flesh it went away. The liar shepherd was thus punished for his lie.

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The king was always in a pensive mood for his unhappy condition. Once he was lying in the cave. Suddenly he saw a spider trying hard to reach the ceiling of the cave. It failed again and again but did not lose heart. At last it became successful after many unsuccessful attempts. Seeing this, the

king felt inspired to regain his kingdom. He then collected his soldiers and attacked his enemies again. This time his enemies were defeated and he regained his lost kingdom.

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The farmer returned home with the purse and asked his wife what he should do. His wife suggested him to sell the gold but he did not agree with his wife. His wife became angry and left the place.

The farmer decided to return the purse to its real owner but he did not know the address of the owner. He was intelligent. He emptied the purse and searched far and wide to find out the address of the owner. Fortunately, he found the address. He handed over the purse to the owner. The owner of the purse became very happy and offered some money to the farmer. The farmer refused to take money and said that it was his responsibility to do the job and returned home.

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Then a strange incident occurred. A beautiful fairy came out of the water and asked him why he was not cutting wood. The wood-cutter described the incident in details. The fairy dived into the water and brought a silver axe. She asked him if it was his axe. The wood-cutter saw the axe and said, "No." Then the fairy showed him another axe made of gold and asked, "Is this the axe that you lost?" The wood-cutter said, "No." The fairy showed him the lost axe with a wooden handle. The wood-cutter then said happily that it was exactly his axe. Seeing the honesty of the wood-cutter the fairy became very pleased and gave him both the gold and the silver axes along with his old iron axe. Then, the wood-cutter became rich and began to live happily. It was the reward of his honesty.

**5. Once there were two friends living in the same village. They loved each other very much. The village people took it as a model. One day two friends were going through a dense forest. When they reached the middle of the forest, suddenly they saw a bear coming towards them. Both of them became frightened. One of the friends knew how to climb up a**



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The other friend became very upset. But he did not lose heart. He was intelligent. He knew that a bear did not touch any dead body. So, he made a plan. He lay on the ground just like a dead man. The bear came and smelt his ear and nose. It thought that he was dead. It left the place without doing any harm. Seeing his friend got down from the tree. He thought the bear might tell his friend something important. So he asked his friend what the bear whispered into his ears.

The first friend wanted to give his friend a good lesson. So, he said to his friend that the bear had **whispered to him**, “A friend in need is a friend indeed.”

**6. You will have heard the name of Bayazid Bostami. He loved his mother very much. His devotion to his mother is well known to all. One night Bayazid was studying while his mother was sleeping. Suddenly he heard that his mother was uttering, “Water, water”. Bayazid went to his mother but found her sleeping. Then he went to the pitcher for water. Unfortunately, the pitcher was totally empty. It was deep dark night. But his love for mother removed all his fear. He took the pitcher and went outside to bring water.**

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The source of water was not near. He had to go to a spring far away from his house. After about two hours he returned home with water. This time his mother was in deep sleep. He was standing beside his mother's bed holding the glass of water. The night passed and his mother was surprised to see Bayazid standing with a glass of water her bed. She prayed to Allah for Bayazid.

Almighty Allah granted her prayer. Bayazid Bostami became famous all over the world. Allah made him one of his greatest devotees.

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Haran worried about his son. "A man who quarrels too much loses friends and peace," he often told Ratan. But the young man never listened. "I only fight when I'm right!" he would argue back.

One day, Haran grew tired of Ratan's endless disputes. He decided to teach him a lesson. He handed his son a sack of nails and a hammer. "Every time you lose your temper and argue with someone, hammer a nail into that wooden fence by the field," he instructed.

Ratan smirked, thinking it was a silly task. But by the end of the first day, he had driven twenty nails into the fence. The next day, he hammered in fifteen more. Days passed, and soon, the fence was covered in nails.

Exhausted, Ratan realized how often he quarreled. He went to his father. "Father, I see your point. What should I do now?"

Haran smiled. "Now, for every day you control your temper and avoid a fight, pull out one nail."

It was difficult, but Ratan tried. He learned to pause before speaking, to listen more, and to let go of small grievances. Slowly, he removed the nails, one by one, until the fence was empty. He proudly showed his father.

Haran walked to the fence and ran his fingers over the holes left behind. "You see, my son," he said gently, "the nails are gone, but the scars remain. Words spoken in anger leave wounds in people's hearts, just like these holes. They may forgive you, but the mark remains."

Ratan looked at the fence and felt a deep shame. He understood what his father had been trying to teach him all along. From that day, he became a calmer, kinder man, learning to choose his words wisely.

And so, the farmer and his son no longer quarreled. Instead, they worked side by side in the fields, planting not just crops, but also seeds of patience and wisdom.

**8. You must have heard the name of great poet Sheikh Saadi. He was a great scholar. He was very simple in his way of life. Once, the king of Persia invited the poet to his palace. The palace of the king was too far. It was impossible for anyone to reach there within one day. However, Saadi started for the king's palace. On the way he took shelter in a rich man's house.**

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The rich man underestimated him. He did not give him rich food. Saadi left the house of his host in the early morning and started for the king's palace. The poet recited his poems at the court and enchanted all the courtiers. Sheikh Saadi put on one of the nice dresses. However, he left the palace of the king for his home. On the way, Saadi took shelter in the same house. Seeing the nice dress of Sadi, the rich man gave him rich food and honour.

But he did not eat the food and began to keep them in the pockets of his dress. The people of the house were astonished. They asked him about it. Sheikh Saadi said to them, "I took shelter in this house while I was going to the palace of the king. Then I was not well dressed. So you did not give me this kind of food. I think my present rich dress deserves this food. So, I am doing so." The owner as well as the people of the house realized their fault and apologized to their host for their deeds.

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One day all the mice sat together in order to find a way out. Different mice gave different suggestions. At last a young mouse wanted to present a proposal. All the mice asked him to make his proposal. Then the young mouse said, "If we tie a bell around the cat's neck we'll be in a position to understand when the cat is coming. Before its coming, we'll be able to hide. All the mice praised the proposal except the old one. He stood up and said, "the proposal is quite good, but who'll bell the cat?" Hearing this, all the mice began to look at one another and felt disappointed. Finding no solution, the mice eventually migrated to another place.

**10. Two hungry rats found a large loaf of bread in the market. Both grabbed it at the same time and started arguing.**

**Dividing Bread between Two Rats**

Two hungry rats found a large loaf of bread in the market. Both grabbed it at the same time and started arguing.

"I found it first!" one squeaked.

"But I saw it first!" the other argued.

Neither wanted to share, so they decided to ask a wise monkey for help.

The monkey listened and nodded. "I will divide it fairly," he said.

He broke the bread into two uneven pieces. "Oh, this one is bigger," he muttered and took a bite to make them equal. But now the other piece was bigger, so he took another bite. This continued until only two tiny crumbs remained.

"Oops! Nothing left to divide," the monkey said, eating the last crumbs.

The two rats stared in shock. Their greed had cost them everything. From that day, they learned that fighting over fairness could sometimes leave them with nothing at all.

**11. A hare is a very speedy animal. It can run very fast. But a tortoise moves very slowly. It has a heavy shell on its back. Its legs are short. So, it can't move as fast as other animals. Once upon a time, a hare was very proud of his speed and cut a joke at a tortoise. One day she said to a tortoise, "I pity you for your speed." "How can you walk with such a heavy shell on your back?" "You need not worry friend, hare," said the tortoise. "If you like, I can run a race with you." The hare sneered, "What do you want to run a race! Very well, I**



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The boy thought there might be somebody in the house. He/she could not come out. The boy was very brave. He at once ran into the burning house and found an old woman there. The boy took her on his shoulders. He then came out running with her.

People saw it. They praised the boy highly and called him a brave boy. The Head master of the school heard it and congratulated the boy.

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One day the farmer was getting impatient again, and his greedy thoughts wouldn't go away. "I'll be rich, rich, RICH!" Why doesn't this silly goose lay another egg? "Why don't I cut open the goose and just take all the eggs out of her?" he thought. So, without thinking, he killed the goose and looked inside. When he looked inside there were no eggs! And now that the goose was dead, there would be no more golden eggs at all! Poor goose! Poor farmer! The farmer had left his farm work so long, just waiting for the golden eggs, his farm came to ruin and he had to spend all the money from the golden eggs just to get back to where he started from.

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Hearing this, the mouse became frightened and begged for its life. It said, "One day I may help you in your danger." Hearing this lion laughed but let it free. Some days later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. He began to roar. The mouse heard the roar of the lion. It cut the net with its sharp teeth and saved the lion.

The lion became very grateful. He apologized to the mouse for his previous behavior. He said, "I've learnt a great lesson that even a little creature can help a big creature."

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One day the king was walking in his apple garden. Suddenly, a ripe apple fell from the apple tree. He wanted to pick it up. No sooner had he touched it than the apple turned into gold. From the garden he came to his palace. When he entered his palace, his little daughter ran up to him. The king took her in his arms. Instantly she turned into gold. The king became upset and prayed to be free from the boon of the god. The wise god accepted his prayer and took the golden touch boon from him. The daughter of the king turned into normal being again. The king realized that too much greediness destroys everything.

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The fox thought for a while of having the piece of meat. He then began to praise the crow. He said, "you look very beautiful today." He saw that the crow was not responding. Then, he said, "You can sing very sweetly. Could you please sing a song? I'm eager to hear a song from you?"

This time the crow became flattered. So, it began to sing loudly. But no sooner had it opened its lips to sing than the piece of meat fell into the ground from its beak. At once the fox took it and began to eat. After eating the piece of meat, he said, "O friend crow, never be flattered by praising". The crow became shocked realizing its fault.

**17. One day a hungry dog was looking for food. He was walking to and fro to have some food. But he did not get any opportunity. At last, he was wandering around a butcher's shop and seeking opportunity to steal a piece of meat. After a while, the butcher went to wash room leaving his shop empty.**

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The dog stole a piece of meat and ran away within a moment. Now, he was looking for a safe place to eat it. On his way there was a small bridge over a canal. He started to cross the canal. While crossing the bridge, he saw his reflection in the static clean water of the canal. He thought that another dog with a piece of meat was walking there. He became so much curious to have the piece of meat. So, he barked at his reflection. Soon, his own piece fell into the water. To get it back, he jumped into the canal. But he failed to regain it. After hard labour he got on the bank of the canal and thought himself, "Grasp all, lose all".

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At that moment a piper came there and said, "People call me pied piper. If you pay me a thousand guilders, I will rid your town of rats." "All right, I will pay you sum," said the Mayor. Then the pied piper went to the street, drew out a pipe from his pocket and began to play on pipe. Soon the rats came out tumbling from every house in Hamelin. There were thousands of rats that followed him. He went down to the bank of the river Weser and waded into the river. And every single rat, which followed him, was drowned. But the Mayor refused to pay the contracted amount of money. At this the pied piper got angry and played on his pipe in another tune. Hearing the strange tune the

children came out and followed him. The piper disappeared behind a hill with all the children and did never come back.

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The boy stepped forward and asked, "Sir, where did you last see your purse?"

"In my pocket, of course!" the merchant snapped.

The boy thought for a moment and then said, "If it was in your pocket, it couldn't have walked away on its own. Someone must have seen something."

The crowd murmured in agreement. Then the boy pointed at a nervous-looking man standing nearby. "Why do you look so worried?" he asked.

The man panicked and tried to run, but the crowd caught him. The stolen purse fell from his cloak.

Impressed by the boy's quick thinking, the merchant rewarded him handsomely.

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21. **One day a fox fell into a trap. He struggled hard but could not get free from the trap. At last he managed to be free but lost his tail. Without the tail the fox looked strange.**

### **A Fox without a Tail**



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The fox made a plan and called a meeting of all foxes. He said, "Is there any necessity of our tails? Actually it has no use at all. Without my tail I feel so light and free. I can also run faster than before. So, cut off your ugly tails as I've done."

All the foxes listened to his speech attentively and agreed to cut their tails off. But an old wise fox understood the clever fox's conspiracy and said, "Don't accept his suggestion. The fact is that he fell into a trap and lost his tail. Now he looks ugly. So, he wants us all to look like him."

Thus all the foxes understood the clever fox's trick. The fox without a tail failed to make other foxes fool. He ran away quickly to save his life. Finally all the foxes thanked the old wise fox.

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The king came to her palace in due time. The queen welcomed him majestically. The queen kept two bouquets on a table in the room where the king sat. But the door and the windows of the room were closed. One of the garlands was artificial. But the garlands looked quite alike. The king realised that the queen might test his wit. He heard some bees humming on the garland of real flowers. The Queen of Sheba was charmed by his wisdom.

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