

Chapter 1

Aesop Fables

1.1 The Ant and the Dove

An ant went to the bank of a river to quench its thirst, and being carried away by the rush of the stream, was on the point of drowning.

A Dove sitting on a tree overhanging the water plucked a leaf and let it fall into the stream close to her. The Ant climbed onto it and floated in safety to the bank.

1.2 The Dog in the Manger

A dog lay in a manger, and by his growling and snapping prevented the oxen from eating the hay which had been placed for them.

“What a selfish Dog!” said one of them to his companions; “he cannot eat the hay himself, and yet refuses to allow those to eat who can.”