

THE FOX AND THE CRANE: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A fox and a crane fell into a trap. The fox had many ideas but did nothing. The crane had one idea: it played dead. The farmer took the crane out first. The crane flew away, but the fox was caught. Moral: One good idea is better than a thousand useless ones.

JOHN STOPS BOASTING: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



John always made big promises but could not keep them. The king asked him to catch animals. John failed each time and was put in jail. Later, he learned to be honest and stopped boasting.
Moral: Do not promise what you cannot do.

LITTLE FOX AND BIG WOLF: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



Little Fox tricked Big Wolf many times. Once, she pretended to be dead and got fish from a fisherman. She told Wolf to fish with his tail in an icy river. Wolf's tail froze, and he was beaten by villagers.
Moral: Cleverness beats strength.

THE FARMER AND THE BEAR: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A farmer shared crops with a bear. First, the farmer took the roots and gave the tops to the bear. Then he gave the roots to the bear and kept the tops. The bear was tricked twice.

Moral: Smart thinking wins against greed.

THE KING AND THE WISE GIRL: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A king asked a girl hard questions. She answered them all wisely. The king was so impressed that he made her his advisor.

Moral: Wisdom is more valuable than strength.

THE LITTLE MILLSTONE: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A kind old couple got a magic millstone that made flour. A greedy landlord stole it. Their rooster tricked the landlord and brought the millstone back.
Moral: Goodness wins over greed.

THE SISTER AND BROTHER: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A brother drank from a sheep's footprint and turned into a sheep.
A witch pushed his sister into a river and took her place.
The sheep brother found out and saved his sister.
Moral: Love and courage can break any spell.

THE FRIED EGGS: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A traveler forgot to pay for two fried eggs. A year later, the innkeeper asked for 500 gold coins, saying the eggs could have grown into chickens. A shepherd outsmarted the innkeeper in court.
Moral: Do not cheat others.

THE BLUE OX: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A poor boy met a blue ox that was really a prince. The ox helped the boy marry a princess. The boy became rich and happy.

Moral: Kindness brings rewards.

THE HAPPY PRINCESS IN THE PIGPEN: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



Princess Isabella did not like being a princess. She went to live with pigs and was happy.

The king finally let her be herself.

Moral: Happiness is being true to yourself.

THE THREE BROTHERS AND THE LONG-NOSED PRINCESS: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



Three brothers had magic items. A princess tricked them and stole the items. The youngest brother used cleverness to get them back.

Moral: Cleverness beats trickery.

LONG-LEGGED COLT: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



An old couple had a son named Colt with very long legs. He was different but kind. When his parents died, Colt went away and was never seen again.

Moral: Being different is okay.

THE THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



Three goats wanted to cross a bridge. A troll threatened to eat them. The biggest goat fought the troll and won. All three goats grew fat on the grass.

Moral: Bravery protects the weak.

THE KING'S GOLDEN TOUCH: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



King Midas loved gold. A fairy gave him a golden touch. He turned everything to gold, even his daughter. He learned that love is more important than gold.

Moral: Gold cannot buy happiness.

THE HOLLOW WHEAT: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A widow was rich but greedy. She threw wheat into the sea. Later, she became poor, and the wheat grew hollow.

Moral: Greed leads to loss.

THE MAGIC ROSE: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A prince got a magic rose to break a spell. He gave it to a princess, and she fell in love with him. They lived happily ever after.

Moral: True love breaks spells.

THE EATING CONTEST WITH THE GIANT: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A young man beat a giant in an eating contest by tricking him.
The giant burst, and the man took his treasure.

Moral: Smart thinking beats brute strength.

PUSS IN BOOTS: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A cat wore boots and helped its poor master.
It tricked a king and a monster.
The master married a princess and became rich.
Moral: Cleverness can change your life.

THE POOR MAN AND THE DEVIL: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A poor man met a devil. They worked together, but the man always tricked the devil. The devil left, and the man kept the rewards.

Moral: Intelligence beats evil.

THE FISHERMAN AND THE MAGIC BIRD: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A fisherman helped a magic bird. The bird gave him fish every day. A king tried to steal the bird, but the bird escaped.

Moral: Greed leads to loss.

THE KIND GIRL AND THE CREATURE: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A kind girl helped a small creature. It gave her a magic gift. She used it to help others and became happy.
Moral: Kindness is rewarded.

THE WHITE LILY: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A girl gave water to an old man. He broke her cup, but the next day, her garden was full of white lilies.

Moral: Good deeds bring beauty.

THE WONDERFUL APPLE TREE: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A boy ate magic fruit and grew horns. He ate another fruit, and the horns vanished. He used the fruit to trick a bad king.

Moral: Use wisdom to fight injustice.

NEED IS THE BEST TEACHER: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



Two brothers' cart broke. They called for help, but no one came.
They fixed it themselves.
Their father said, "Need is the best teacher."
Moral: Necessity teaches us to act.

THE SPHINX AND THE MERMAID: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A sphinx and a mermaid fell in love. They protected a city together. When the sphinx died, the mermaid took over its duty.

Moral: Love and bravery live on.

THE LITTLE BAKER'S SHOVEL: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A baker used a shovel to cut a rope and save his town from enemies.
He became a hero.

Moral: Even small tools can do great things.

THE KING'S DEVIL EARS: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A king had devil ears. His barber told the secret to the ground.
Reeds grew and whispered the secret.
Everyone learned the truth.
Moral: Secrets cannot be hidden forever.

THE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD KNIGHT: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A seven-year-old boy fought bravely and became a knight.
He saved his kingdom and was honored.
Moral: Age does not define courage.

THE GOLDEN FLEA: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A poor girl found golden fleas. She sold them to help her family.
A greedy merchant stole them, but the fleas turned back into real fleas.
Moral: Greed leads to nothing.

THE GOLDILOCKS: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A girl named Goldilocks went into a bear's house. She ate their food and slept in their beds. The bears came back, and she ran away.

Moral: Do not enter others' homes without permission.

THE DEMON'S TAIL: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A lazy man sold his son's soul to a demon.
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The son tricked the demon and saved himself.
Moral: cleverness beats evil.

THE CLEVER TENANT'S DAUGHTER: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A tenant's daughter solved hard riddles for the king.
The king married her because she was so wise.
Moral: Wisdom is priceless.

THE JACKAL AND THE SPRING: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



Animals dug a well. A jackal tried to steal water. A turtle bit the jackal's leg and saved the water for everyone.
Moral: teamwork protects what is yours.

THE SHOEMAKER'S STORY: A EUROPEAN FOLK TALE



A brave shoemaker fought a fearsome monster to save a princess. He won and became a hero but chose to remain a humble shoemaker. Moral: Humility is a virtue.