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One day a hungry fox saw some beautiful grapes. They were hanging in great bunches from the vine. But they were high above the ground. The fox jumped and jumped, but it could not reach them. Angrily it walked away and said, "They may look beautiful, but I am sure that they are sour inside."



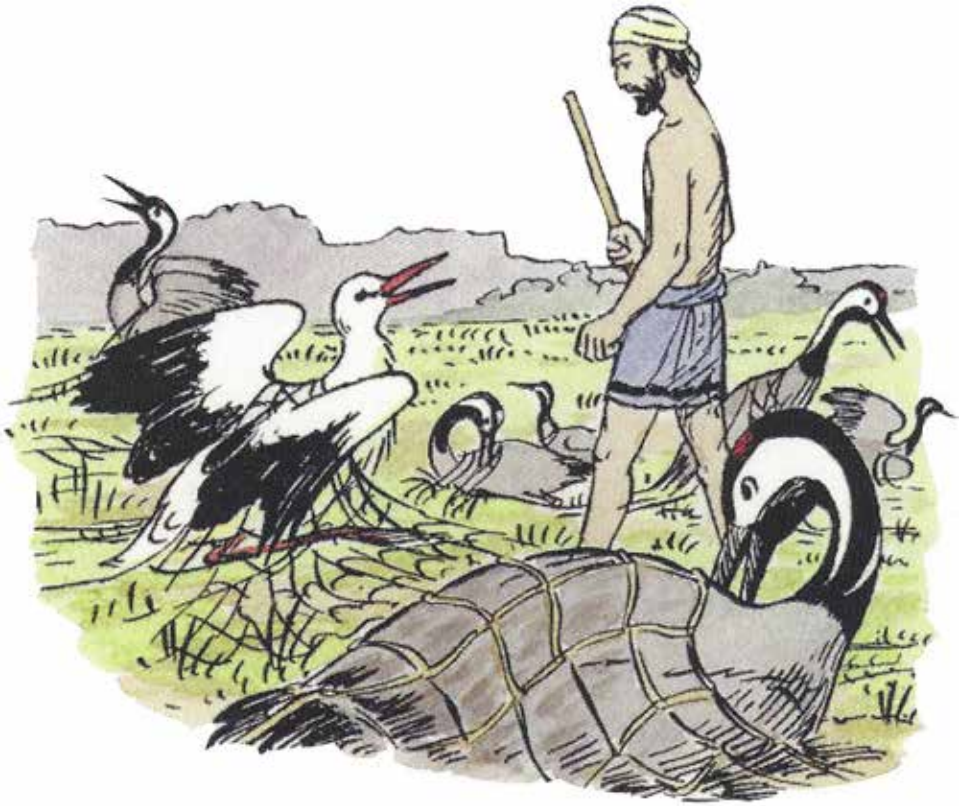
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A young shepherd boy was bored with his work. One day he cried, “Wolf! Wolf!” to see what would happen. All the people working in the fields ran to help, but there was no wolf. The young shepherd was very pleased with all the excitement. A few days later he did it again, but the people who came were not amused.

The next day, a wolf came. The boy cried, “Wolf! Wolf!” but nobody came, and the wolf enjoyed a fine meal.



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A flock of cranes invited a stork to go to a party. “We’re going to the farmer’s field,” one of them said. “He has just finished planting his crops, and we’ll have a lot of fun and good food.” The stork didn’t get many invitations to parties, so it accepted.

The unfortunate birds did not realize that the farmer had hidden a net on the field. One by one, they all got their feet tangled in the net.

Then the farmer appeared. The stork called to the farmer, “Oh, sir, please let me go. You can see I am a stork, and I do not belong to this group of thieves. I only came here for fun. I didn’t know they would try to eat your crops.”

“I see that you are a stork,” the farmer said. “But I caught you with thieves, and you will be treated as a thief.”



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A lazy lion was sitting in its den thinking about food. It thought about the wonderful meals it had enjoyed, and then it realized it had never had fox to dinner — or for dinner. So the lion sent the fox an invitation.

The fox replied. It thanked the lion for the invitation, “But I don’t think I will come,” it said. “I have seen many tracks leading to your den. It seems you have many visitors. But I do not see any tracks coming out.”