

The Yak



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The yak lives in the mountains of Asia.

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A sad man has bags.

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He sets the bags on a log.  
The sad man sits.

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A big man has a yak.

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The sad man puts the bags  
on the yak.

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on the yak.

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on the yak.

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on the yak.

The yak gets the bags to the top. The sad man is glad. The big man gets a bag.

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You can find camels in the desert. This camel has two humps.

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It has pads to help it not  
get burns as it steps on hot  
sand.

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Men get on top of the camel to trek. The camel is fast.

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The camel spits if it gets mad.

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It is so hot in the desert, but  
the camel can stand it.

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the camel can stand it.

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The Chicken



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Chickens run wild in the lush tropical forests of Asia.

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A hen stashed an egg in  
the brush by a branch.

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the brush by a branch.

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the brush by a branch.

A hen stashed an egg in  
the brush by a branch.

A man snatched the fresh egg. He cracked the shell and fed his child.

A man snatched the fresh egg. He cracked the shell and fed his child.

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The man hid a trap on the hen's path. The hen was not hard to catch.

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The man used sticks as a pen for the hen. The hen had a clutch of chicks. Now, the man has a bunch of hens.

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These chickens will not be wild. They all belong to the man now.

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The Orangutan



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Orangutans are living among these trees. They have good hands and feet for grasping.

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An orangutan's long arms are strong. They swing along from branch to branch.

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Orangutans construct nests. A mom is adding branches as her offspring naps.

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Men spring traps on orangutans. They will sell them as pets.

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The Mongoose



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By a stone on a hillside, a  
mongoose lives alone in a  
hole that it made. It comes  
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The mongoose gets close to strike. It moves aside before the snake can bite. Its thick pelt will save it from the venom in the snake's fangs.

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After quite a bit of time,  
the snake gets tired. With  
one last swift move, a bite  
to the skull, the mongoose  
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The Mouse-Deer



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If a male feels threatened,  
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By a river in the tropical forest of Asia, up in the trees above the flowers and ferns, a carnivore prowls.

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The clouded leopard spends most of its life in the trees. Its paws rarely touch the ground. It takes naps during the day in the fork of a tree.

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In the evening, the clouded leopard starts its hunt. With its sharp claws, it crawls down from its perch headfirst. Its grayish brown fur is covered in dark spots. The pattern makes it hard to see.

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Without a sound, it bounds  
from branch to branch. It  
uses its tail to balance as  
it walks slowly. It is stalking  
the loud monkeys. It is  
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In the temperate forest of Asia, in a tangle of bamboo, a panda cub watches as his mom nibbles on fresh shoots. He has a white body and head with black for his limbs and muzzle.

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The plump little panda lumbers into the open from a knot of bamboo. A fresh snow is falling lightly. He wiggles and wiggles and rolls in the bright white snow.

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The cub leans back and is whisked straight to the bottom. Oh no! When the cub catches sight of a snow leopard, he knows this might be trouble.

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The leopard inches closer...  
The cub covers his eyes and  
wraps up in a tight ball. This  
is terrible! He will be caught.  
Out of nowhere, his mom  
arrives. With one whack of  
her big paw, she sends the  
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Dance of the Crane



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A male hears the calls.  
They catch his attention. He  
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The couple pulls grass up from the earth. They toss it in the air and lance it with their beaks as it comes down. The male's fancy dance has earned him a mate.

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