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A cat is trained to hold lighted candles on its head. But when a mouse is set loose, the cat chases it and drops the candle, proving that nature can't be trained.

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The Wood Is Carried Down the Hill | The Wood Is Carried Down the Hill

Three fools carry timber down the hill. After they finish, they realize it would have been better to roll it down. So they carry it back up and roll it down.

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Squeezing the Stone

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A man shows an ogre how strong he is by squeezing water out of a "stone", which is a cheese. This frightens away the ogre.

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The Hog Who Was So Tired of His
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The hog goes to court to get a better way of life. The judge rules in his favor. But the fox tricks him and takes the better food for himself.

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The Lucky Blow

A man accidentally knocks off the king's crown. A poisonous snake is found inside the crown, so the king rewards the man for saving him.

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The wolf is choking on a bone. The crane pulls it out of his throat. When she asks for payment, the wolf says, "The payment is that I didn't eat you when I had the chance."

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Too Much Talk

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Three hermits live together in silence for seven years, until one of them makes a comment. After another seven years, the second hermit replies to the first. Seven years later, the third says there is too much talk, and he leaves.

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Dream Bread

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Three travelers agree that the one who has the best dream will eat the last loaf. The first two claim they dreamed of paradise. The last one eats the bread, saying he dreamed the others went to paradise and wouldn't need it.

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The Tail-Fisher

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The bear wants to learn to fish. The fox tells him to put his tail through a hole in the ice. The bear's tail freezes and remains in the ice, and that's why bears don't have long tails.

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The Pack of Ragamuffins

The cock, hen, duck, and needle
hide themselves in various parts of a
house. They punish the owner of the
house with their respective
characteristic powers and finally kill
him.

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The fox persuades the wolf to enter a cellar and steal food. The wolf eats so much that he can't escape through the hole he has entered by.

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For the Long Winter

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A fool has been told to keep a sausage "for the long winter". When the trickster hears this, he says his name is Long Winter and receives the sausage.

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The Treasure at Home

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A man dreams that if he goes to a distant city, he'll find treasure. But all he finds is another man who says he also dreamed of distant treasure. He describes the place, which is the first man's home. The man returns home and digs up the treasure.

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The Cat's Only Trick

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The cat has only one trick, while the fox says he has ten. When dogs come, the cat climbs a tree and is safe. The fox is killed by the dogs.

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The Theft of Butter by Playing Godfather

The fox pretends that he has been invited to be a godfather to an imaginary child. While away, he steals the butter stored by him and the bear for the winter. He smears butter on the mouth of the sleeping bear and says "you must have eaten it in your sleep".

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The Fish That Were Too Clever

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Two smart fish and a dim-witted frog
hear that fishermen are coming to
their pond. The fish believe they can
outwit the threat, but the frog flees.
The fish are caught, and the frog
survives.

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The Porridge in the Whirlpool

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Some villagers find a natural pool of boiling water. They fill it with oatmeal to feed the whole village. Someone jumps in to test if the porridge is ready. He doesn't come back, so everyone jumps in to eat, but they all drown.

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The Cheese Test

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A man chooses his bride by watching how three sisters eat a piece of cheese. One eats too much, including the rind, and another leaves too much good cheese with the rind. The third peels off just the right amount, so he marries her.

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A woman eats the eel that her husband was saving for guests. She blames it on the otters that live in the pond. Her pet bird tells the husband what really happened.

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Runaway Pancake

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A pancake fears being eaten, so it flees. It avoids becoming breakfast until it meets the fox, who offers to help it across the stream with a ride on his snout.

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