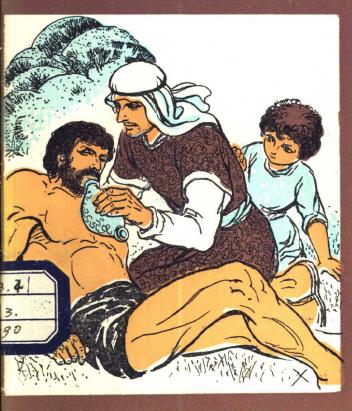


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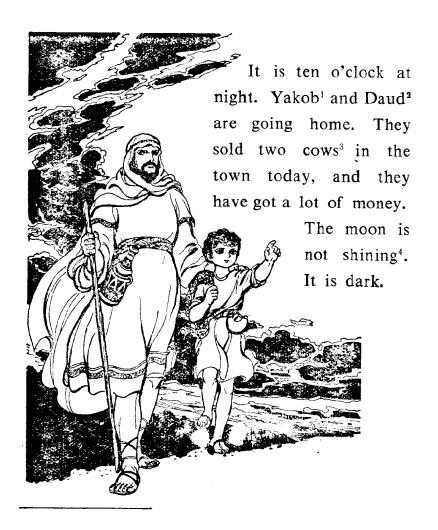
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The Good Man



^{1.} Yakob ['ja:kab] 亚卡伯(人名)。 2. Daud [do:d] 道得(人名)。 3. cow n. 母牛, 奶牛。 4. shine (shone, shone) vi. 照耀,发光。

A small dog¹ is walking in front of them. It is Daud's dog.

Daud is Yakob's son. He is saying, 'Father, this is a long road, and I am very tired. Look at my dog. It is thirsty. I am not thirsty, but I am afraid, because the night is dark.'



Yakob is saying, 'Yes, bad people come to this road, Daud. I am afraid too, because I have got a lot of money in my belt².'

Now he is saying, 'Who is there?'

The dog has stopped, and it is looking at some trees.

Yakob and Daud have stopped too.

^{1.} dog n. 狗。 2. belt n. 腰带, 带。

Now Daud is saying, 'Do not go near those trees. There are some bad men there.'

Yakob is saying, 'They are thieves'. They are going to take our money.'

'What are we going to do, Father?'

'Run, my son. Go to those bushes², and then lie behind them.'

Daud has run to the bushes now, and he is lying behind them. But Yakob and the dog are standing on the road. Yakob is holding his big stick³.



The thieves are coming. One of them has got a stick. The second one is holding a knife.

^{1.} thief [θi:f] (复数: thieves) n. 窃贼, 小偷。 2. bush n. 灌木, 灌木从。 3. stick n. 棍, 棒。

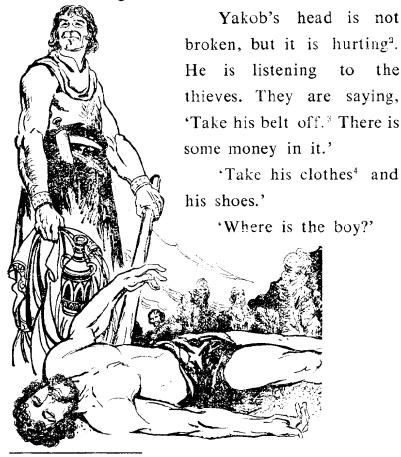
The third one has got a big stone¹. He is the last². The dog has caught the first thief's leg, but the thief is hitting the dog with his stick.3 Yakob is standing in the middle of the road. He is hitting the second thief with his big stick.

^{1.} stone n. 石头, 石块。 2. last n. 最后的人(或东西)。

^{3. ...}but the thief is ... stick. ……而贼用棍子打狗。 4. in the middle of 在……中间。

But Yakob is going to fall. The third thief is behind him, and he is going to hit him on his head with his stone.

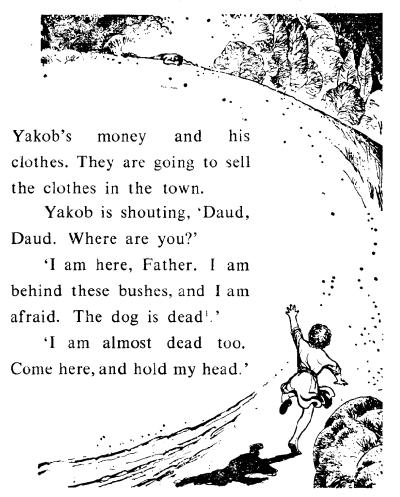
Now Yakob and the dog are lying on the road. The dog's head is broken.



^{1.} The dog's head is broken. 狗的头被砸破。 2. hurt [hə:t] vi. 伤痛。 3. Take his belt off 解下他的腰带。 4. clothes [kləuŏz] n. 衣服。

They have not seen Daud. He is lying behind the bushes. He is looking at them, and he is afraid, because they are big men.

The thieves are going now. They have taken



^{1.} dead [ded] adj. 死的。

Yakob is very thirsty. Daud has taken his water-bottle¹, and he is giving his father some water. But Yakob wants a doctor. Daud is saying, 'They have cut your head. There is blood² on it. I am going to wash³ it with some water.'



But Yakob has drunk⁴ all of the water, and the bottle is empty.

Now Daud is saying, 'You are cold, Father, and I am going to put your coat on you.'

But the thieves have taken Yakob's coat.

^{1.} water-bottle n. 水壶。 2. blood [blad] n. 血。 3. wash [wof] vt. 洗。 4. drink [driŋk] (drank [dreŋk], drunk [drʌŋk]) vt. 喝。



Who is this? It is a rich man, and he is riding a horse. He is pulling a second horse with a rope¹, and he has got a servant².

Daud has gone to him, and he is saying, 'My father's head is hurting, and he wants a doctor. Some thieves came and hit him with a stick. They hit our dog too. It was a good dog, but now it is dead. The thieves took my father's clothes. It is cold, and he is going to die³.'

^{1.} rope n. 绳子。 2. servant ['sə:vənt] n. 仆人。 3. die [dai] vi. 死。

The rich man is saying, 'Did they take all of his clothes, and is he almost dead? That is bad, but I am not going to stop. My second horse is tired, and I am not going to put a heavy man on it now. I am going to go home.'

Now the rich man is kicking his first horse, and he is going home. His servant is hitting the second horse, and he is going too.

Yakob's eyes are closed, but he is not sleeping. He is very ill.

Daud is sitting on the road. He is holding his head, and he is saying, 'That rich man didn't take my father home. Why?'



^{1.} almost ['o:lməust] adv. 几平, 差不多。 2. Yakob's eyes are closed, ... 亚卡伯的眼睛闭住了, ……

It is eight o'clock in the morning now. Last night Daud made a hole¹ near the bushes. Then he put the dog in it. Then he slept.



The sun is shining now, and it is warm. Daud has pulled Yakob to the bushes. Now he is sitting on the road again.

A man has come now. He has got a donkey². It is pulling a cart³, and the man is sitting in it.

^{1.} hole n. 坑, 洞。 2. donkey ['donki] n. 驴。 3. cart n. 二轮运货马车。

This man is a doctor.

He is going to his office in the town.

Now he has stopped.

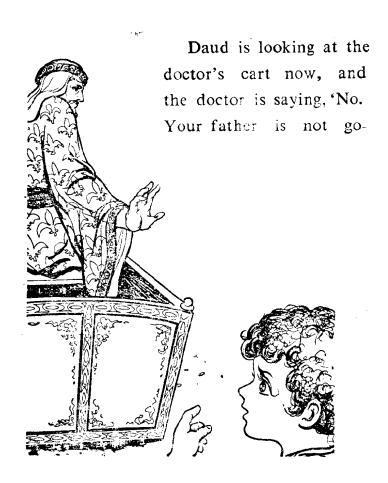
He is looking at Daud,
and he is saying, 'Who are
you, and who is that man
under those bushes? His
face is very white.'

Daud is saying, 'My name is Daud, and that is my father. He is very ill. Some thieves came last night, and they cut his head.

They took all of

his money and his clothes. He wants a doctor.'

But the doctor is saying, 'He wants a doctor, but he has not got any money. That is very bad.'



ing to come into my cart, because I am in it. I am not going to walk, and my donkey is not going to pull both of us. It is very hot today.'

Now the doctor has gone, and Daud is saying, 'That was a bad man. My father is almost dead. He has closed his eyes again. What am I going to do?'

It is about midday1. The sky is yellow, because the sun very hot. Daud is is sitting under the bushes near his father. There are some flies² on the old man's face. Daud has made a pillow³ with his shirt, and Yakob's head is on it. Both of them are sleeping.



^{1.} midday n. 正午,日中。 2. fly [flai] n. 苍蝇。 3. pillow ['piləu] n. 枕头。

There are not many people on the road at midday, but this young man is going to the town.

He has not got a horse, and he has not got a



cart. He is walking, because he is poorer than the rich man, and he is poorer than the doctor.

He is coming to the bushes, and now he is looking at Yakob and Daud. He has stopped, and he is shouting, 'Who are you? Is the old man ill?'

Daud and Yakob are awake now. Daud is standing up, and he is saying, 'Some thieves hit my father yesterday, and they took all of his money and his clothes. We have not got any

i. awake [əˈweik] adj. 醒着的。