

The Flea and the Ant

Georgian folk fairy tale



A flea and an ant became friends. They went for a walk together. They came to a stream. The flea said to the ant, "I am going to jump across, and you?"

"I will jump across too!" said the ant.

The flea jumped across to the other side, but the ant fell into the water. The ant asked the flea, "Dear flea, my sister, help me, do not let me perish. Let me climb out of the water."

The flea - hop-hop came running to the pig and asked, "Pig, give me a bristle please, and I will plait a little rope. I will throw it into the water, and I will pull out my little brother ant".


The pig said, "And will you bring me acorns?"

The flea - hop-hop came running to the oak and asked:

"Oak tree, give me acorns please, I will carry them to the pig, the pig will give a bristle, I will plait a little rope, I will throw it in the water and pull out my brother ant".

The oak tree said, "But will you drive a crow off me?"

The flea - hop-hop came running to the crow and asked:



"Crow, leave the oak tree please, the oak will give me acorns, I will carry them to the pig, the pig will give a bristle, I will plait a little rope, I will throw it in the water and pull out my brother ant".

The crow said, "But will you bring me a chick?"

The flea - hop-hop came running to the brood hen and asked:

"Brood hen, give me a chick, I will carry it to the crow, the crow will leave the oak tree, the oak give me acorns, I will carry them to the pig, the pig will give a bristle, I will plait a little rope, I will throw it in the water and pull out my brother ant"

The brood hen said, "But will you bring some millet?"

The flea hop-hop came to the hole:

"Hole, give me some millet please, I will carry it to the brood hen, she will give me a chick, I will carry it to the crow, the crow will leave the oak tree, the oak give me acorns, I will carry them to the pig, the pig will give a bristle, I will plait a little rope, I will throw it in the water and pull out my brother ant"

The hole said, "But will you off the mouse away from me?"

The flea hop-hop came galloping to the mouse:

"Mouse, leave the hole, please, the hole will give me millet, I will carry it to the broom hen, she will give me a chick, I will carry it to the crow, the crow will leave the oak tree, the oak give me acorns, I will carry them to the pig, the pig will give a bristle, I will plait a little rope, I will throw it in the water and pull out my brother ant."

The mouse said, "But will you save me from the cat?"

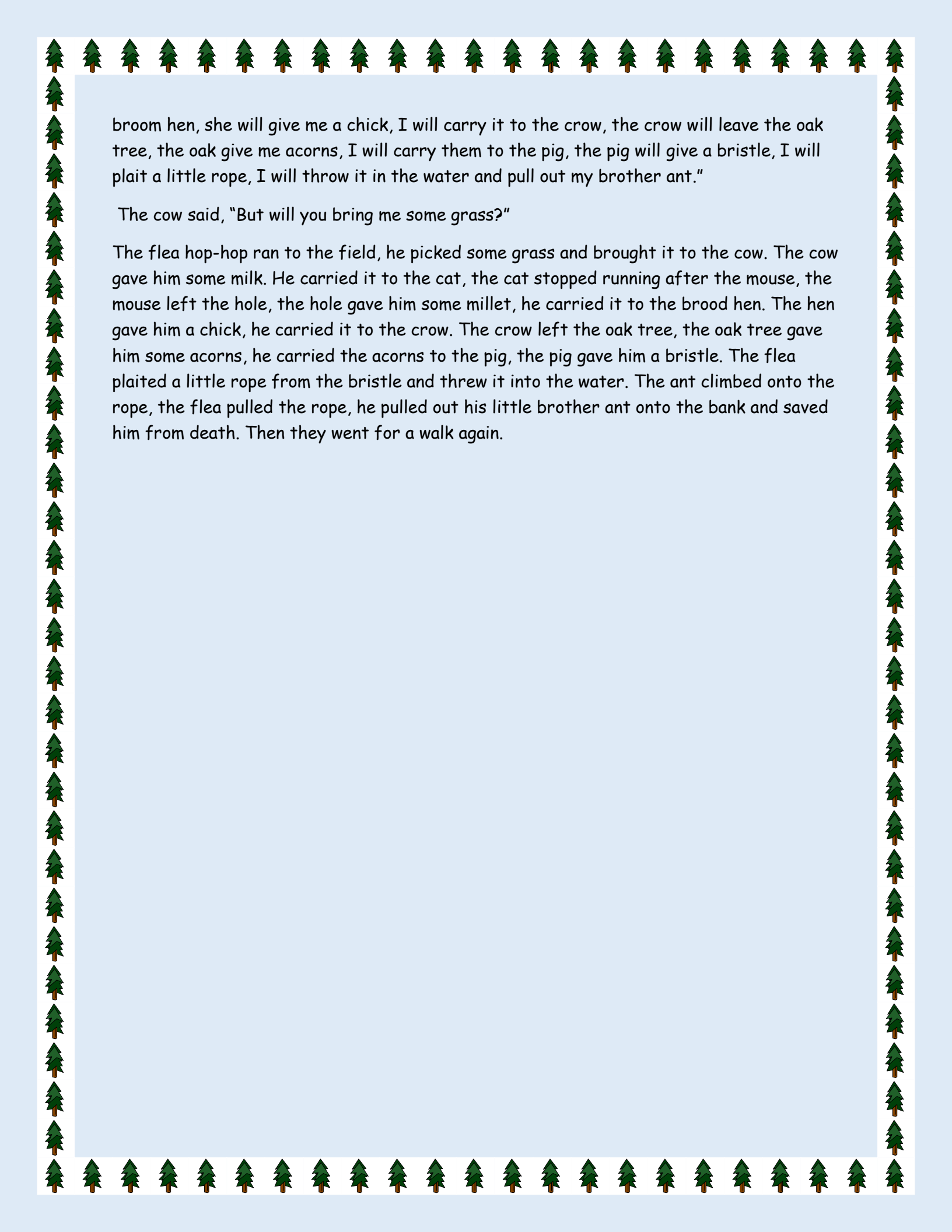
The flea hop-hop came galloping to the cat:

Cat, please, don't run after the mouse, the mouse will leave the hole, the hole will give me millet, I will carry it to the broom hen, she will give me a chick, I will carry it to the crow, the crow will leave the oak tree, the oak give me acorns, I will carry them to the pig, the pig will give a bristle, I will plait a little rope, I will throw it in the water and pull out my brother ant."

The cat said, "But will you bring me some milk?"

The flea hop-hop came galloping to the cow:

"Cow, please, give me some milk, I will carry it to the cat, the cat will not run after the mouse, the mouse will leave the hole, the hole will give me some millet, I will carry it to the



broom hen, she will give me a chick, I will carry it to the crow, the crow will leave the oak tree, the oak give me acorns, I will carry them to the pig, the pig will give a bristle, I will plait a little rope, I will throw it in the water and pull out my brother ant."

The cow said, "But will you bring me some grass?"

The flea hop-hop ran to the field, he picked some grass and brought it to the cow. The cow gave him some milk. He carried it to the cat, the cat stopped running after the mouse, the mouse left the hole, the hole gave him some millet, he carried it to the brood hen. The hen gave him a chick, he carried it to the crow. The crow left the oak tree, the oak tree gave him some acorns, he carried the acorns to the pig, the pig gave him a bristle. The flea plaited a little rope from the bristle and threw it into the water. The ant climbed onto the rope, the flea pulled the rope, he pulled out his little brother ant onto the bank and saved him from death. Then they went for a walk again.