



#111 *The Donkey and the Crow*



A donkey and a crow set out toward town with a thunderstorm approaching. “I know,” said the donkey, “I will prepare the wagon for lightning and rain.” On their way, marveling at the rolling thunder, the donkey got soaked, but quite enjoyed himself, nevertheless. The next day they set out to a meadow that was known to have barley and hay. Though they found only crabgrass, the donkey could be heard whispering, “The little bit of grass I nibbled was actually tasty. After all, I was prepared to go home early with none.” The third day the donkey and crow had to stay in the barnyard all day to guard the chickens and goats. The crow complained throughout, but the donkey used the time as a day of rest. Finally, the crow declared with obvious envy, “Oh, my humble friend, you prepare for the worst, hope for the best, and somehow avoid getting trapped in expectation! You are a sage! You have found the cure to disappointment!”

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