



# Sebat Bet Children's Story



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# 1. Bug, Flea and Louse

Long, long time ago there lived a Bug, Flea and Louse under one roof. In the house where they were living, they had all the necessary households. And one of these households was a milk pot. One day they did not have enough water to drink, so they started discussing on who should go and get it from the stream. After they discussed for a while, Flea and Louse told Bug to get the water.

“I cannot get the water”, said Bug.

“Why?” asked Flea.

“My body smells horrible. And if I go fetch the water, it will stink. I am sure you don’t want to drink that stinky water!” explained Bug.

Louse agreed with Bug and told Flea to go and get the water instead of having dreadfully smelling water.

“I don’t think that is a good idea” said Flea.

“You guys know very well how I walk. I cannot walk slowly. And when I jump up and down, I may break the pot. How are we going to have water if the pot is broken?”

“Louse, you should go for it!” said Flea.

Louse on his part tried to find his own excuse and told them that it will take him a very long time, as he cannot walk fast.

Finally, they all reached to a decision. Understanding how severe it is to drink stinky water and get a pot being broken, they told Flea to fetch the water no matter how long it takes.

Flea carried the milk pot and went to the stream. Before pouring the water, he wanted to clean the milk pot. He put some water into the pot and

it became as white as milk. He drank again and again and his tummy stretched out bigger and bigger. He could not move so he lay there.

While he was there, several different wild and domestic animals came there to drink some water. First came Fox, and met Flea by the river-bay.

“Flea, what have you eaten? You are getting bigger!” said Fox.

“I ate a Fox as big as you are” replied Flea.

“Are you going to eat me as well?” asked Fox.

“You know damn well, Fox!” replied Flea.

The scared Fox trying to escape jumped into the water and drowned.

Same like the fox many other wild and domestic animals sunk into the water. Then finally came Camel. Like all the others, Camel started to ask Flea questions.

“Is that you Flea? It seems that you gained a lot of weight lately, ha?” said Camel surprisingly.

“Well, I swallowed a Camel as big as you are” replied Flea.

“Does that mean that you are going to swallow me too?” asked Camel with shock.

“Certainly,” said Flea.

Terrified in fear, Camel tried to escape from Flea. Unfortunately, he sunk into the river and died.

Flea realized how he fooled all the animals and started to laugh and laugh and laugh until his big tummy burst to die.

## 2. Win a Battle; Just like a Joke

A long time ago chicken, rat, snake and Turkey lived together. All four of them owned an ox. They scheduled a program for each of them in their turn to take the ox to the field to be fed. One day it was Snake's schedule to take the ox to the field. While the rest three were together, Chicken brought the idea that it would be better for only the three of them to own the ox instead of four. Both Rat and Turkey approved Chicken's idea and asked him how it can possibly be done.

"It is very easy," said Chicken.

"When Snake is coming home with the ox after staying out there in the coldness for long, you, Turkey, can attack him and swallow him" explained Chicken. Turkey agreed with the idea.

After a long day, Snake arrived home and sat down. Immediately, Turkey injured him on the head and swallowed him. That night they celebrated for the three to own an ox.

The next day, Turkey took the ox to the field according to his schedule. Chicken and Rat stayed home. Chicken told rat that it would be nice if only the two of them possess the ox.

"Chicken! That's a lovely idea, but I do not think it's possible," said Rat.

"Turkey is huge and strong. It is very difficult to get rid of him," added Rat.

"It is not that difficult, Rat, you will ask Turkey when he comes home to keep you warm under his wings. When he falls asleep, use your sharp teeth to cut him up to death", said Chicken.

Rat did exactly what Chicken told him and Turkey is out of their sight. Chicken and Rat started living happily possessing the ox only for the two of them.

One day Chicken called Rat and congratulated him for the brave work he has done to kill Turkey. And gladly said to him, “you should be awarded for the heroic job, Rat.”

“Here is what I have got for you,” said Chicken and handed him a piece of butter.

“Place this butter on your head, sit outside in the Sun and enjoy yourself” suggested Chicken. Rat was very happy of the idea. He put the butter on his head and they both went outside in the Sun. After a while, an eagle came by and snatched the rat away.

“Oh, yea, one can win a war easily, just like a joke” said Chicken and maintained the ox all for her ever after.

### **3. Rat and Frog**

One day Rat and Frog met on the street. After they passed greetings, they agreed to improve their relationship. They even planned to meet at a get-together party in Rat’s house and Frog promised to invite all his family. Rat prepared the best for the day as Frog came with the whole family. They eat, drank and enjoyed the time. Frog wanted to reciprocate and invited Rat to his place. On the date of the invitation Frog did not prepare anything to eat or drink. He waited for Rat by the waterside.

Rat went to see Frog with the whole family. Frog jumped into the water and told his guests to join him. Rat jumped in too. While water pours into his ears and nose, he trembled in need of air.

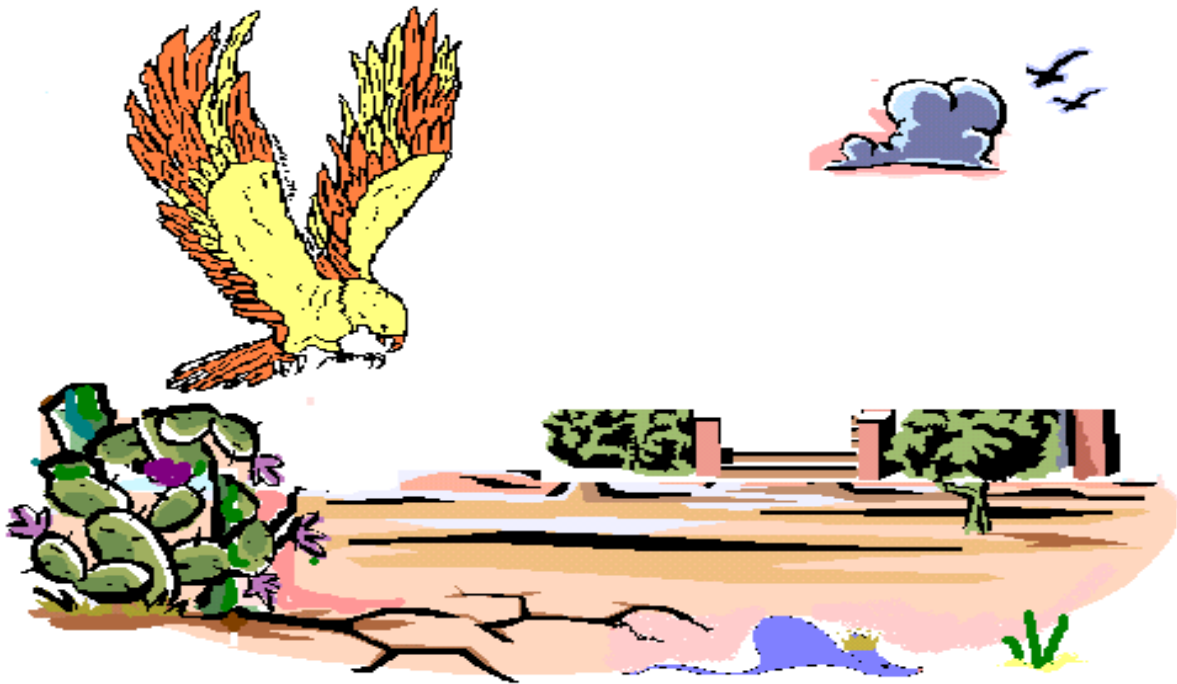
Frog watched Rat’s reaction and said, “hey Rat, you just joined my party. And you did not even have one glass yet, but it seems that you already got drunk!”

## 4. Vulture and Rat

At one time, Kings of Rats wanted to enjoy his time and placed butter right in the middle of his head and covered it with shawl. He went in the garden smoking his cigar to enjoy the sun.

Vulture was flying high and saw while the king was enjoying his day. Without hesitation, he grabbed him and flew away.

While the Vulture was looking for a suitable place to eat him up, the rat slipped off and fell under a small tree. The Vulture chased him right away and snatched him again. The king noticed that near the small tree, there was a hole for rats. He then said to the vulture “Oh dear Vulture, you are just by the hole where rats are living. You can have as plenty as you can.”



Taking his word, the greedy Vulture released the king looking for more. The rat immediately jumped into the hole and disappeared.

Regrettably, the Vulture realized that the King Rat tricked him.

## 5. The ‘Kind’ and ‘Cruel’

Once upon a time, in a village there lived two men named ‘Kind’ and ‘Cruel’. These two men were to join the army so they prepared something to eat on the road. After a long walk they took a break and sat to eat. Cruel said to Kind, “let us eat what you have got and we will share mine later”. Kind agreed and they eat. After another long walk Kind asked Cruel to have something to eat. But Cruel refused to share his food.

Then Cruel came up with an option. He asked Kind to let him take out is right eye and in return he can have something to eat. Kind thought about it and agreed instead of dying in hunger. Cruel took the eye and let Kind have a small piece. They continued walking and walking. Then again it was time to eat and Cruel refused to give Kind anything unless he takes the other eye. Kind did not have any other choice but to let him do so. Cruel left the blind man and disappeared.

Searching for help Kind met shepherds and asked them to get him a shelter. They did not know what to do. So they left him under a tree. As the day ends, Kind pulled himself up the tree and tried to get some sleep. After midnight wild animals and ghosts gathered under the tree and they were discussion about different issues.

“I smell a human flesh,” said one of them. Kind did not speak a word.

“Maybe it is because you did spend your day with people today,” the other guy calmed him.

They then relaxed and started talking about different things. ‘Kind’, hanging up on the branches quietly heard the entire story. They were talking about various kinds of medications. They talked about the cure for the Governor’s daughter and a healing tree leaves for the blind.

In the morning, he slowly moved down and sat under the tree. Close to midday, shepherds were passing by and ‘Kind’ begged them to get him the



type of leaves to cure his eyes and they did. He quickly rubs his eyes with it and regained his sight.

Happily, he went to the Governor's house and begged for food. The Governor was very sad and told him to go away. But 'Kind' told him that he could cure his daughter's illness if he is rewarded for it. The Governor offered him a big land; house and even to marry his daughter.

According to what he heard that night, 'Kind' asked the big tree in the house to be cut and treated the girl with the water they found under the tree. The governor rewarded him with all what he promised him.

As they were all living happily, the governor died and 'Kind' took over. Then one day, a beggar appeared by their door and asked for food. 'Kind' recognized that the beggar was 'Cruel'. He let him in the house and revealed himself to Cruel.

Cruel was very much surprised and asked Kind how it happened. 'Kind' told him the entire story. 'Cruel' right away begged him to take both his eyes and wanted to be successful like him. But Kind told him no.

Cruel wanted to be rich like Kind so he took out both his eyes and went up the tree. After midnight, ghosts came under the tree.

"I smell like a man" said one of them.

"Here I am" Cruel responded. Then the ghosts took him down, make him in small pieces and eat him up.

Long time ago, near to a crowded street there lived a rich man. This rich man has a wife who has a face of a fox. The rich man built a big store next to his house. The rich man always offers his house for people who pass by the street to sleep over when it gets late to head home. As long as the man is rich, he provides those who sleep there everything they needed.

"You are very rich. How can you live with such ugly lady?" was a question from many people, which he never liked. And whoever asked him

this question, risks his head cut off. The rich man keeps those bodies in the store he built.

One day a man wanted to sleep in the house, because it was late to reach home. As usual he was provided with the best hospitality. The next morning, the man thanked the rich man and was ready to live without asking any question. The rich man stopped him for a while and wanted to show him the dead bodies in his store. The rich man explained why those people are dead. “These people should have thanked me for all my hospitality and leave. But they asked me why I live with such ugly wife. So, this is what they got in return” said the rich man.

“I want to give you the best lesson that you could ever get in your life time”, said the rich man.

Do not take a new road just for it is a short cut.

Do not do something bad.

Do not regret on what is past.

The man went thanking the rich man for the lesson. While walking home, he met another man and started walking together. The man suggested a short cut to reach home but he refused, remembering the advice of the rich man. The other man went through the short cut; and robbers hit him down and snatched his money.

The man kept walking and from a distance he saw two people fighting. He pulled his gun and tried to shoot them. But then, he remembered what the rich man told him. So, he placed his gun back and walked closer. Approaching closer, he found the two of his boys playing, not fighting. He was happy that he did not do anything stupid. But sitting in his house he started to regret that this rich man should have taught him much more than only these three important things. But then, he remembered his list advice, “Do not regret on what is past.”

## 6. Shifaradone

Once upon a time there lived a warrior named Shifaradone. This warrior met a Crow on his way to battle and the Crow asked if he could join him. Shifaradone agreed and they started to hit the road together. On the way, they met a shepherd boy and joined them. After a long walk they reach to a riverside.

“I can cross this river but you cannot,” Crow said proudly.

The Crow successfully crossed the river and then Shifaradone. But the Shepherd boy couldn't. So, he returned home.

The great warrior Shifaradone and the Crow continued their journey and reached by a muddy place. As before Crow passed without any failure with all his weapons and possessions. But Shifaradone sunk in the mud with his horse and weapons. Crow left him and continued his journey. Fox appeared by the muddy area and Shifaradone asked him to deliver a message to his family.

“What message” asked Fox.

“Tell them that Shifaradone is in the mud, with all his weapons, horse and possessions” said Shifaradone.

“Don't you remember me Shifaradone? One day you attacked me because I took one small sheep from you? So I don't think I should do you a favor this time Shifaradone, sorry!” said fox and left him.

Then came Hyena and saw Shifaradone in the mud. Shifaradone insisted him to deliver message to his family. “Oh no Shifaradone” said Hyena, “I remember one day that you accused me of taking your Calf and missed a shoot to kill me; sorry I will not take your message” said and left him too.

Many other animals refused to take Shifaradone's message but finally a Dove came and Shifaradone asked him the same. Dove agreed to take his message and went to his family. He sat on the edge of the fence.

“Shifaradone is in the mud, with all his weapons in his hands, shields underarm, horse and possessions” said Dove loud and sound. But Shifaradone’s family chases him away. Dove returned to Shifaradone and told him what has happened.

Shifaradone took off his necklace and told the Dove to drop a piece on the road from his house to where he is stuck in the mud. Following the drops of Shifaradone’s necklace the family came and helped him out. Since that day on, Dove joined Shifaradone’s family and lived happily.

One day Shifaradone went on a trip. That day as the housemaid was preparing meal, the Dove was there eating up what she was cooking. The maid told him several times to stop, but Dove did not care. She was very upset and hit him on the head. As she noticed he was dead, she covered him with leaves and hid him in the back yard.

“Where is Dove?” asked Shifaradone when he returned home.

“I do not know,” replied the maid.

Shifaradone went to the back yard to feed the cows and there he found the dead Dove. With grieve and sorrow Shifaradone killed himself.

Shifaradone’s father saw the body of his son and committed suicide; right after that his mother and the maid saw the tragedy and died too.

The shepherd boy and a lady came after a long day in the farm and found the house empty. They both felt sad of what happened and went to bed. In the night, hyenas came and eat all the bodies left outside. The hyena then looked up to the shepherd boy and asked him how he managed to get up there to sleep.

“I climbed up backwards,” said the boy. “Get yourself upside down and climb, then you will get me,” said the boy.

Hyena was doing the same and the boy quickly stabbed him from behind and killed him.

The next day his brother-in-law came home and took all farm animals as well as the shepherd boy. He told his wife that he bought her many farm animals and brought her a slave. “These animals look like my daddy’s; and also, this boy looks like my brother!” said the wife. But the husband fooled her.

He told his wife that she could ask the boy to do anything. “Ask him to get you water with a drainer and spank him well whether he does or doesn’t,” told the husband.

“Tell him to start a fire on mud; and spank him whatever he does or not. Also ask him to fight with any big household in the house. Laugh to death whether he won or loss,” said the husband.

The wife spends her day by playing foolish of the shepherd boy now and then. One day the boy went to the river and sat there to rest for a while. Then he started singing a song.

“My sister hates me,  
She asks me to get water with a drainer,  
She hits me again and again.  
She asks me to get fire on mud,  
She hits me for that too,  
She wants me to fight, and laugh at me.”

A lady living near the river told to his sister about his song. His sister went to the river and listened to his song and learnt the truth. She then hurried home and prepared a big hole in the house and covered it with leaves and branches. She also boiled some water. As her husband gets home, she told her husband that she prepared him a bath and asked him to sit where there was a hole. The husband did not know about her trick and fall into the hole. She poured the hot water over him and killed him.

The shepherd boy and his sister lived happily ever after.

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## **7. An Ox never Give Birth**

In the old days a Lion and Tiger were living together. The Lion owned an Ox and the Tiger a Cow. They had their turn to take both the cow and ox to the field.

One day the Lion took them to the field, as it was his turn. While he was there the Cow gave birth. The Lion wanted to have the Calf so he took them home and told Tiger and his Ox gave birth. Tiger started to argue telling him that an Ox cannot give birth and that the Calf belongs to him.

Finally, they agreed to gather all the animals and judge for the truth. On that judgment day being scared of the Lion, all the animals told Tiger that the Calf belongs to the Lion. Tiger noticed that Rabbit was not in the group and asked to wait for him. Then came Rabbit. Lion yelled at him for his lateness.

“I got late, because I was busy sewing up the land that was split and getting the fire out in the river,” said Rabbit.

“You liar, there has never been a land being torn out and a river on fire” said Lion with anger.

“Then you lied too, Lion. An Ox can never give birth,” said Rabbit and quickly disappeared in the forest.

Tiger took his Calf and went happy by the wise judgment of a Rabbit.

## **8. a man who has three wives**

Once upon a time a man who has three wives lived with an Ox. From his wives, the first one only has one hair, the second one tooth and the third one nail.

One day the man was going on a long trip so he asked his wives to take good care of the Ox.

When he was back from his trip he found his Ox thrown under a cliff.

“Where have you been when this happens to my Ox,” asked the man with anger.

“I went to buy a comb to my hair,” the lady with one hair replied.

“I went to buy a tooth brush,” said the lady with one tooth.

“I went to buy a nail cutter for my nail,” said the third lady with one nail.

The man then decided to divorce two of them and stay with only one. Making his choice, he said that it did not matter if the hair was not combed and also it did not matter if the nail was not cut. So, he decided to live with the one tooth and divorced the two.

## **9. The Dead Snake Rising**

When a father was going on a trip with his son they found a dead snake under the bridge.

“My son, if we tell each other the truth, this dead snake would rise again,” said the father to his son.

The son agreed with the idea and promised to tell him every secret that he kept for himself.

The father wanted to go first and told his son, “Son, I always dream for you to achieve the best in life. Pretty wife, plenty of horses, and a very big house and compound, which is much bigger than what I own.”

The son on his part continued and told his father what he felt. “Father, I always wanted you to die soon and take all your possessions. Your house, wealth, your big compound and garden and your horses, so I can do whatever I want to do with it.”

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As they finished talking, the dead snake drag himself and went slowly under the bridge.