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Jacob I

-9th story-

Narration Isaac and Rebekah had twin sons. The elder twin was red and his whole body was like a hairy garment. Isaac named him ‘Esau’. His brother, who came out grasping Esau’s heel, was named ‘Jacob’. Although Esau and Jacob were born together, they were very different. Esau was strong and quick and liked to run around the open field. Esau grew up to be a skillful hunter. His father, Isaac loved Esau dearly. On the other hand, Jacob was a quiet man who liked to stay at home. He looked after the livestock and helped with the housework. His mother, Rebekah loved Jacob dearly

Narration One day, Jacob was cooking some stew. Esau who had come back from hunting was famished.

E s a u Jacob! Let me have some stew, will you?

J a c o b If you sell me your birthright I will give you some stew.

E s a u My birthright?? Fine, ok. What good is the birthright to me when I am this famished?

Narration In this way, Esau did not think highly of his birthright and did as Jacob suggested.

Narration A long time had passed and Isaac was old and his eyes were so weak that he could no longer see. One day, Isaac called for Esau.

I s a a c Esau, go out to the open country to hunt some wild game for me. Then I will give you God’s blessing before I die.

E s a u Really? Then I will go quickly.

Narration Esau went out to hunt with a joyful heart.

Narration Now Rebekah was listening as Isaac spoke to Esau. Rebekah loved Jacob more than Esau.

Rebekah It would be good if Jacob received that blessing....

Narration Rebekah called for Jacob and spoke to him.

Rebekah Jacob, go out to the flock and bring me a young goat so that



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I can prepare some tasty food for your father. Then take it to your father so that he may give you his blessing before he dies.

J a c o b But Mother, Esau' is a hairy man and I have smooth skin. What if my father touches me? He will know immediately that it is me and not Esau.

Rebekah Do not worry. There is a way.

Narration Rebekah prepared some tasty food just the way Isaac liked it with the young goat which Jacob brought her. Then she clothed Jacob with Esau's clothes and covered Jacob's hands and body with the goatskins.

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Narration Jacob took the tasty food prepared by his mother and went to his father.

J a c o b Father!

I s a a c Who is it?

J a c o b I am Esau. Please sit up and eat some of my game so that you may give me your blessing.

Narration Jacob was nervous that he might be caught.

I s a a c Come near so I can touch you, my son, to know whether you really are my son Esau or not.

Narration Jacob's father touched him.

I s a a c The voice is the voice of Jacob but the hands are the hands of Esau. I guess I was mistaken.

Narration Isaac who was old and whose eyes were too weak did not recognize Jacob. He believed he was talking to Esau. Isaac ate the food and blessed Jacob.

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Narration Sometime later, Esau came in from hunting. He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father.

I s a a c Who are you?

E s a u Father I am you son, Esau.

I s a a c What? I already blessed you.

Narration Esau burst out with a loud and bitter cry.

E s a u Father, Jacob has already deceived me twice. Before he took my birthright and now he has taken my blessing. Bless me too father!

I s a a c I have already blessed Jacob; what can I give you?

Narration Esau wept aloud. He hated his younger brother Jacob.

E s a u I will kill Jacob after my father passes.

Narration Esau's mother Rebekah overheard Esau's plan and told Jacob to run away to his uncle's home and lived there.