

Story #147 (Tape #73, 1961-62)

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The Poor Boy Repays a Debt

There was once a poor boy who wanted to cross the Bosphorus. At that time there was a family crossing in their own boat, and they took the boy across with them.

Later, the boy became an apprentice to a wealthy man. He was an honest young man. He worked well, and before the wealthy man died, he left all his property to the young man. Thus he himself became a wealthy man in this way.

One day the people who had befriended him and helped him cross the Bosphorus were reduced to poverty. They happened to come to his shop. When he saw their condition, he wanted to help them, and so he eventually married their daughter.