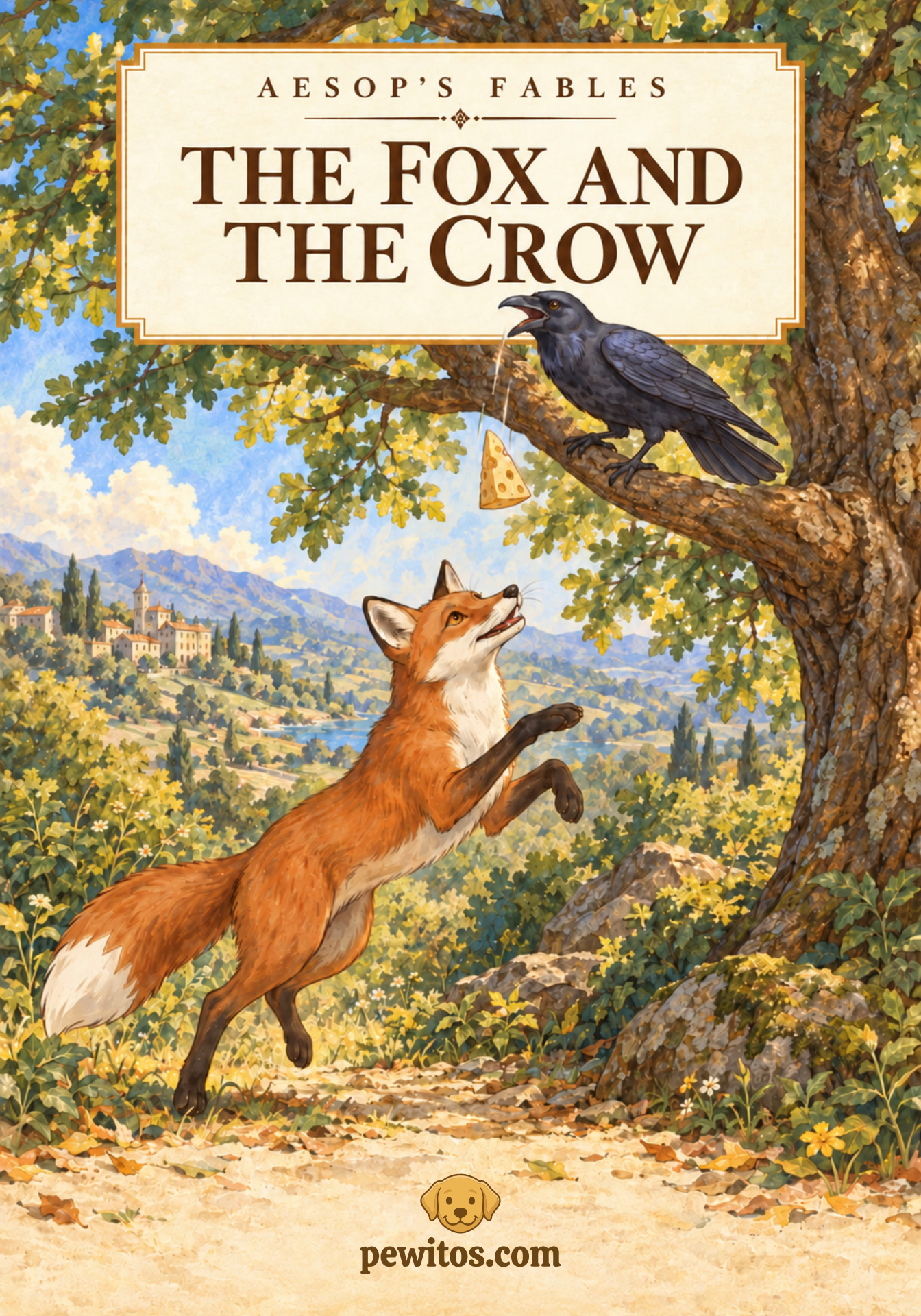


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A crow found a piece of cheese and flew to a tree to eat in peace. He settled on a high branch and held the cheese firmly in his beak.



A fox came along the path. When he smelled the cheese, he lifted his nose and spotted the crow among the leaves. He stayed beneath the tree, thinking of a way to get that tasty bite.



"Good morning, Mr. Crow," said the fox. "What beautiful feathers you have!" The crow looked down from the branch but kept his beak closed. He did not want to drop his cheese.



The fox walked around the trunk. "Your feathers shine like the night," he went on. "I have never seen such an elegant bird." The crow straightened his neck, feeling very pleased.



The cheese was still in the crow's beak, and the fox was still hungry. Then he smiled and added, "I'm sure your voice is as lovely as your feathers. Would you sing a song for me?"



The crow imagined himself singing for the whole forest. For a moment he forgot the cheese, lifted his head, and opened his beak wide. "Caw, caw!"



As soon as he opened his beak, the cheese fell from the branch. The fox leaped up and caught it before it touched the ground. It all happened in an instant.



The crow stared at his empty beak. The fox moved away from the tree with the cheese. "Thank you for the song," he said. "Though really, all I wanted was your food."



The crow understood the trick. He had believed every compliment because he liked being admired. He lowered his head and decided to be more careful next time.



From that day on, the crow took his time listening to compliments. Before believing them, he asked himself what the speaker wanted. And whenever he carried food, he kept his beak firmly shut.

About this edition

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A fable from Greek tradition attributed to Aesop, an ancient storyteller. A crow and a fox show how flattery can cloud judgment. This is a Pewitos adaptation.



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A crow holds a piece of cheese in his beak, and a fox tries to win it with flattery. A fable about thinking carefully before believing everything we hear.



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