

THE CRANE GIVES BACK

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C01	Once upon a time, a poor young man lived in a little house in the mountains. His _____ were both dead now, and the young man was very lonely. Each day he walked through the forest and collected wood. He _____ the wood in the nearest town, and made just enough money to get by.
C02	It was a morning in _____ winter. The young man was walking through the snowy woods, when he heard something strange. It sounded like a cry of pain. He followed the sound _____ he discovered a beautiful white crane. She was lying in the snow, with an arrow through her wing.
C03	"You poor _____!" the young man said. "Who did this to you?"
C04	He held the crane in his arms and gently pulled the arrow out. Then he cleaned her wing, set her down in the snow, and stepped back. The crane spread her wings and _____ up into the air. She circled above the young man once, cried out, and flew off into the _____.
C05	Late that night, the young man was sitting by his fire at home. Outside, the weather was very bad. The sky was white with snow, and a strong wind was _____. Suddenly there was a knock at the door. When the young man opened it, he was very surprised. A beautiful young woman was standing on the front _____.
C06	"I have lost my way," she said. "May I _____ the night here?"
C07	"Of course!" said the young man. He invited her in, gave her a seat by the fire, and _____ her some hot soup.
C08	"Thank you so much," she said. "You're very kind."
C09	"You're _____ welcome," he told her. "Please stay as long as you like."
C10	In fact the bad weather continued, and the woman stayed for many days. She helped with the cleaning and cooking, and she was very good _____ for the young man. He often thought how sad he _____ be when she left. But then, one morning, she came to him and said:
C11	"Please take me as your wife."
C12	The young man's face turned _____ red.
C13	"I'm a _____ man," he said. "I can't give you a good life."

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C14	"I don't _____ if we're poor," she told him, "as long as we can be together."
C15	And so they married.
C16	They were very happy as man and wife. But it was a long, cold winter. Now New Year's was coming, and they had no money and very little food. One day, the young man told his wife that he was _____.
C17	"How _____ we eat?" he said.
C18	His wife _____ for a while before speaking.
C19	"There is an old _____ in the little room in back," she said.
C20	"Yes," he said. "It was my mother's."
C21	"I want to use it to weave some _____," she told him. "But you must promise me one thing. Never look into that room when I'm _____. This is very important. Please promise."
C22	The young man thought this strange, but he gave her his _____. His wife went into the little room and closed the door. And _____ she stayed for the next three days. The young man didn't see her in all that time, but he heard the sound of the loom day and night.
C23	On the third night, his wife finally stepped out of the room. She looked weak and tired. But she smiled as she handed him three _____ of white cloth.
C24	"Please take this to town and _____ it," she said.
C25	It was very beautiful cloth—as _____ and soft as the light of the moon. The next day, her husband carried the rolls straight to the house of the town's richest man. And that night he came home with three big bags full of _____.
C26	"My dear wife!" he said. "Thanks to you, we'll get _____ the winter. And the rich man wants to buy more! Please weave more cloth as soon as you can! Think of the money we can get for it!"
C27	His wife said nothing at _____. But then she smiled sadly.
C28	"Of course. I'll begin right away," she said and walked to the door of the little room in _____. "But please remember. You must never look in when I'm weaving . . ."

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C29	All that night and all the next day, the young man _____ the sound of the loom. But the sound was different this time. It was slower, and heavier. He began to worry about his wife. And then, late in the evening, he heard another sound, like a cry of _____. Promise or no promise, he had to look into the room.
C30	But what a shock he got when he opened the door! His wife wasn't there, but a white crane was sitting at the loom. The crane looked _____ and _____, and many of her feathers were gone. When she looked up and saw the young man, she let out a sad cry. And then, right before his eyes, she turned back into his beautiful wife.
C31	The young man couldn't _____ speak.
C32	"You . . ." he said. "You're . . ."
C33	"Yes," said his wife. "I'm the crane. You saved my life that day, and I wanted to give back. I wanted to help you in _____. So I became human . . . I was happy as your wife, and I learned to love you very much. When you said you needed money for food, I used my _____ to weave the cloth. But then you wanted more money . . ."
C34	"My dear wife!" cried the young man. "I didn't know! If I—"
C35	"My hope was to stay with you _____," his wife said. "But now that you know my secret, it is not to be. I must leave you."
C36	"No!" The young man followed his wife to the front door. "Please don't leave! I don't need money! I only want you!"
C37	His wife _____ outside and turned to look at him sadly.
C38	"I'm sorry," she said. "It is not to be."
C39	And _____, right before his eyes, she turned back into a white crane.
C40	The crane spread her wings and rose up into the air. She circled once in the sky above the young man and _____ out another sad cry. Then she flew off into the clouds, and he never _____ her again.