# KARAKYLYSH

## A fairy tale

Once upon a time there lived five brothers. One year they sowed about half the arpent of grain. When the time came close to harvesting, brothers noticed that somebody every night somebody came to their field and tramples down their crops.

So they started stand guard for their field. The first was the turn for the eldest brother, but he did not see anybody around. Then the three younger brother took up guarding the crops in three following nights but they noticed nothing either. Finally, the turn came for the youngest of them, whose name was Karakylysh.

At the night of his watch Karakylysh saw the black mare that descended from the sky and began eating their crops. Karakylysh caught her. Suddenly, the black mare addressed to him in human tongue, “Let me go, dear boy. I have five colts; if you let me go I will give a colt to you and to each of your brothers”.

Karakylysh believed the mare and let it go. Sometime after, it really brought five colts, the smallest one it gave to Karakylysh and the rest — to his older brothers.

However, every time brothers took up racing on their new horses, Karakylysh and his little colt were the fastest.

Once, as Karakylysh was riding his little colt, he saw the steam of smoke rising from the earth and decided to come closer to that place. There stood a little hut that belonged to Glutton Crone[27]. The crone had five young daughters. In her house there were separate rooms, where girls ate, played and rested.

Karakylysh slipped into the room for play and hid under the carpet.

When the girls entered the room, the first thing they did was to lift up the carpet. They saw Karakylysh, gave a scared screams and run to their mother. The mother yelled at them and told them to go back. So they returned in their room and started playing. Karakylysh caught them all, took four of them under his arms, the fifth he put onto his back, mount his horse and pulled him to run. But suddenly he heard the crone crying and saying, “You can take my daughters, but tomorrow, I myself will see you out. And today, stay at my home for a night.”

Karakylysh gave the crone her daughters back and stayed for a night in her house.

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When the night came, the crone prepared a bed for Karakylysh and told him it was time to sleep. But before going to bed Karakylysh went outside and saw his horse crying — the tears rolling down from one its eye, and the drops of blood from another. The horse told him, "Stay awake tonight. As soon as you fall asleep, the crone will kill you. Right now she is forging herself iron teeth."

Karakylysh returned to his bed but did not sleep. The Crone entered into his room and saw him awake. She said only "Sleep, my darling" and went out.

Sometime after she returned, and again, seeing Karakylysh awake, she went out. This happened for few times more, until finally the dawn came. So the only thing the Crone could do was to give her daughters the great dowry and let them go with Karakylysh. When they were leaving, she told them, "You will see three mountain passes on your way. But do not stop on the first two of them. Go to the third one and there stay for a night."

The evening came. It happened that four older brothers of Karakylysh were spending the night at the middle pass, and he alone — at the third.

When he woke up following morning, he heard his four brothers crying and somebody talking to them. "If you bring Karakylysh to me," the voice said, "I will let you all go".

Hearing that, Karakylysh got up and went to the place from where he heard those. There he saw, that his brothers were caught by Aidakhar. When Aidakhar saw Karakylysh, he let all his for brothers go and told him, "For that you shall go and bring me the immortal daughter of Bermes-khan".

Karakylysh agreed and started his way. After some time he saw a man who was binding two mountains together.

"What are you doing?" Karakylysh asked.

"I want to be a friend of Karakylysh", the man replied.

And so they went on together. Then they met another man, who was taking the water from one lake with his mouth and pouring it into another lake. The two friends took him with them as well. After that they met the bowman and the runner. The runner was so fast that he could cut off the tail of one magpie and attached it to another magpie sitting nearby.

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So they all continued their way together riding one single horse. In some time, they saw two mountains. There was the blood pouring from the foundation of one mountain, and the pus from the foundation of another. Between those two mountains there was the aul standing. Karakylysh entered this aul, came to its khan and said, "I came to take away your daughter".

The khan then answered, "I will give you some tasks. If you manage to do everything I will tell you, I will give you my daughter myself, if you do not — I will kill you."

At first khan organized a bayga. The horse of Karakylysh was the first to come. Then khan decided it is better to race on feet. Karakylysh sent his friend, the runner, and the khan sent some old woman. But old woman took the bucket of sweet mead with her.

Before the race, woman gave the mead to runner and he drunk it all. After that, he fell asleep and woman started running. The man, who had very good hearing sense has put his ear to land and said 'I hear only one person running". Karakylysh called the bowman and told him to shoot. The bowman shoot and his arrow pierced the bucked, which lay near slipping runner. From that sound runner woke up, sprang to his feet, grabbed the handful of sand and start running as fast as he could. When he overtook the old woman, he called her and when she turned back, he threw the sand into her face, she stopped and started crying. So it happened that runner came first. Then khan locked Karakylysh and his friends in iron house and laid hot coals around it. He brought bellows from forgery and began to blow, setting the house afire. This time Karakylysh and his friends were saved by the man who could take the water from whole lake into his mouth. The man begun to splash water everywhere, and thus he extinguished the fire.

Khan could not make up anything else for them, so he gave them his daughter and let them all go.

As they were coming back, friends of Karakylysh stayed, where he had found them. When he proposed to give them his clothes as a reward, all his friends refused to take it.

Karakylysh then gave the girl to Aidakhar, as he had promised, and rode along until he met his brothers again.

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**Connect the numbers with the fairy tale plots in order.**

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14. 15.

Khan's assignment.

Harvesting, brothers' attentiveness.

The black mare gave foals to 5 brothers.

The meeting of Karakylysh with Khan.

Karakylysh met an archer and a runner.

Cry brothers, meeting with Aidakhar.

A conversation between a Karakylysh and a mare before going to bed.

The Glutton crone let her daughters go with Karakylysh..

He took the girls and rode on a horse.

The conversation of the Karakylysh and the black mare.

Karakylysh returned to the Glutton Crone and stayed overnight.

The victory of Karakylysh.

Karakylysh met a man who took water from one lake by mouth and poured it into another lake.

The brothers guarded the harvest in turn.

Karakylysh saw the house of a Glutton crone and he entered the room to play.

Karakylysh met a man who reunited two mountains and they became friends.

**Choose the correct answers.**

Karakylysh met with ...

A)a black mare

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B)parents
C) who was taking the water from  lake
D)who was binding two mountains
F)Glutton old man

The glutton crone promised to give Karakylysh...
A)her sons
B)her wealth
C)her all daughters
D)her 5 daughters
F)her daughters

The very first and the very last character that Karakylysh met?
A)Aidakhar
B)Khan
C)Glutton Crone
D)bowman
F)Black mare

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