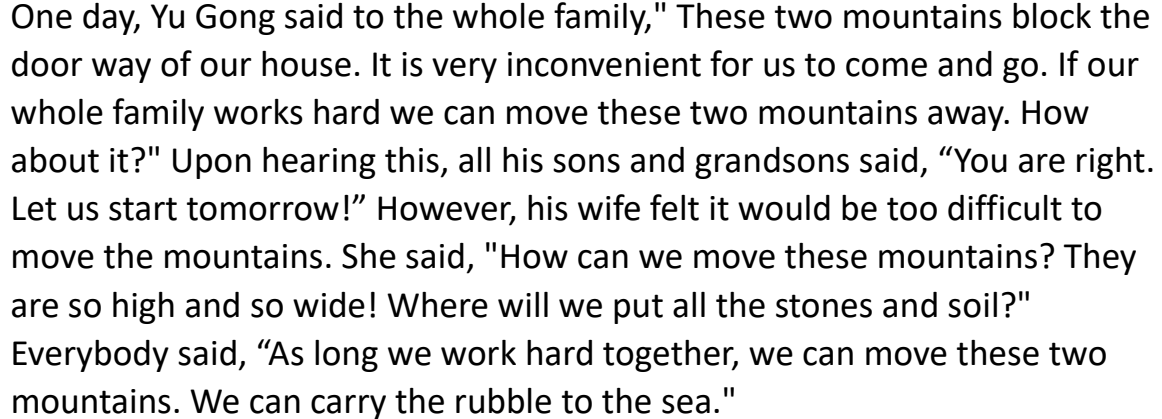


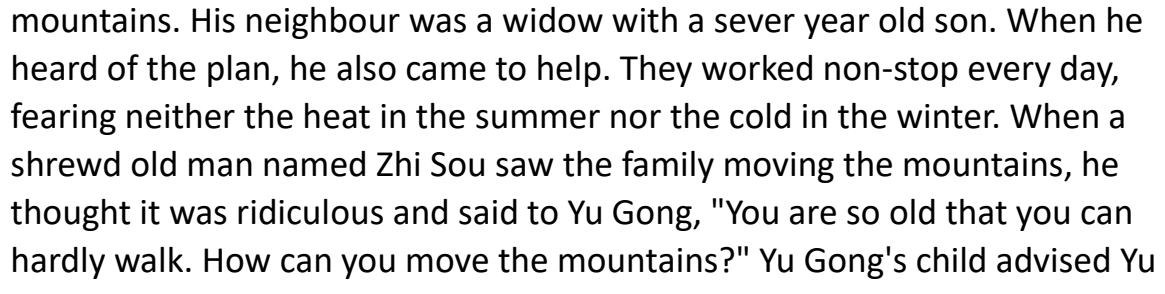


Yu Gong Explodes the Mountains

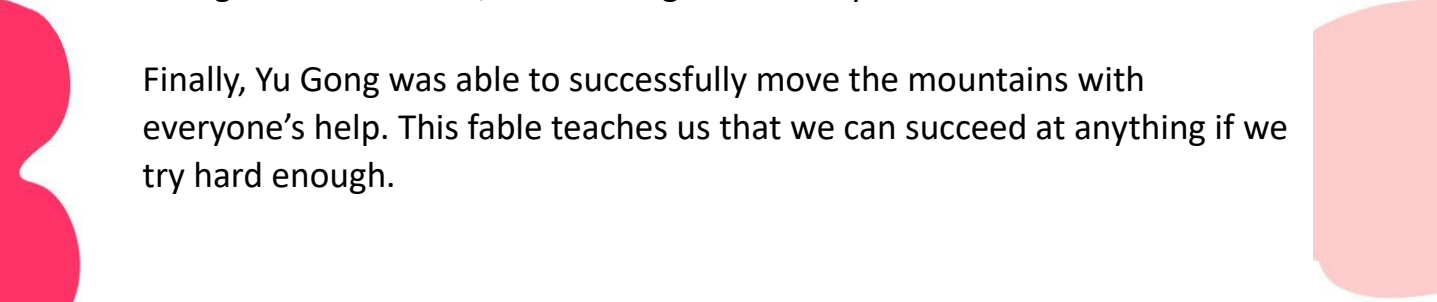
In ancient times, there was an old man named Yu Gong. He was nearly ninety years old. There were two mountains in front of his house. One was the Taihang mountain, the other was Wangwu mountain. It was very inconvenient for people to come, and go.



One day, Yu Gong said to the whole family, "These two mountains block the door way of our house. It is very inconvenient for us to come and go. If our whole family works hard we can move these two mountains away. How about it?" Upon hearing this, all his sons and grandsons said, "You are right. Let us start tomorrow!" However, his wife felt it would be too difficult to move the mountains. She said, "How can we move these mountains? They are so high and so wide! Where will we put all the stones and soil?" Everybody said, "As long we work hard together, we can move these two mountains. We can carry the rubble to the sea."



The following day, Yu Gong led the whole family and started to move the mountains. His neighbour was a widow with a seven year old son. When he heard of the plan, he also came to help. They worked non-stop every day, fearing neither the heat in the summer nor the cold in the winter. When a shrewd old man named Zhi Sou saw the family moving the mountains, he thought it was ridiculous and said to Yu Gong, "You are so old that you can hardly walk. How can you move the mountains?" Yu Gong's child advised Yu Gong to buy some dynamite to blow-up the mountains. Zhi Sou, who thought himself clever, had nothing more to say.



Finally, Yu Gong was able to successfully move the mountains with everyone's help. This fable teaches us that we can succeed at anything if we try hard enough.

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