Long, long ago, Tiger was not the king of the forest. He was powerful but he didn’t have any skills. He couldn’t even catch a rabbit. He was a laughing stock among the small animals.

A cat with a striped tail lived by a river. Small in stature, he was nimble and very skillful. Even dozens of mountain rats were not his equal.
When Tiger heard about this, he decided to learn from the Cat. He tried his best to catch a few rats and brought them to meet Cat.

“Master Cat,” said Tiger with great respect, “please take me as your disciple and teach me some skills. I will study very hard.” Seeing Tiger so eager to learn, Cat agreed.

From then on, Cat taught Tiger patiently day after day. Tiger lived up to his promise. He learned each move meticulously.
Tiger always treated Master Cat with due respect, and he often brought delicacies to his teacher. If Master Cat seemed a bit tried, Tiger would ask him to take a seat and offer him tea.

Cat was touched by Tiger’s sincerity. He passed on all of his regular skills. On top of that, he taught him three unique moves. The first one was 

“Mighty Tiger Comes Down the Mountain.” Tiger stood on some high ground and roared, rocking the entire forest down below.

The second move was called “The Superb Sweep.” Using his tail as a weapon, Tiger jumped up in midair, gathered all his strength and, with a
sweep of his tail, smashed a giant rock to pieces.

The final move was “The Iron Claws”. Tiger had to use his powerful claws to snatch some prey, not giving the animal any chance to get away.

For three years Tiger learned until he eventually became a well-known hunter. However, he was also becoming more and more arrogant and had begun to look down on his teacher. “I will soon become the real king of the forest,” he thought to himself. “How can I still call a small cat my master?”

老虎学了三年，本领高强起来。它越来越骄傲，开始瞧不起小花猫了，心想：“我马上
Thus Tiger racked his brains for an idea about how he could get rid of Cat. But how could his scheming fool the clever Cat? “I have taught you all of my skills,” Cat said. “Now you may leave.”

“Ha,” thought Tiger, “now that Cat has taught me everything, and he’s no match to me in strength, this is the chance I must grasp.”
“Master,” he said, “What is that behind you?” As soon as Cat looked over his shoulder, Tiger leapt into the air, and with his enormous jaws wide open he lunged towards his teacher.

But Cat was fully prepared. He swiftly climbed up a giant tree. “Tiger,” he said furiously, “how ungrateful you are! I taught you my skills, and now you want to eat me! Luckily I didn’t teach you to climb trees.”
No matter how hard he tried, Tiger could not reach Cat. “Aww! Aww!” he roared in vain. But he had not learnt to climb and stood no chance of catching his clever teacher. Downcast, he had to go home.

老虎 怎么 也 够不着 小花 猫，气的“嗷嗷”大吼。

但 它 没有 学到 爬树 的 本领，根本 抓 不到

小 花 猫，只好 灰溜溜地 回家了。