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# THE GOLDEN GOOSE



# WHAT IS IT?

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ONCE THERE WAS A MAN WHO HAD THREE SONS. THE OLDEST SON WAS NAMED HANS.

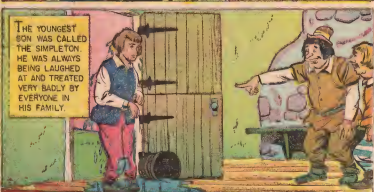


THE SECOND SON WAS NAMED KARL.

HURRY, KARL! I THINK I HEAR HIM COMING!



THE YOUNGEST SON WAS CALLED THE SIMPLETON. HE WAS ALWAYS BEING LAUGHED AT AND TREATED VERY BADLY BY EVERYONE IN HIS FAMILY.



ONE MORNING, HANS WENT TO THE FOREST TO CUT WOOD.

HERE IS A BAG OF SANDWICHES AND SOME GOOD GOAT'S MILK...

THANK YOU, MOTHER

AS HANS WALKED THROUGH THE FOREST, HE CAME UPON A LITTLE OLD MAN.

YOUNG MAN, WOULD YOU GIVE ME A SCRAP OF BREAD FROM YOUR BAG, OR A DROP OF MILK? I AM HUNGRY AND THIRSTY.

BE OFF WITH YOU, STRANGER! MY BAG IS EMPTY, AND I AM IN A HURRY.

A LITTLE WHILE LATER, AS HANS WAS CHOPPING DOWN A TREE...

HELP! I'VE CUT MY ARM WITH MY OWN AX!



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PUZZLED BY WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM, HANS HURRIED HOME.

KARL, YOUR BROTHER WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CUT ANY MORE WOOD TODAY. TAKE HIS AX AND HIS BAG OF SANDWICHES AND GO FINISH THE JOB.

ALL RIGHT, MOTHER.



KARL SOON MET THE LITTLE MAN

MY LAD, WOULD YOU SHOW A LITTLE KINDNESS TO A POOR OLD MAN? I AM SO HUNGRY AND SO THIRSTY THAT I THINK I WILL DIE IF I DO NOT GET A SCRAP OF FOOD.

GET OUT OF MY WAY! I HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE YOU!



AND STRANGELY ENOUGH

HELP! I'VE HIT MY LEG! OH, HELP! I CANNOT WALK!



LUCKILY FOR KARL, SOME NEIGHBORS WERE CHOPPING WOOD NEARBY THEY HEARD HIM SHOUTING AND CARRIED HIM HOME



**T**HE NEXT MORNING...

NO! CAN'T YOU SEE HOW MUCH TROUBLE YOUR BROTHERS HAVE HAD?

FATHER, LET ME GO TO THE FOREST TO CUT THE WOOD.



**B**UT FINALLY HIS FATHER AGREED. AND SO...

HERE, MY FOOLISH SON. HERE IS DRY BREAD AND WATER FOR YOUR LUNCH.

THANK YOU, GOOD MOTHER.



**A**S SOON AS THE SIMPLETON ENTERED THE FOREST, HE MET THE LITTLE MAN.

MY LAD, I AM HUNGRY. HAVE YOU A CRUMB OF FOOD FOR A HELPLESS OLD MAN?

STRANGER, I HAVE ONLY DRY BREAD AND WATER. IF THAT IS GOOD ENOUGH, I WILL GLADLY SHARE IT WITH YOU.



**B**UT WHEN THE SIMPLETON TOOK OUT THE CRUSTS OF BREAD THAT HIS MOTHER HAD GIVEN HIM...

WELL, LOOK AT THIS! MY BREAD HAS TURNED INTO CAKE! AND THE WATER IS NOW FINE, FRESH MILK! I MUST BE DREAMING!



NO, LAD, YOU ARE NOT DREAMING AS YOU HAVE SUCH A KIND HEART, AND HAVE SHARED WHAT YOU HAVE WITH ME, I WILL SHARE WHAT I HAVE WITH YOU.

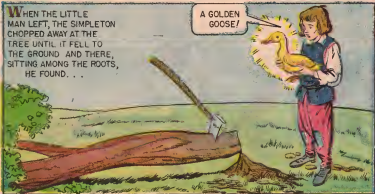


DO YOU SEE THAT TREE? WHEN I HAVE GONE, CHOP IT DOWN. YOU WILL FIND SOMETHING AT THE ROOTS.



WHEN THE LITTLE MAN LEFT, THE SIMPLETON CHOPPED AWAY AT THE TREE UNTIL IT FELL TO THE GROUND AND THERE, SITTING AMONG THE ROOTS, HE FOUND...

A GOLDEN GOOSE!





THE SIMPLETON SET OFF AT ONCE FOR THE NEAREST TOWN. THERE, HE WENT TO AN INN

MAY I RENT A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT?

CERTAINLY, BUT TELL ME, WHAT KIND OF BIRD IS THAT UNDER YOUR ARM?



IT IS A WONDERFUL BIRD. ITS FEATHERS ARE OF PURE GOLD.



PURE GOLD? WELL, I NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING! I MUST CALL MY DAUGHTERS TO SEE IT.



THE LANDLORD'S THREE DAUGHTERS CAME AT ONCE

HOW BEAUTIFUL ITS FEATHERS ARE!

HOW TAME IT IS!

WHAT A LUCKY MAN YOU ARE, TO OWN SUCH A MARVELOUS CREATURE!



THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE SIMPLETON HAD GONE TO BED, LILI, THE OLDEST DAUGHTER, CREPT TO THE PLACE WHERE HE HAD LEFT THE GOOSE.

I MUST HAVE A FEATHER FROM THAT WONDERFUL GOOSE. THE SIMPLETON WILL NEVER MISS JUST ONE FEATHER.



BUT WHEN THE GIRL GRABBED THE GOOSE BY ITS WING...

HELP! HILDA! HELP! HELP! MY HAND IS STUCK TO THE GOLDEN GOOSE! PULL ME AWAY! HELP!



SO HILDA TRIED TO HELP HER SISTER. BUT THE MINUTE SHE TOUCHED LILI, SHE FOUND HERSELF STUCK AS TIGHTLY TO HER SISTER AS HER SISTER WAS STUCK TO THE GOOSE!



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WHAT'S ALL THE NOISE ABOUT? OH, I SEE! YOU TWO ARE PULLING FEATHERS FROM THE GOLDEN GOOSE!



WELL, WHAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU TWO, IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!

NO, GRETCHEN! NO, DON'T TOUCH US! DON'T TOUCH THE GOOSE!



**B**UT THE WARNINGS OF HER SISTERS  
CAME TOO LATE.

HELP! WHAT IS THIS?  
I CAN'T GET MY HAND  
LOOSE!



**T**HE NEXT MORNING, WHEN THE SIMPLETON  
CAME DOWNSTAIRS, HE FOUND THE THREE  
SISTERS SITTING ON THE FLOOR, WEeping.

WELL, WHAT'S THIS?  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING  
TO MY GOLDEN GOOSE?



YOU MEAN, WHAT  
IS YOUR GOOSE DOING  
TO US? WE ARE ALL  
STUCK FAST TO HIM,  
AND TO EACH OTHER,  
AS WELL.

YOU MUST TELL  
THE GOOSE TO  
LET US GO AT  
ONCE.



**W**HEN THE LANDLORD SAW WHAT HAD  
HAPPENED, HE WAS VERY ANGRY.

WELL, YOU RASCAL,  
WHAT DO YOU  
INTEND TO DO  
ABOUT THIS?

NOTHING AT ALL. I  
SUPPOSE THAT IF  
YOUR DAUGHTERS ARE  
STUCK TO MY GOOSE,  
THERE MUST BE A  
REASON FOR IT. NOW,  
GOOD DAY TO YOU, SIR.



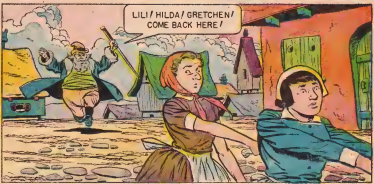
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SO THE SIMPLETON LEFT THE INN  
CARRYING HIS GOLDEN GOOSE  
— WITH THE SISTERS STILL  
STUCK TO THE BIRD AND TO  
EACH OTHER.



**T**HE SIMPLETON HAD NOT GONE FAR, WHEN HE PASSED THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN.

IT IS NOT NICE FOR THE INNKEEPER'S DAUGHTERS TO RUN AFTER A YOUNG MAN LIKE THAT. I MUST TRY TO STOP THEM.



LILI / HILDA / GRETCHEN /  
COME BACK HERE!

**B**UT WHEN THE MAYOR TRIED TO STOP THE GIRLS...

HELP / I CAN'T GET MY HAND LOOSE!  
WHAT IS THIS?



JUST THEN, THE TOWN CLERK CAME ALONG. OF COURSE, HE WAS VERY SHOCKED TO SEE THE MAYOR CHASING AFTER THE THREE GIRLS.



BUT WHEN HE TRIED TO GRAB THE MAYOR, HIS HAND WAS STUCK FAST, TOO.

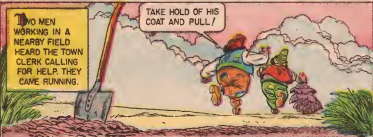


OH! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? HELP! HELP!



TWO MEN WORKING IN A NEARBY FIELD HEARD THE TOWN CLERK CALLING FOR HELP. THEY CAME RUNNING.

TAKE HOLD OF HIS COAT AND PULL!



BUT AS SOON AS THEY TOUCHED THE CLERK, THE TWO MEN FOUND THEY COULD NOT GET FREE. SO NOW THERE WERE SEVEN PEOPLE RUNNING AFTER THE SIMPLETON AND HIS GOLDEN GOOSE.



BY AND BY, THEY  
CAME TO A TOWN.



I HOPE YOU ARE GOING TO STOP SOON AND LET US REST. WE ARE TIRED FROM RUNNING AFTER YOU ALL DAY.

ALL RIGHT. I'LL STOP AT THE NEXT INN WE COME TO.



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AT THE  
INN...

CAN YOU GIVE US A  
PLACE TO STAY FOR  
THE NIGHT?

SURELY. I SUPPOSE YOU HAVE COME TO OUR  
TOWN TO TRY TO WIN THE PRINCESS FOR  
YOUR WIFE?

KING  
JAMES  
INN

I WILL GLADLY TRY MY LUCK AT  
IT IF THERE IS A PRINCESS TO  
BE HAD! WHAT MUST A MAN DO  
IN ORDER TO WIN HER?

YOU HAVE ONLY TO MAKE HER  
LAUGH, AND SHE WILL BE YOURS!

YOU SEE, THE PRINCESS IS SO SERIOUS  
THAT NOTHING EVER MAKES HER  
LAUGH.

THIS WORRIES THE KING, WHO LOVES HIS  
DAUGHTER VERY MUCH. HE HAS OFFERED  
TO LET HER MARRY ANY MAN WHO CAN  
MAKE HER LAUGH.



THAT NIGHT, THE SIMPLETON LAY AWAKE THINKING ABOUT HIS CHANCES OF WINNING THE PRINCESS.

TOMORROW MORNING, I'LL GO STRAIGHT TO THE PALACE OF THE KING.

AND THE NEXT MORNING...

YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO TELL ME WHY YOU ARE HERE-- I CAN SEE! HO! HO! HO! HEE! HEE! HEE!

THE SIMPLETON WAS TAKEN TO THE KING'S CHAMBER.

YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE COME TO TRY MY LUCK AT MAKING THE PRINCESS LAUGH.

HOPEFULLY, THE KING CALLED FOR HIS DAUGHTER.

IF THIS DOESN'T MAKE HER LAUGH, NOTHING WILL!

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WHEN THE PRINCESS SAW THE SEVEN PEOPLE, SHE LAUGHED AS IF SHE WOULD NEVER STOP.



SO THE KING HAD HIS WISH. BUT THEN . . .

THOUGH HE HAS MADE MY DAUGHTER LAUGH, I DO NOT WANT THIS SIMPLETON TO BE MY SON-IN-LAW. I WILL FIND A WAY TO STOP HIM FROM MARRYING THE PRINCESS.



WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS, YOUR DAUGHTER IS NOW MINE.

NOT SO HASTY, MY LAD. I STILL AM NOT SURE YOU ARE WORTHY OF HER.



BUT WHAT MORE CAN I DO TO PROVE MY WORTH?



THE KING THOUGHT HARD FOR A MOMENT. THEN . . .

YOU MUST FIND ME A MAN WHO CAN DRINK A WHOLE BARN FULL OF MILK.



AT FIRST, THE SIMPLETON DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO. BUT THEN...

AH, MAYBE THE LITTLE MAN IN THE FOREST CAN HELP ME!



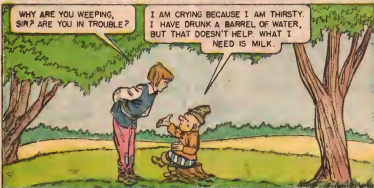
WHEN HE REACHED THE FOREST...

HERE IS THE SPOT WHERE I CUT DOWN THE TREE AND FOUND THE GOLDEN GOOSE.--I WONDER WHO THAT MAN IS.



WHY ARE YOU WEEPING, SIR? ARE YOU IN TROUBLE?

I AM CRYING BECAUSE I AM THIRSTY. I HAVE DRUNK A BARREL OF WATER, BUT THAT DOESN'T HELP. WHAT I NEED IS MILK.



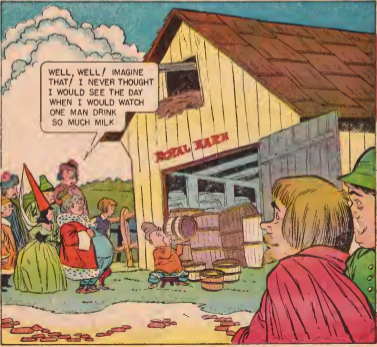
COME WITH ME, STRANGER.



BACK AT THE PALACE...

WELL, WHAT HAVE YOU BROUGHT ME?

JUST HAVE THIS MAN TAKEN TO YOUR BARN FULL OF MILK, AND YOU WILL SEE.



WELL, WELL! IMAGINE THAT! I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD SEE THE DAY WHEN I WOULD WATCH ONE MAN DRINK SO MUCH MILK.

ROYAL BARN

SOON THE MILK WAS ALL GONE.

MY, THAT  
WAS GOOD.



WELL, YOUR HIGHNESS,  
I HAVE DONE WHAT YOU  
ASKED. I THINK I HAVE  
EARNED MY BRIDE.

NOT YET,  
MY BOY,  
NOT YET.

THAT WAS  
TOO EASY FOR YOU.  
I MUST GIVE YOU  
SOMETHING  
DIFFICULT.



AGAIN,  
THE KING  
THOUGHT  
HARD.



THEN...

YOU MUST FIND ME A MAN  
WHO CAN EAT A MOUNTAIN  
OF BREAD.



AFTER THE SIMPLETON HAD LEFT . . .



THE SIMPLETON HURRIED BACK TO THE FOREST. AND IN THE VERY SAME SPOT. . .



AT THE PALACE,  
THE KING HAD HAD  
ALL OF THE FLOUR  
IN THE COUNTRY  
BAKED INTO A  
MOUNTAIN OF  
BREAD.



HOW WONDERFUL  
THIS LOOKS! I  
HARDLY KNOW  
WHERE TO BEGIN



BY EVENING . . .

HE DID IT! HOW AMAZING! WHAT AN APPETITE!

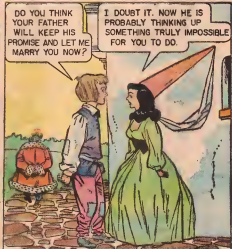


WELL, I MUST ADMIT THAT I AM BEGINNING TO FEEL A LITTLE FULL.



DO YOU THINK YOUR FATHER WILL KEEP HIS PROMISE AND LET ME MARRY YOU NOW?

I DOUBT IT. NOW HE IS PROBABLY THINKING UP SOMETHING TRULY IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DO.




24  
AND A MOMENT LATER




YOUR HIGHNESS, IN ORDER TO WIN THE PRINCESS, THREE TIMES HAVE I DONE WHAT YOU ASKED. MAY I MARRY HER NOW?



MY BOY, THERE IS BUT ONE MORE TASK FOR YOU. DO THIS, AND THE PRINCESS IS YOURS.



I CAN SAY THAT SAFELY ENOUGH. THE SIMPLETON WILL NEVER MARRY MY DAUGHTER, FOR HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO DO THIS.



I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED A SHIP THAT WILL SAIL ON LAND AS WELL AS ON WATER. BRING ME SUCH A SHIP.

THE SIMPLETON HURRIED  
BACK TO THE FOREST  
WHERE ALL THESE  
STRANGE EVENTS  
BEGAN.

AH, LITTLE MAN. I'M SO  
GLAD I FOUND YOU.  
PERHAPS YOU CAN  
HELP ME.

THE SIMPLETON TOLD THE LITTLE MAN THE WHOLE STORY.

...AND NOW THE KING WANTS A SHIP THAT  
WILL SAIL ON LAND AS WELL AS WATER. HOW  
WILL I EVER WIN THE PRINCESS?

IT WILL BE EASY, MY BOY. AGAIN,  
I WILL HELP YOU. FOR IT WAS I  
WHO DRANK THE MILK AND ATE  
THE BREAD. AND ALL BECAUSE  
YOU WERE ONCE KIND TO ME.

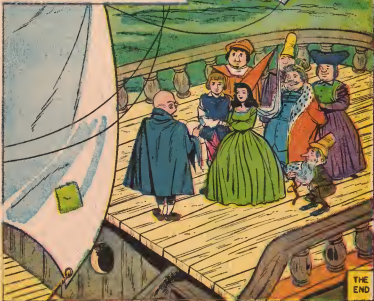
AND SO, WITH THE HELP OF HIS LITTLE FRIEND, THE SMPLETON CAME SAILING OVER THE LAND TO CLAIM HIS BRIDE.



OH, FATHER,  
LOOK!



AND SO THEY WERE MARRIED AT ONCE  
AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY  
EVER AFTER.



# AESOP'S FABLES

## THE LION AND THE MOUSE

ONE DAY, A LION LAY  
SLEEPING IN THE FOREST...



... WHEN A LITTLE MOUSE CAME  
ALONG IN A VERY PLAYFUL MOOD.



SOON, THE MOUSE STARTED SLIDING  
DOWN THE LION'S NOSE

WHEE! THIS  
IS FUN!



... AND AWAKENED THE LION!



OF COURSE, THE LION WAS VERY ANGRY TO BE BOTHERED BY A MOUSE. SO . . .

HA! I HAVE YOU NOW! VERY KIND OF YOU TO ARRANGE FOR ME TO HAVE MY LUNCH SO HANDY!



OH, SIR, I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU ANGRY. PLEASE DON'T EAT ME. HAVE MERCY. THE DAY MAY COME WHEN I WILL BE ABLE TO DO YOU A FAVOR.



HO! HO! HO! THAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING I'VE EVER HEARD! IMAGINE ANYONE AS SMALL AS YOU HELPING SOMEONE LIKE ME. HO! HO! HO!

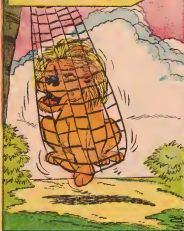


LITTLE MOUSE, YOUR JOKE HAS PUT ME IN A GOOD MOOD. I'M GOING TO LET YOU GO. NOW BE OFF WITH YOU, AND NEVER BOTHER ME AGAIN.

OH, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS.

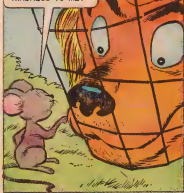


NOT LONG AFTER THAT, THE LION WAS CAPTURED BY SOME HUNTERS. HE LET OUT A ROAR THAT WAS HEARD THROUGHOUT THE FOREST



THE LITTLE MOUSE RAN TO THE LION TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS WRONG.

YOU LAUGHED AT ME WHEN I SAID THAT SOMEDAY I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU. NOW I WILL SHOW YOU THAT I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOUR KINDNESS TO ME.



AND SO, THE LITTLE MOUSE SET TO WORK WITH HIS SHARP TEETH, CHEWING AT ALL THE ROPES THAT HELD THE LION.



SOON, THE LION WAS ABLE TO BREAK THE ROPES AND ESCAPE.

THANK YOU, LITTLE MOUSE. YOU HAVE PROVED THAT AN ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS NEVER WASTED.



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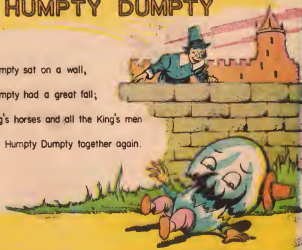
# HARK! HARK!

Hark! Hark! The dogs do bark,  
People are coming to town.  
Some in rags and some in tags,  
And some in velvet gowns.



# HUMPTY DUMPTY

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,  
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall;  
All the King's horses and all the King's men  
Cannot put Humpty Dumpty together again.



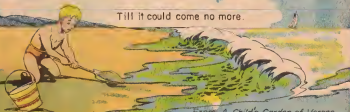
# RAIN

The rain is raining all around,  
It falls on field and tree,  
It rains on the umbrellas here,  
And on the ships at sea.



# AT THE SEASIDE

When I was down beside the sea  
A wooden spade they gave to me  
To dig the sandy shore,  
My holes were empty like a cup,  
In every hole the sea came up,  
Till it could come no more.



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