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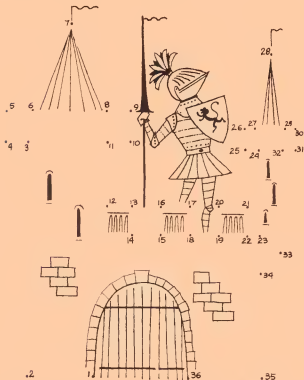
THE KING OF THE GOLDEN RIVER

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WHAT IS IT?

Solve this puzzle by placing the point of your pencil or crayon on dot number 1 and drawing a line to dot number 2. Then you draw another line to dot number 3 and so on, until you have connected all the dots. After you have done this, you may use your crayons to color this surprise picture.



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ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A VALLEY WHOSE APPLES WERE SO RED, WHOSE GRAPES WERE SO BLUE AND WHOSE HONEY WAS SO SWEET, IT WAS CALLED TREASURE VALLEY.

ALL OF THE FLOWERS AND FRUIT IN TREASURE VALLEY WERE BEAUTIFUL AND DELICIOUS BECAUSE THEY WERE WATERED BY A WONDERFUL RIVER. PEOPLE CALLED IT THE GOLDEN RIVER.

TREASURE VALLEY WAS OWNED BY TWO BROTHERS, SCHWARTZ AND HANS. THEY WERE VERY MEAN AND STINGY MEN.

TWENTY-TWO, TWENTY-THREE, TWENTY-FOUR...



THEY HAD A YOUNG BROTHER, GLUCK, WHO WAS VERY GOOD AND KIND.



WELL, WHAT ARE YOU BOTHERING US FOR NOW?

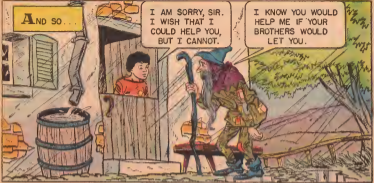
A POOR OLD MAN IS AT THE BACK DOOR. HE ASKS FOR A FEW PENNIES TO BUY FOOD.



SEND HIM AWAY!

TELL HIM WE NEVER GIVE OUR MONEY AWAY. WE JUST SIT HERE ALL DAY AND COUNT IT.





AND SO...

I AM SORRY, SIR. I WISH THAT I COULD HELP YOU, BUT I CANNOT.

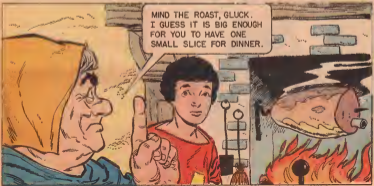
I KNOW YOU WOULD HELP ME IF YOUR BROTHERS WOULD LET YOU.



A LITTLE WHILE LATER...

WE ARE GOING OUT NOW TO MAKE MORE MONEY. GUARD THE HOUSE WELL.

LET NOBODY IN AND GIVE NOTHING OUT.



MIND THE ROAST, GLUCK. I GUESS IT IS BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO HAVE ONE SMALL SLICE FOR DINNER.

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GLUCK WATCHED THE FIRE CAREFULLY.

WHAT A PITY MY BROTHERS NEVER ASK ANYBODY TO DINNER. THEY HAVE SUCH A NICE ROAST, AND MOST PEOPLE HAVE NOT EVEN A SLICE OF DRY BREAD.



JUST THEN THERE WAS A QUICK LOUD KNOCK AT THE DOOR.

I WONDER WHO THAT CAN BE.



GLUCK LEANED OUT OF THE WINDOW. THERE STOOD THE STRANGEST LOOKING LITTLE MAN HE HAD EVER SEEN.

WHAT DO YOU WISH, SIR?



WISH? I WISH TO BE LET
IN OUT OF THE RAIN!

MY BROTHERS WILL BE VERY
ANGRY IF I LET HIM IN. BUT
HE IS SO WET! I WILL LET
HIM DRY BY THE FIRE UNTIL
IT IS TIME FOR THEM TO
COME HOME.

GLUCK
OPENED
THE
DOOR
THE
LITTLE
MAN
SWEEPED
IN
ON A
GUST OF
WIND AND
RAIN.

COME IN, SIR, FOR
JUST A LITTLE WHILE.

THANK YOU.

THE
LITTLE
MAN
SETTLED
IN FRONT
OF THE
FIRE, WITH
HIS HAT
UP THE
CHIMNEY.
IT WAS A
VERY TALL
HAT, AND
THERE WAS
NO OTHER
PLACE IN
THE ROOM
FOR IT.

YOUR FIRE FEELS VERY
GOOD. AND THE MEAT
LOOKS DELICIOUS. MAY
I HAVE SOME, PLEASE?

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I AM SORRY, SIR.
I REALLY CANNOT
GIVE YOU ANY. IT IS
FOR MY BROTHERS'
DINNER.



PLEASE,
JUST ONE
SLICE.

THEY PROMISED ME
ONE SLICE, AND
I WILL GLADLY
GIVE YOU THAT.

SUDDENLY...



GLUCK! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING?

AND WHO IS
THIS FUNNY
LOOKING
OLD MAN?



WE TOLD YOU
NOT TO LET
ANYONE IN!

BUT, BROTHERS,
HE WAS SO WET
AND SO HUNGRY!

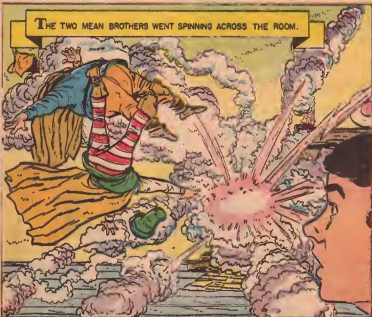
LET'S THROW THE
RASCAL OUT!



BUT AS SOON AS THEY
TOUCHED THE OLD MAN'S COLLAR...



THE TWO MEAN BROTHERS WENT SPINNING
ACROSS THE ROOM.

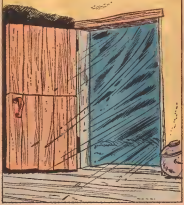


THEN...

HANS AND SCHWARTZ, YOU ARE SELFISH MEN. SUCH MANNERS WILL BRING BAD LUCK TO YOU. GLUCK HAS BEEN VERY KIND TO ME. I WILL REMEMBER THAT.



AND IN A FLASH OF RAIN AND WIND, THE LITTLE MAN WAS GONE.



THE MEAN BROTHERS SOON RECOVERED FROM THE SHOCK OF THE VISIT.

GLUCK, YOU ARE A FOOLISH, LAZY BOY! GO TO BED WITHOUT DINNER!



THEY ATE THE WHOLE ROAST THEMSELVES.

WE HAVE NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF. THAT OLD MAN WON'T DARE COME BACK.



BUT THAT NIGHT, THEY WERE AWAKENED BY A LOUD CRASH.

WHAT WAS THAT?



THEN...

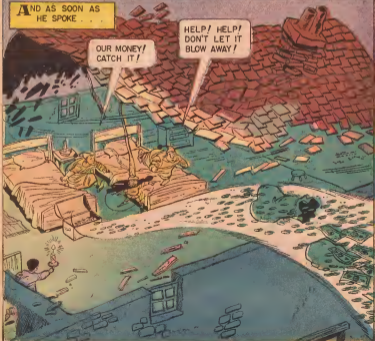
HELLO, THERE. I PROMISE YOU, THIS WILL BE MY LAST VISIT. BUT SO YOU WILL REMEMBER ME, I THINK I WILL TAKE YOUR ROOF WITH ME.



AND AS SOON AS HE SPOKE...

OUR MONEY! CATCH IT!

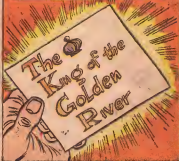
HELP! HELP! DON'T LET IT BLOW AWAY!



MY CARD, GENTLEMEN.
I WARNED YOU THAT I
WOULD REMEMBER YOUR
BAD TEMPER.



THE LITTLE MAN DISAPPEARED.
ON HIS CARD WAS WRITTEN...



ALL OF OUR
MONEY IS GONE!
WE ARE RUINED!



LOOK! THE GOLDEN RIVER NO
LONGER FLOWS INTO TREASURE
VALLEY. THE VALLEY IS
RUINED, TOO.



IT WAS TRUE. THE WHOLE VALLEY WAS A SHAMBLES. THE TREES, CROPS AND CATTLE HAD BEEN SWEEPED AWAY. NOTHING BUT EMPTY, WASTED LAND REMAINED.



WELL, WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

THIS PLACE IS NOT FIT TO LIVE IN ANYMORE. WE WILL HAVE TO MOVE INTO THE CITY.



SO HANS, SCHWARTZ AND GLUCK MOVED INTO THE CITY. THERE, THE MEAN BROTHERS BECAME GOLDSMITHS.



DAY BY DAY, THEY BECAME MEANER AND MEANER.

WE ARE OUT OF GOLD TO MELT.

HERE, USE THIS MUG.



THE MUG BELONGED TO GLUCK. HE LOVED IT DEARLY

OH, PLEASE, DON'T! NOT MY MUG!



DON'T BE SILLY, BOY IN IT GOES!



WATCH IT CAREFULLY, NOW. WE ARE GOING OUT, BUT WE WILL BE BACK VERY SOON.



GLUCK'S HEART NEARLY BROKE AS HE WATCHED HIS LITTLE MUG MELT.

MY POOR MUG!



SUDDENLY . . .

HELLO, GLUCK!

WHAT WAS THAT?
WHO IS CALLING
ME?



HERE I AM, IN THE POT!
POUR ME OUT! I AM
VERY HOT!



HURRY!
I AM NEARLY
BOILING!

YES, I WILL
POUR YOU
OUT!



AS GLUCK TIPPED THE KETTLE, A GOLDEN STREAM FLOWED OUT. IT BECAME...

... A PAIR
OF LEGS...

... A VERY
BRIGHT VEST.

... A BEAUTIFUL
SCARF.

... AND A VERY
FAMILIAR FACE.

GOOD
MORNING,
GLUCK.

GOOD MORNING,
KING OF THE
GOLDEN RIVER.
WHAT WERE
YOU DOING IN
MY MUG?

I TOOK THE SHAPE
OF YOUR MUG SO I
COULD WATCH OVER
YOU, MY BOY. I
KNOW YOU ARE NOT
HAPPY HERE.

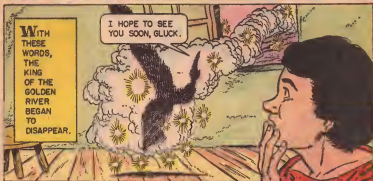
I KNOW YOU LOVED
TREASURE VALLEY
AND MY GOLDEN RIVER.
WELL, NOW I WILL
TELL YOU HOW TO
TURN MY RIVER
INTO GOLD AGAIN.

TAKE THREE DROPS OF WATER TO THE TOP OF THAT MOUNTAIN. THROW THEM INTO THE RIVER, AND IT WILL TURN TO GOLD.



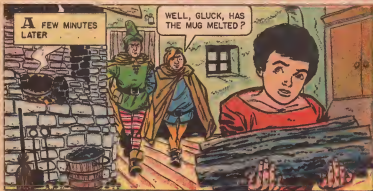
WITH THESE WORDS, THE KING OF THE GOLDEN RIVER BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON, GLUCK.



A FEW MINUTES LATER

WELL, GLUCK, HAS THE MUG MELTED?





WHY, THE MUG IS ALL GONE!

IT... IT... IT TURNED INTO THE KING OF THE GOLDEN RIVER.

GLUCK TOLD HIS BROTHERS THE STORY, BUT AT FIRST THEY DID NOT BELIEVE HIM. THEY WERE SO MEAN THEY JUST NEVER TRUSTED ANYONE. FINALLY...



HE MUST BE TELLING THE TRUTH. HE IS NOT SMART ENOUGH TO MAKE UP A STORY LIKE THAT.



TRUE I WILL TAKE A FLASK AND DO WHAT THE KING OF THE GOLDEN RIVER SAID.



WAIT! IF YOU GO ALONE, YOU WILL KEEP ALL OF THE GOLD FOR YOURSELF.

OF COURSE! WOULDN'T YOU?

SO HANS AND SCHWARTZ WENT TOGETHER, BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT TRUST EACH OTHER TO GO ALONE.




IT WAS A LONG, HARD CLIMB UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN.



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THIS IS THE STEEPEST PATH I HAVE EVER CLIMBED. IT HAS MADE ME SO THIRSTY I MUST DRINK FROM MY FLASK.




YOU HAD BETTER SAVE YOUR WATER, HANS. YOU WILL HAVE NONE LEFT TO THROW FROM THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN.

BUT A LITTLE LATER...



NOW I AM THIRSTY. I MUST TAKE A DRINK.

AS HE BEGAN TO DRINK, HE SAW A PUPPY ON A NEARBY ROCK. THE PUPPY'S TONGUE WAS SO DRY, IT COULD BARELY SPEAK.



PLEASE, SIR, MAY I HAVE JUST A SIP OF WATER? I AM SO THIRSTY!

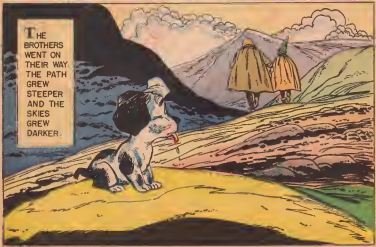
NO, INDEED. I HAVE ONLY ENOUGH WATER FOR MYSELF. HANS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP THE LITTLE DOG?



THAT IS A SILLY QUESTION, SCHWARTZ! YOU KNOW I AM SAVING MY WATER FOR THE RIVER.



THE BROTHERS WENT ON THEIR WAY. THE PATH GREW STEEPER AND THE SKIES GREW DARKER.



FINALLY
THEY
REACHED
THE TOP
OF THE
MOUNTAIN.
THEY
QUICKLY
THREW
THEIR WATER
INTO THE
RIVER.

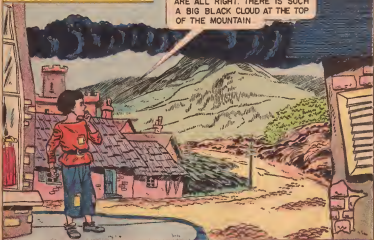


AS THEIR WATER TOUCHED THE WATER OF THE RIVER, THERE WAS A GREAT WIND. THEN LIGHTNING CRACKLED, AND HANS AND SCHWARTZ WERE SWALLOWED UP BY A HUGE DARK CLOUD.



AT HOME, GLUCK WORRIED ABOUT HIS BROTHERS.

I HOPE HANS AND SCHWARTZ ARE ALL RIGHT. THERE IS SUCH A BIG BLACK CLOUD AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN.



I WILL GO FIND THEM. AND IF I GET TO THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN, I WILL TRY TO TURN THE RIVER TO GOLD. THEN I CAN DO WHAT I PLEASE WITH THE GOLD-- I CAN HELP THE POOR PEOPLE OF THE VALLEY.



SO GLUCK WENT OUT TO FIND HIS BROTHERS.



GLUCK FOLLOWED THE STEEP PATH AS LONG AS HE COULD. WHEN HE STOPPED TO REST, HE LOOKED DOWN AT TREASURE VALLEY. IT WAS LIKE A DESERT.

I WISH I COULD TURN THE VALLEY INTO A BEAUTIFUL LAND AGAIN.



GLUCK CLIMBED A LITTLE HIGHER. HE BECAME VERY THIRSTY.

I CANNOT DRINK THIS. I HAVE TO SAVE IT TO POUR INTO THE RIVER.



JUST THEN, GLUCK SAW THE LITTLE PUPPY.

OH, I AM SO THIRSTY. PLEASE, MAY I HAVE SOME OF YOUR WATER?



GLUCK
THOUGHT
FOR A
MOMENT.

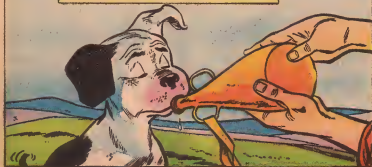
THIS PUPPY NEEDS
WATER MORE THAN
I NEED GOLD!



HERE, PUPPY. I HOPE
YOU CAN LEAVE ME
JUST A FEW DROPS.



BUT THE PUPPY DRANK ALL THE WATER.



AND IMMEDIATELY, IT CHANGED INTO THE KING OF THE GOLDEN RIVER!

YOUR MAJESTY! OH, I AM SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU.

THANK YOU, GLUCK. I AM HAPPY TO SEE YOU, TOO.



I WAS ABOUT TO GIVE UP HOPE YOUR TWO MEAN BROTHERS CAME FIRST THEY WOULD NOT GIVE ME ANY WATER.

THEN YOU HAVE SEEN MY BROTHERS. WHERE WILL I FIND THEM?

YOU WILL NOT FIND THEM HERE OR ANYWHERE. I WOULD NOT ALLOW THEIR WATER IN MY GOLDEN RIVER, BECAUSE THEY WERE SUCH MEAN AND GREEDY MEN



THEN THE KING LED GLUCK TO THE GOLDEN RIVER.

HERE IS THE RIVER, GLUCK. YOU CAN TURN IT TO GOLD.



BUT I HAVE NO WATER LEFT, SIR.



HERE IS A LILY WITH THREE DROPS OF CLEAR DEW. THROW THIS INTO THE RIVER. THE WATER WILL TURN TO GOLD FOR YOU.



As the king spoke, he began to disappear.

GOODBY, GLUCK.

GOODBY, AND THANK YOU, KIND KING.



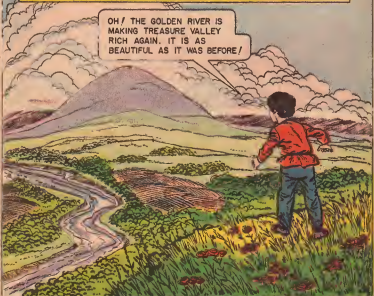
GLUCK THREW THE LILY INTO THE RIVER.

I MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING WRONG. THE WATER IS NOT TURNING TO GOLD.

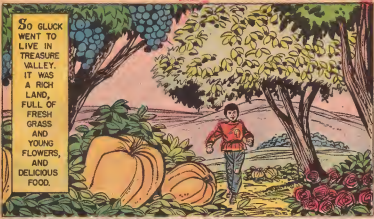


Then Gluck turned to look at Treasure Valley. The rushing waters of the golden river were flowing into it again. Before his eyes, the land began to bloom.

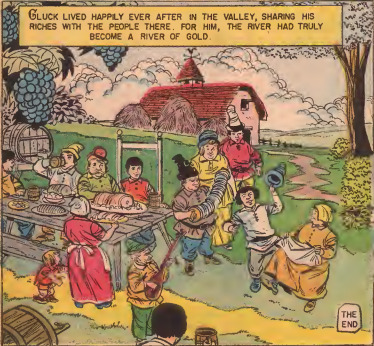
OH! THE GOLDEN RIVER IS MAKING TREASURE VALLEY RICH AGAIN. IT IS AS BEAUTIFUL AS IT WAS BEFORE!



SO GLUCK WENT TO LIVE IN TREASURE VALLEY. IT WAS A RICH LAND, FULL OF FRESH GRASS AND YOUNG FLOWERS, AND DELICIOUS FOOD.



GLUCK LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN THE VALLEY, SHARING HIS RICHES WITH THE PEOPLE THERE. FOR HIM, THE RIVER HAD TRULY BECOME A RIVER OF GOLD.



THE END

AESOP'S FABLES

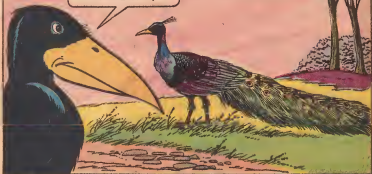
THE UNHAPPY CROW

ONCE THERE WAS
A CROW WHO
WAS NOT HAPPY.

I AM JUST A CROW, AND
ALL CROWS ARE SO UGLY.

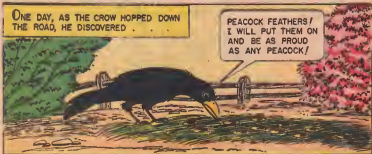


HOW I WISH I COULD
BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS
THAT PEACOCK!



ONE DAY, AS THE CROW HOPPED DOWN
THE ROAD, HE DISCOVERED . . .

PEACOCK FEATHERS!
I WILL PUT THEM ON
AND BE AS PROUD
AS ANY PEACOCK!



THE CROW PUT ON THE FEATHERS AND WENT TO JOIN THE PEACOCKS.

HELLO, PEACOCKS.
I AM AS PRETTY
AS YOU ARE NOW.



BUT THE PEACOCKS DID NOT AGREE

WHO IS THIS
UGLY BIRD WHO
PRETENDS TO
BE A PEACOCK?

WHY, IT'S JUST A SILLY
CROW! LET'S TAKE
THOSE PEACOCK
FEATHERS OFF
OF HIM!



A MOMENT LATER...



THEN...

DON'T EVER PRETEND
TO BE A PEACOCK
AGAIN!



THE CROW FELT VERY SAD AND LONELY.

I WILL GO BACK TO THE OTHER CROWS.



BUT...

DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED? HE WASN'T SATISFIED TO BE A CROW!

HE PARADED AS A PEACOCK AND THE PEACOCKS CHASED HIM AWAY!

NOW HE COMES BACK TO US. WELL, WE DON'T WANT HIM EITHER.



GO AWAY! LEAVE US FOREVER!



AND SO THE CROW WAS LEFT ALL ALONE.

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SMART ENOUGH TO BE HAPPY AS I WAS.



THE END

THE LAND OF NOD

FROM BREAKFAST ON THROUGH ALL THE DAY
AT HOME AMONG MY FRIENDS I STAY;
BUT EVERY NIGHT I GO ABROAD
AFAR INTO THE LAND OF NOD.

ALL BY MYSELF I HAVE TO GO,
WITH NONE TO TELL ME WHAT TO DO—
ALL ALONE BESIDE THE STREAMS
AND UP THE MOUNTAIN-SIDES OF DREAMS.

THE STRANGEST THINGS ARE THERE FOR ME,
BOTH THINGS TO EAT AND THINGS TO SEE
AND MANY FRIGHTENING SIGHTS ABROAD
TILL MORNING IN THE LAND OF NOD.

TRY AS I LIKE TO FIND THE WAY,
I NEVER CAN GET BACK BY DAY,
NOR CAN REMEMBER PLAIN AND CLEAR
THE CURIOUS MUSIC THAT I HEAR.



From *A Child's Garden of Verses*
By Robert Louis Stevenson

THIS IS THE WAY

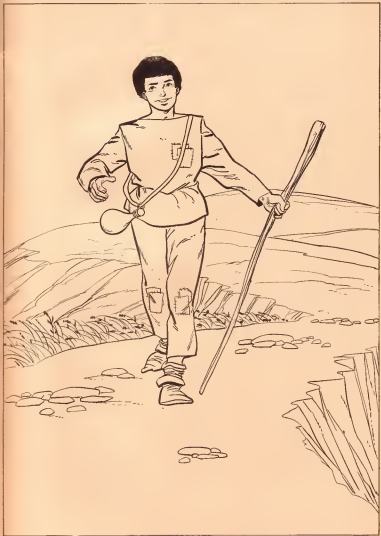
THIS IS THE WAY THE LADIES RIDE,
 TRI, TRE, TRI, TREE, TRI, TRE, TRI, TREE!
 THIS IS THE WAY THE LADIES RIDE,
 TRI, TRE, TRI, TREE, TRI, TRE, TRI, TREE!

THIS IS THE WAY THE GENTLEMEN RIDE;
 GALLOP-A-TROT! GALLOP-A-TROT!
 THIS IS THE WAY THE GENTLEMEN RIDE;
 GALLOP-A-TROT! GALLOP-A-TROT!

THIS IS THE WAY THE FARMERS RIDE!
 HOBBLIEDY-HOY, HOBBLIEDY-HOY!
 THIS IS THE WAY THE FARMERS RIDE!
 HOBBLIEDY-HOY, HOBBLIEDY-HOY!



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