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SNOW WHITE and Rose Red were two little sisters who lived with their mother in a great forest. One day they had a visitor. It was a friendly bear, and they all had happy times together.

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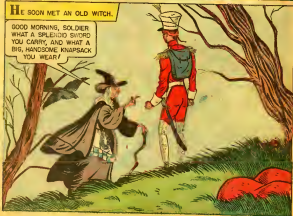


ONCE, A GOOD MANY YEARS AGO, A YOUNG SOLDIER CAME MARCHING DOWN THE ROAD.



HE SOON MET AN OLD WITCH.

GOOD MORNING, SOLDIER
WHAT A SPLENDID SWORD
YOU CARRY, AND WHAT A
BIG, HANDSOME KNAPSACK
YOU WEAR!







AT THE BOTTOM OF THAT HOLLOW TREE IS ALL THE MONEY YOU ARE LIKELY TO NEED. YOU CAN HAVE AS MUCH OF IT AS YOU CAN CARRY AWAY.

BUT HOW AM I TO GET IT?



IF YOU ARE STRONG ENOUGH, YOU CAN CLIMB DOWN THROUGH THE HOLLOW. TIE THIS ROPE AROUND YOU, SO I CAN PULL YOU UP AGAIN.



IF YOU ARE BRAVE ENOUGH, YOU WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF THE WONDROUS AND TERRIBLE THINGS YOU WILL FIND AT THE BOTTOM!



I CAN CLIMB ANYWHERE, AND I AM AFRAID OF NOTHING!



GOOD NOW HEAR ME WELL! DOWN BELOW YOU WILL SEE, FIRST, A GREAT HALL, AND THEN



THE WITCH TOLD HIM WHAT HE WOULD FIND, AND WHAT HE HAD TO DO. THEN SHE HANDED HIM HER APRON.

YOU--YOU ARE CERTAIN THIS WILL PROTECT ME FROM HARM?



YOU NEED HAVE NO FEAR.



THEN THE WITCH FASTENED THE ROPE AROUND THE SOLDIER'S WAIST.

DON'T YOU WISH ME TO BRING SOME MONEY BACK FOR YOU?



And so the witch lowered
the soldier into the tree.

Slowly there!
It is darker
than midnight
and I cannot
see even my
nose!

All there is
light below!

When the soldier's feet reached bottom, he untied the rope.

What a magnificent hall!
And there are the three
doors, just as the
witch said. Well, let
us try the first
one first.

HE PUSHED THE DOOR OPEN AND

UGH! WHAT A
DOG! HIS EYES
MUST BE AS BIG
AS SAUCERS!



COME ALONG, MY LAD. THE WITCH
TOLD ME YOU CANNOT MOVE EVEN
A WHISKER IF I PUT YOU
ON HER APRON.



THE DOG DIDN'T STIR. THEN THE SOLDIER
LIFTED THE LID OF THE CHEST.

IT'S FULL TO THE BRIM
WITH COPPER PENNIES!



LET ME SEE HOW MUCH
THESE POCKETS OF MINE
WILL HOLD



WHEN HIS POCKETS WERE FULL, HE PUT THE DOG BACK ON THE CHEST.



I MUST HAVE THE APRON BACK, MY FRIEND. I HAVE OTHER USES FOR IT.

HE WENT BACK TO THE HALL AND OPENED THE SECOND DOOR.

HELLO! WHAT A MONSTER YOU ARE! WHY, YOUR EYES ARE AS BIG AS MILLSTONES!



HE PUT THE SECOND DOG ON THE APRON AND OPENED THE CHEST.

SILVER THIS TIME! MORE SILVER THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE!



THE SOLDIER THREW ALL HIS PENNIES AWAY.

I MUST MAKE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR THE SILVER.



THEN THE SOLDIER WENT TO THE DOOR OF THE THIRD ROOM AND OPENED IT.



TO BE SURE, YOU ARE A HORROR,
WITH YOUR EYES AS LARGE AS
CARRIAGE WHEELS, AND LOOKING AS
THOUGH THEY COULD SPIN, BESIDES!

HE PLACED THIS DOG ON THE APRON, TOO,
AND



GOLD! IT IS ALL GOLD, AND I
AM RICH! I SHALL HAVE A
PALACE, AND FINE CLOTHES, AND
SERVANTS! AND A PAIR OF
HORSES, TOO!

HE THREW AWAY ALL THE SILVER
COINS, TO MAKE PLACE FOR THE
GOLD.



I'LL FILL MY
CAP, ALSO.

WHEN HE COULD CARRY NO MORE, THE SOLDIER WENT BACK INTO THE GREAT HALL.

PULL ME UP, OLD WITCH, IF YOU CAN, FOR I AM HEAVY WITH GOLD!



HAVE YOU MY GRANDMOTHER'S TINDER-BOX WITH YOU?



NO, I HAVE FORGOTTEN TO LOOK FOR IT. WAIT—I WILL FIND IT.



AFTER A LITTLE WHILE

AH, THERE IT IS.



THE WITCH PULLED THE SOLDIER UP



THEN

I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH MY FORTUNE IS MADE WITH BUT HALF AN HOUR'S WORK.



IT IS NOT MUCH OF A FORTUNE, FINE SOLDIER, UNLESS YOU HAVE THE TINDER-BOX YOUR GOLD WILL TURN TO AIR.

YOU HAVE TRICKED ME! GIVE ME THE TINDER-BOX!



AND HE TWISTED THE TINDER-BOX FROM HER HANDS AND RAN OFF WITH IT AS FAST AS HE COULD GO.



WHEN THE SOLDIER CAME TO THE NEXT TOWN, HE BOUGHT A SMALL PALACE AND A PAIR OF SPLENDID HORSES.



HE ORDERED HANDSOME NEW CLOTHES.



THEN HE HIRED 27 SERVANTS, AND HE GAVE DINNER PARTIES AND FANCY BALLS, AND HE SOON HAD MANY FRIENDS.



ONE EVENING

I OFTEN SEE THOSE COPPER TOWERS GLEAMING IN THE MOONLIGHT. CAN YOU TELL ME WHO LIVES THERE?



WHY, THE PRINCESS LIVES THERE. THEY SAY SHE IS LOVELIER THAN THE DAWN, BUT NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO SEE HER

WHY IS THAT?



WHEN SHE WAS BORN, A WIZARD SAID THAT SHE WOULD ONE DAY MARRY A COMMON SOLDIER. THE KING AND QUEEN KEEP HER LOCKED AWAY TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING.



LATER, WHEN THE GUEST HAD GONE

I SHOULD LIKE SO MUCH TO SEE HER. BEFORE I BECAME SUCH A GENTLEMAN, I WAS A COMMON SOLDIER. I WONDER IF



FOR AWHILE AFTER THAT, THE SOLDIER WAS TOO BUSY SPENDING HIS GOLD TO THINK OF THE PRINCESS. BUT EVEN A GREAT DEAL OF MONEY DOES NOT LAST FOREVER.



THERE CAME A DAY WHEN THE SOLDIER HAD TO GIVE UP HIS SERVANTS . . .



AND SELL HIS SPLENDID HORSES . . .



AND LEAVE HIS PALACE AND MOVE TO A POOR, TINY ATTIC . . .



SOON HIS CLOTHING BEGAN TO WEAR OUT.

I MUST PATCH THESE SHOES OR I SHALL HAVE TO GO BAREFOOT BUT IT IS TOO DARK IN HERE TO SEE.



I THINK THERE IS A BIT OF CANDLE IN THAT OLD TINDER-BOX



THE SOLDIER FOUND THE CANDLE. HE STRUCK THE FLINT AGAINST THE STEEL TO LIGHT IT.



WHAT DOES MY LORD COMMAND?



WHY, THIS IS NO
ORDINARY TINDER-BOX!



I COMMAND YOU TO
BRING ME MONEY.



THE DOG LEFT.



HE WAS BACK IN A MOMENT.



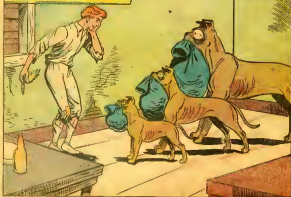
I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN
IF I STRIKE THE TINDER-BOX
TWICE.



HE STRUCK IT TWICE AND



THEN HE STRUCK IT THREE TIMES.



SO THE SOLDIER MOVED BACK INTO HIS PALACE, AND HE HIRED 29 SERVANTS, AND HE INVITED HIS FRIENDS TO DINE AND DANCE AGAIN.



BUT HE WAS NOT CONTENT.

I AM LONELY IN SPITE OF MY RICHES AND MY FRIENDS.



WHEN HE WAS ALONE, HE FOUND HIMSELF THINKING AGAIN OF THE PRINCESS, SHUT UP IN HER COPPER CASTLE.

IF ONLY I COULD SEE HER I WONDER IF THE TINDER-BOX CAN HELP ME.



HE OPENED THE TINDER-BOX AND STRUCK THE FLINT THREE TIMES.

I KNOW IT IS THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, BUT COULD I SEE THE PRINCESS, EVEN FOR A MOMENT?



THE DOG WAS BACK ALMOST AS SOON AS HE LEFT.



OH, SHE IS MORE LOVELY THAN ANYONE IN THE WORLD!



IF I WERE A PRINCE, I MIGHT BE WORTHY OF HER. BUT, ALAS! I AM REALLY ONLY A COMMON SOLDIER.



BUT VERY GENTLY, THE SOLDIER KISSED HER.



THE NEXT MORNING, IN THE COPPER CASTLE,
THE PRINCESS WAS VERY GAY.



KISSED BY A SOLDIER!
A COMMON SOLDIER!
I SHALL SOON SEE IF
THAT WAS A
DREAM OR NOT!



THAT NIGHT THE QUEEN FILLED A
SMALL SILK BAG WITH BUCKWHEAT.



SHE CUT A SMALL HOLE IN ONE CORNER,
SO THAT THE BUCKWHEAT WOULD TRICKLE OUT
A FEW GRAINS AT A TIME.



THEN SHE CALLED HER MOST TRUSTED
LADY-IN-WAITING

AS SOON AS THE PRINCESS
IS ASLEEP, FASTEN THIS TO
HER BELT.

CERTAINLY,
YOUR
MAJESTY.



THAT NIGHT, THE SOLDIER SENT THE
DOG TO FETCH THE PRINCESS AGAIN.



THE DOG DID NOT NOTICE THE BAG OF
BUCKWHEAT, OR THE GRAINS THAT
DROPPED FROM IT.



AND THE SOLDIER SAW NOTHING BUT
THE PRINCESS.

HOW FAIR SHE IS,
AND HOW SWEETLY
SHE SLEEPS!



BUT IN THE MORNING

SO, IT WAS NOT A DREAM! FETCH THE CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS!



THEN

FOLLOW THE BUCKWHEAT AND SEE WHERE IT LEADS. ARREST THE MAN YOU FIND AT THE END OF IT.



SO THE SOLDIER WAS SEIZED AND CAST INTO PRISON

BUT I HAVE DONE NO HARM!



HIS SENTENCE WAS PRONOUNCED BY THE KING HIMSELF, THE FOLLOWING MORNING.



HOW SAID HE IS EVEN HANDSOMER THAN IN THE DREAM, AND HE SEEMS SO BRAVE, AND SO KIND.



THE SOLDIER WAS BUNGLED BACK INTO HIS CELL, TO AWAIT THE ARRIVAL OF THE FIRST SHIP.



IF ONLY I COULD SOMEHOW GET MY TINDER-BOX HERE



DAYS PASSED, AND ONE BRIGHT MORNING
A SHIP ARRIVED.



THE CHILDREN OF THE TOWN LOVED TO
WATCH THE SHIPS COME IN



ONE CHILD RAN BY JUST UNDER THE
PRISON WINDOW.

PSST! BOY! RUN AN
ERRAND FOR ME AND
YOU SHALL HAVE A
PENNY FOR YOURSELF!



CHILDREN WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO SPEAK TO
PRISONERS BUT A PENNY WOULD BUY A
SUGAR WHISTLE!

WHAT IS IT
YOU WISH?



ON THE DESK IN THE HOUSE WHERE I LIVED IS AN OLD TINDER-BOX. I WILL GIVE YOU A PENNY IF YOU FETCH IT FOR ME RIGHT AWAY.



THE BOY HURRIED AWAY AND BROUGHT BACK THE TINDER-BOX.

NOW WE SHALL SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE SOLDIER WAS TAKEN FROM HIS CELL AND MARCHED DOWN TO THE DOCKS.



AS THE GUARDS PUSHED HIM TOWARD THE SHIP, HE SLIPPED THE TINDER-BOX FROM HIS POCKET AND STRUCK IT ONCE, TWICE, THREE TIMES.





THESE DOGS ARE MINE TO COMMAND IF I SAY THE WORD, THEY WILL TOSS YOU ALL SO HIGH IN THE AIR THAT YOU WILL NEVER COME DOWN AGAIN!

PLEASE, SIR, I BEG YOU, CALL THEM OFF! SEND THEM AWAY!





AND SO THE SOLDIER AND THE PRINCESS WERE MARRIED. EVERYONE IN THE TOWN CAME TO THEIR WEDDING FEAST, EVEN THE THREE DOGS.



AESOP'S FABLES

THE LIONESS AND HER FAMILY

ONE DAY SOME ANIMALS BEGAN TO BOAST ABOUT WHICH ONE HAD THE LARGEST FAMILY.



I ALWAYS HAVE AT LEAST FIVE LITTLE MICE AT A TIME



ONLY FIVE? WHY JUST LAST MAY I HAD SEVEN BABY RABBITS BORN ON THE SAME DAY!



THE FROG PUFFED OUT HIS CHEST

YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT LARGE FAMILIES ARE! I COUNT MY CHILDREN BY THE DOZENS!



THEN THEY TURNED TO THE LIONESS

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

YES. HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE AT ONE TIME?



ONLY ONE.



IS THAT ALL?

ONLY ONE?



THAT IS ALL BUT THAT ONE IS A LION—THE KING OF BEASTS.



THE END

HICKETY, PICKETY

HICKETY, PICKETY, MY BLACK HEN,
SHE LAYS EGGS FOR GENTLEMEN,
GENTLEMEN COME EVERY DAY
TO SEE WHAT MY BLACK HEN DOETH LAY.



THE ANIMAL WORLD

THE KINKAJOU

THE KINKAJOU BELONGS TO THE SAME FAMILY AS THE RACCOON AND THE PANDA. HE LIVES IN THE GREAT FORESTS OF SOUTH AMERICA.



HIS FUR IS SOFT, VERY THICK, AND OF A YELLOWISH BROWN COLOR. IT HAS A WONDERFUL SHINE.



HIS LONG TAIL IS VERY STRONG. HE CAN USE IT TO HOLD ON TO BRANCHES.



THE KINKAJOU EATS RIPE FRUIT. HE USES HIS HANDS TO HOLD FOOD AND PUT IT IN HIS MOUTH.



DURING THE DAY, THE KINKAJOU IS NEVER SEEN. THAT IS BECAUSE HE IS SLEEPING IN A HOLE IN A TREE.



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