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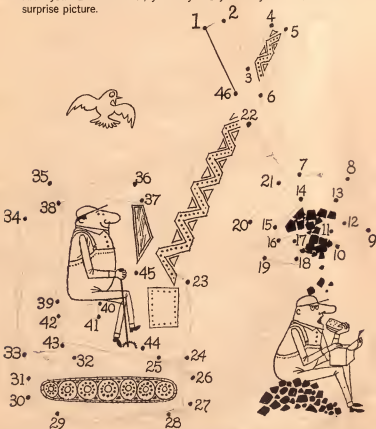
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The Golden Fleece



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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.




The Golden Fleece




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MANY YEARS AGO, IN THESSALY, A PART OF ANCIENT GREECE, THERE LIVED A KING AND HIS SON, JASON.



ALAS, JASON!
I AM KING NO LONGER.
MY WICKED BROTHER
HAS DRIVEN ME FROM
MY THRONE.



YOU ARE BUT A LAD NOW, JASON.
BUT SOMEDAY, WHEN YOU HAVE
GROWN TO MANHOOD, YOU WILL BE
THE RIGHTFUL RULER
OF THESSALY.



UNTIL THEN, YOU
MUST HIDE, LEST
YOUR WICKED
UNCLE TRY TO
HARM YOU.

WHERE
SHALL I
HIDE,
FATHER?



I SHALL TAKE
YOU TO THE
MOUNTAINS TO
LIVE WITH
CHIRON. THERE
YOU WILL
BE SAFE.

JASON AND HIS FATHER WENT UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS.



HERE IS CHIRON.

WHY, FATHER! HE IS A CENTAUR.

YES, JASON. CHIRON IS HALF HORSE AND HALF MAN. BUT HE HAS A NOBLE MIND, AND HE IS A GREAT TEACHER.



CHIRON, THIS IS MY SON, JASON. TAKE HIM TO LIVE WITH YOU. BRING HIM UP WISELY AND WELL.

I WILL DO AS YOU WISH.



JASON CLIMBED ON CHIRON'S BACK.

FAREWELL, FATHER.

FAREWELL, MY SON. REMEMBER, SOMEDAY YOU MUST RETURN TO CLAIM THE KINGDOM OF THESSALY.



CHIRON CARRIED JASON FAR UP THE MOUNTAIN.



THIS CAVE
WILL BE
YOUR HOME.

WHO ARE
THOSE BOYS?

THEY ARE SONS
OF HEROES. I AM
TEACHING THEM TO
BE HEROES, TOO.



CHIRON TAUGHT THE BOYS
TO HUNT



AND JASON WAS THE BRAVEST
HUNTER OF ALL.



THE BOYS LEARNED TO RUN, AND JASON WAS THE FLEETEST.



THEY LEARNED TO FIGHT, AND JASON WAS THE STRONGEST.



THEY LEARNED TO LOOK AT THE STARS, AND JASON SAW THE FARTHEST.



THEY LEARNED TO PLAY THE HARP, AND JASON PLAYED THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MUSIC OF ALL.



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THUS THE YEARS PASSED.

I HAVE GROWN TO FULL
MANHOOD, CHIRON. THE
TIME HAS COME FOR ME
TO RETURN TO THESSALY
AND CLAIM MY KINGDOM.

YOUR UNCLE STILL RULES
THESSALY. HE WILL NOT
GIVE UP HIS THRONE
EASILY.

BEWARE OF HIM,
JASON, FOR HE
IS VERY CUNNING.

BUT I AM
STRONG AND
BRAVE. I DO
NOT FEAR HIM.

THEN, JASON, GO
FORTH TO THESSALY.
AND MAY THE GODS
OF GREECE GO
WITH YOU!



JASON STARTED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN.

FAREWELL,
JASON

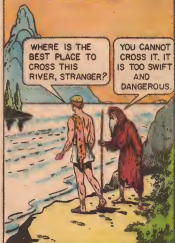
GOOD
FORTUNE,
JASON!



HE JOURNEYED UNTIL HE CAME TO
A WIDE RIVER.

WHERE IS THE
BEST PLACE TO
CROSS THIS
RIVER, STRANGER?

YOU CANNOT
CROSS IT. IT
IS TOO SWIFT
AND
DANGEROUS.



I MUST
GET TO
THE
OTHER
SIDE.

COME BACK!
NO ONE HAS
EVER CROSSED
IT SAFELY!



BUT JASON BOLDLY STRODE INTO THE
STREAM.



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AS HE REACHED THE OPPOSITE SHORE, THE SWIFT WATERS SWEEPED AWAY ONE OF HIS SANDALS.

I SHALL HAVE TO CONTINUE MY JOURNEY WITH BUT ONE SANDAL.



THE PEOPLE WHO SAW HIM PASS STARED IN AWE.

SEE! HE HAS BUT ONE SANDAL!



SOON HE REACHED THE PALACE

I AM JASON, THE KING'S NEPHEW TAKE ME TO HIM

AS YOU WISH, SIRE



ONE SANDAL! THE KING WILL BE TROUBLED.



JASON STOOD BOLDLY BEFORE HIS UNCLE.



I AM JASON
OF THESSALY,
YOUR NEPHEW.

MY NEPHEW, JASON, AND HE
IS WEARING ONE SANDAL!
EVERYONE KNOWS I HAVE
BEEN TOLD THAT A MAN
WITH ONE SANDAL WOULD
TAKE THIS KINGDOM
FROM ME.



UNCLE, I HAVE
COME TO TAKE BACK
THE KINGDOM WHICH
YOU SEIZED FROM
MY FATHER.



BUT THE KING WAS INDEED CUNNING.

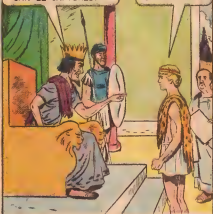
IF YOU WISH TO BE A RULER,
YOU MUST PROVE YOUR WORTH.
I SHALL SET YOU A TASK
WORTHY OF A HERO. IF YOU
SUCCEED, THIS THRONE
SHALL BE YOURS.



IN THE FAR LAND OF COLCHIS,
THERE IS A TREASURE CALLED
THE GOLDEN FLEECE.



MANY A BRAVE MAN
HAS BEEN LOST TRYING
TO WIN IT, FOR THERE
ARE GREAT TRIALS TO
BE FACED BEFORE IT
CAN BE CAPTURED.



I FEAR NO
TRIALS. I WILL
MATCH MY
STRENGTH WITH
THE STRENGTH
OF ANY MAN.

WITH ANY MAN, PERHAPS.
BUT WHAT OF A FIRE-
BREATHING DRAGON THAT
NEVER SLEEPS? WILL
YOU MATCH YOUR
STRENGTH AGAINST A
DRAGON, JASON?



I FEAR
NO MAN
AND I
FEAR NO
BEAST.

I WILL CAPTURE
THE GOLDEN FLEECE.
I WILL PROVE I AM
WORTHY TO BE KING.



SO BE IT
BRING ME THE
GOLDEN FLEECE
AND THE
KINGDOM OF
THESSALY IS
YOURS

JASON ORDERED THAT A GREAT SHIP BE BUILT FOR HIS VOYAGE TO COLCHIS.

I WILL CALL THIS SHIP THE ARGO.



HEROES CAME FROM FAR AND WIDE TO SAIL WITH JASON.

LET US CALL OURSELVES THE ARGONAUTS, AFTER THE NAME OF OUR SHIP.

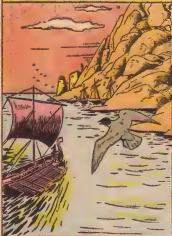


AT LAST THE DAY CAME FOR JASON TO SAIL.

FAREWELL, UNCLE.
I SHALL NOT RETURN
UNLESS I BEAR THE
GOLDEN FLEECE.



THE VOYAGE TOOK MANY DAYS. BUT FINALLY THE ARGONAUTS REACHED THE LAND OF COLCHIS.



THEY ANCHORED IN A RIVER NEAR THE KING'S PALACE.



THE KING HIMSELF HAD COME TO WELCOME THE STRANGERS.



JASON AND MEDEA LOOKED UPON EACH OTHER AND THEY WERE OVERCOME WITH LOVE.



WHO ARE YOU,
STRANGER? WHY
HAVE YOU COME
TO COLCHIS?

I AM JASON
OF THESSALY.
I HAVE COME
TO WIN THE
GOLDEN FLEECE.



YOU WILL NEVER WIN
THE GOLDEN FLEECE.
MANY A BRAVE MAN
HAS TRIED BUT NONE
HAS SUCCEEDED.



DO YOU KNOW OF
THE GREAT TRIALS
TO BE FACED, AND
OF THE FIRE-
BREATHING DRAGON
THAT GUARDS THE
FLEECE?

YOU DO NOT
FRIGHTEN ME
WITH TALK OF
TRIALS OR
DRAGONS. I
SHALL NOT
LEAVE THIS
LAND WITHOUT
THE GOLDEN
FLEECE.



IF THIS IS YOUR WISH,
TOMORROW YOU SHALL
FACE THE GREAT TRIALS.



THE KING AND MEDEA RODE BACK TO THE PALACE. BUT THAT NIGHT, WHEN THE MOON ROSE, MEDEA RETURNED AND CALLED TO JASON.



JASON, I HAVE COME TO HELP YOU.

JASON SPED TO HER SIDE.

MY FATHER WOULD PUNISH ME IF HE KNEW I HAD COME. BUT I LOVE YOU, JASON.

AND I LOVE YOU, MEDEA.



THE TRIALS YOU MUST FACE ARE DREADFUL, INDEED, BUT THIS MAGIC STONE AND THIS MAGIC POTION WILL HELP YOU.



NOW I MUST GO. MAY THE GODS WATCH OVER YOU TOMORROW!



THE NEXT MORNING, JASON WENT TO THE CONTEST ARENA.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE FIRST TRIAL?

I AM READY.



YOU MUST TAME TWO FIRE-BREATHING BULLS AND YOKE THEM TO THIS PLOW. THEN YOU MUST PLOW THIS FIELD.

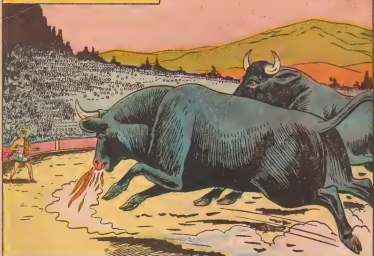
BRING ON YOUR FIRE-BREATHING BULLS. I FEAR THEM NOT.



LET LOOSE THE MAGIC BULLS!



THE BULLS CHARGED AT JASON.



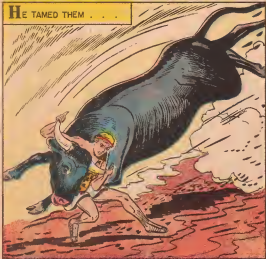
QUICKLY HE COVERED HIMSELF WITH MEDEA'S MAGIC POTION.



THE POTION PROTECTED HIM FROM THE FIERY BREATH OF THE BULLS.



HE TAMED THEM . . .



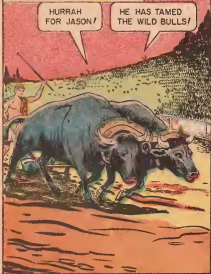
. . . AND YOKED THEM TO THE PLOW.



AND HE PLOWED THE FIELD.

HURRAH
FOR JASON!

HE HAS TAMED
THE WILD BULLS!



THEN JASON WENT BEFORE
THE KING.

THE BULLS
ARE YOKED
AND THE
FIELD IS
PLOWED.

THAT WAS ONLY
THE FIRST TRIAL.
THERE IS ANOTHER.



IN THIS HELMET ARE
THE TEETH OF A MIGHTY
DRAGON. YOU MUST SOW
THE FIELD WITH THEM.



FROM THE DRAGON'S
TEETH, THOUSANDS
OF ARMED WARRIORS
WILL SPRING UP TO
FIGHT YOU.

SO BE IT.
I AM
READY.



THEN BID YOUR LAST FAREWELLS,
JASON. FROM THIS TRIAL, NO MAN
HAS EVER EMERGED VICTORIOUS.



JASON SOWED THE DRAGON'S
TEETH.



AND OUT OF THE EARTH SPRANG ARMED
WARRIORS.



AS THEY RUSHED TO ATTACK HIM, JASON
THREW MEDEA'S MAGIC STONE.



THE WARRIORS TURNED UPON EACH
OTHER.

WHO THREW
THAT STONE
AT ME?

NOT I. DID
YOU NOT THROW
IT AT ME?

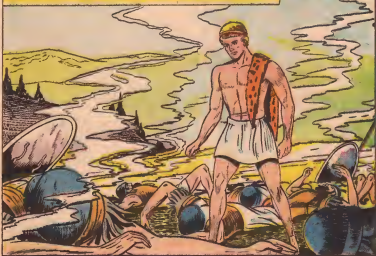


THEY BEGAN TO FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES

AH, THEY
HAVE
FORGOTTEN
JASON.



SOON ALL THE ARMED WARRIORS HAD SLAIN EACH OTHER.



AGAIN JASON WENT BEFORE THE KING.

I HAVE PASSED THE TRIALS. THE GOLDEN FLEECE IS MINE.

NO, JASON. YOUR GREATEST TRIAL IS YET TO COME.



THE GOLDEN FLEECE IS GUARDED BY A TERRIBLE FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON THAT NEVER SLEEPS. YOU WILL HAVE TO CAPTURE IT FROM HIM!



THAT NIGHT, MEDEA AGAIN CAME TO JASON.

I CAN HELP YOU OVERCOME THE DRAGON AND CAPTURE THE GOLDEN FLEECE.



IF I CAPTURE THE GOLDEN FLEECE, I SHALL SAIL AT ONCE FOR THESSALY. COME WITH ME, MEDEA. I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART.

GLADLY WILL I GO WITH YOU, JASON.



NOW LET US HASTEN TO THE DRAGON.



MEDEA LED JASON TO
A SECRET GROVE.

THIS
WAY,
JASON.

THERE, GLEAMING IN THE MOONLIGHT

THE GOLDEN
FLEECE!

BUT GUARDING THE GOLDEN FLEECE WAS THE FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON.



SPRINKLE THIS
CHARM ON THE
DRAGON AND
ALL WILL
BE WELL.



JASON SPRINKLED THE CHARM ON
THE DRAGON.



AT ONCE, IT FELL INTO A DEEP SLEEP



THEN JASON CLIMBED THE TREE.

AT LAST! AT LAST!
I HAVE THE GOLDEN
FLEECE!



MAKE HASTE,
JASON! IF MY
FATHER SEES
I AM GONE,
HE WILL SEND HIS
SOLDIERS TO
FIND ME.



JASON CLIMBED DOWN AND THEY FLED
TO THE SHIP.



HIS MEN WERE WAITING.

JASON HAS CAPTURED THE GOLDEN FLEECE!



JASON WRAPPED THE GOLDEN FLEECE AROUND MEDEA AND CARRIED HER ABOARD THE ARGO.



TO THE OARS, MEN! WE MUST START FOR THESSALY AT ONCE!



AS THE ARGO SET OUT TO SEA, THE KING'S SOLDIERS APPEARED.

MY FATHER'S MEN!



THE SOLDIERS PURSUED THEM IN SHIPS.



JASON, I AM FRIGHTENED!

HAVE NO FEAR, MEDEA! NO SHIP EVER BUILT CAN SAIL FASTER THAN THE ARGO.



BUT SO GREAT WAS THE DANGER THAT JASON HIMSELF TOOK AN OAR.

JASON! JASON! MY FATHER'S SHIPS DRAW CLOSER!

FASTER, MEN, FASTER! WOULD YOU LOSE WHAT WE HAVE RISKED OUR LIVES TO GAIN?

AT LAST THE ARGO WAS SAFE.

THEY WILL NEVER CATCH US NOW.



IT WAS A LONG VOYAGE BACK TO THESSALY BUT AFTER MANY DAYS...

THE ARGO HAS RETURNED.

LOOK! JASON HAS THE GOLDEN FLEECE!



JASON WENT TO THE PALACE TO CLAIM HIS THRONE.

HERE IS THE GOLDEN FLEECE, UNCLE. I HAVE DONE YOUR TASK. NOW I MUST BE KING.

INDEED, JASON, YOU HAVE PROVED YOURSELF A HERO. YOU HAVE WON YOUR RIGHT TO RULE.



SO JASON BECAME THE KING OF THESSALY, AND HE MARRIED MEDEA.

HAIL TO JASON, WINNER OF THE GOLDEN FLEECE!



THE END

AESOP'S FABLES

THE DONKEY AND THE CRICKET

ONE EVENING, A DONKEY HEARD A CRICKET SINGING IN THE GRASS.

WHAT DELIGHTFUL MUSIC! I WISH I COULD SING LIKE THAT.



IT MUST BE SOMETHING THE CRICKET EATS THAT GIVES HER SUCH A FINE VOICE. I WILL ASK HER WHAT IT IS.



CRICKET, WHAT DO YOU EAT THAT MAKES YOU SING SO WELL?

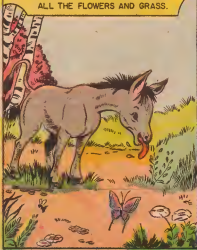
I EAT DEW, NOTHING BUT DEW.



AH, SO THAT'S IT! I MUST TRY IT.



THE NEXT MORNING, THE DONKEY WENT OUT EARLY AND LICKED THE DEW OFF ALL THE FLOWERS AND GRASS.

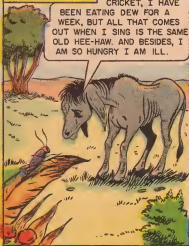


BUT WHEN HE TRIED TO SING . . .



HEE-HAW!
HEE-HAW!

DAY AFTER DAY, THE DONKEY ATE NOTHING BUT DEW.



CRICKET, I HAVE BEEN EATING DEW FOR A WEEK, BUT ALL THAT COMES OUT WHEN I SING IS THE SAME OLD HEE-HAW. AND BESIDES, I AM SO HUNGRY I AM ILL.

HEE-HAW! THE LAUGH IS ON YOU, DONKEY, DON'T YOU KNOW THAT WHAT IS GOOD FOR ONE IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD FOR ANOTHER?



THE END

THE DADDY LONG-LEGS AND THE FLY

By EDWARD LEAR

ONCE MR. DADDY LONG-LEGS,
DRESSED IN BROWN AND GRAY,
WALKED ABOUT UPON THE SANDS
UPON A SUMMER'S DAY:
AND THERE AMONG THE PEBBLES,
WHEN THE WIND WAS RATHER COLD,
HE MET WITH MR. FLOPPY FLY,
ALL DRESSED IN BLUE AND GOLD;
AND, AS IT WAS TOO SOON TO DINE,
THEY DRANK SOME PERIWINKLE-WINE,
AND PLAYED AN HOUR OR TWO, OR MORE,
AT BATTLECOCK AND SHUTTLEDORE.



THE ANIMAL WORLD

THE JAGUAR

THE JAGUAR IS THE LARGEST MEMBER OF THE CAT FAMILY IN THE AMERICAS. HE IS ALMOST AS FIERCE AND POWERFUL AS LIONS AND TIGERS ARE.



HE HAS A LARGE HEAD AND LARGE LEGS. HE IS SPOTTED, LIKE A LEOPARD.



JAGUARS LIVE IN THE FORESTS OF SOUTH AMERICA. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN FOUND IN NORTH AMERICA, AS FAR NORTH AS LOUISIANA AND TEXAS.



THE JAGUAR HUNTS ON FOOT AND FROM TREES. HE IS VERY GOOD AT CATCHING TURTLES.



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