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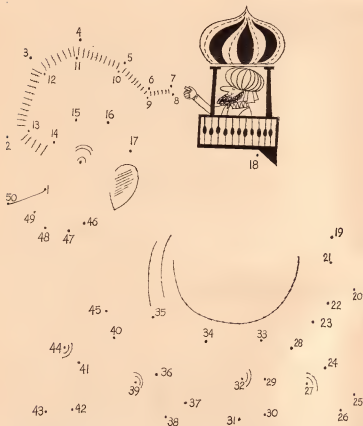
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HANS HUMDRUM



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.



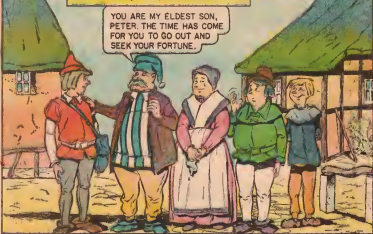
HANS HUMDRUM



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THERE WERE ONCE A POOR FARMER AND HIS WIFE WHO HAD THREE SONS. THEIR NAMES WERE PETER, PAUL AND HANS HUMDRUM.

YOU ARE MY ELDEST SON, PETER. THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO GO OUT AND SEEK YOUR FORTUNE.



PETER HAD HARDLY WALKED A MILE WHEN HE MET A FARMER.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I AM GOING TO SEEK MY FORTUNE.



THE FARMER WASN'T A FARMER AT ALL. HE WAS A WICKED TROLL.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK ON MY FARM?

WHAT WAGES WOULD YOU PAY?



IF YOU WORK HARD UNTIL
THE FIRST CUCKOO CALLS,
I WILL PAY YOU A
BUSHEL OF DOLLARS.

THAT WILL
BE FINE.



I WARN YOU, YOU
WILL HAVE TO WORK
VERY HARD.

I DON'T
MIND
HARD
WORK.



ONE MORE THING. I LIKE TO SEE
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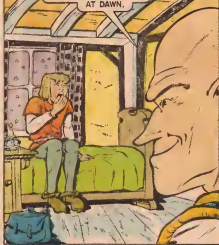
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THAT IS A STRANGE
AGREEMENT, BUT
THE WAGES ARE GOOD.
I WILL WORK FOR YOU.



THEY RODE TO THE FARMER'S HOUSE.

SLEEP WELL. YOU MUST
BEGIN THRESHING RYE
AT DAWN.



PETER WAS
UP AT FIVE
THE NEXT
MORNING.
HE WORKED
VERY HARD
IN THE
FIELDS.

WHEN WILL THE
FARMER CALL ME
TO BREAKFAST?

PETER BECAME SO HUNGRY HE WALKED TO THE TROLL'S HOUSE.

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

YES, I AM VERY HUNGRY.

READ THE SIGN ABOVE THE DOOR.

IT SAYS NO BREAKFAST UNTIL TOMORROW.

UNTIL TOMORROW



ARE YOU ANGRY?

PETER WAS VERY ANGRY, BUT HE REMEMBERED THE AGREEMENT.

OH, NO, I AM NOT ANGRY.



PETER THRESHED RYE UNTIL NIGHT FELL. THEN HE WENT TO BED.

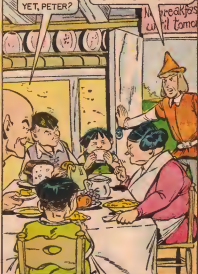
THINGS WILL BE BETTER TOMORROW. THE FARMER IS JUST TESTING ME.



THE NEXT MORNING PETER WORKED VERY HARD. BUT WHEN HE WENT TO THE HOUSE TO GET HIS BREAKFAST...

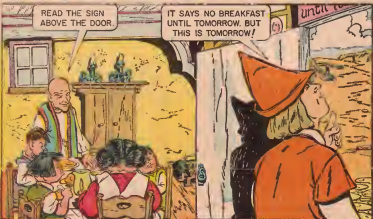
ARE YOU HUNGRY YET, PETER?

I AM TWICE AS HUNGRY AS I WAS YESTERDAY.



READ THE SIGN ABOVE THE DOOR.

IT SAYS NO BREAKFAST UNTIL TOMORROW. BUT THIS IS TOMORROW!





ARE YOU ANGRY, PETER?

YES, I AM! THIS IS NO WAY TO TREAT ME!



OHO! I HAVE MADE YOU ANGRY! LEAVE MY FARM AT ONCE! I OWE YOU NO WAGES.

breakfast men tomorrow



PETER LEFT THE FARM AND STARTED FOR HOME.



HOW CLEVER I AM! I HAVE GOTTEN A DAY'S FREE LABOR.

PETER TOLD HIS FAMILY WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

I THINK THE FARMER WANTED TO TEST YOU PETER.

YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED A FEW MORE DAYS.

YOU ARE MY SECOND SON, PAUL. THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO SEEK YOUR FORTUNE. I HOPE YOU DO BETTER THAN PETER DID.

PAUL HAD HARDLY WALKED A MILE WHEN HE MET THE TROLL.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I AM GOING TO SEEK MY FORTUNE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK ON MY FARM?

WHAT WAGES WOULD YOU PAY?

IF YOU WORK HARD UNTIL
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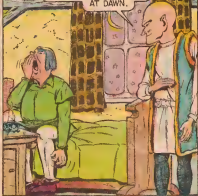


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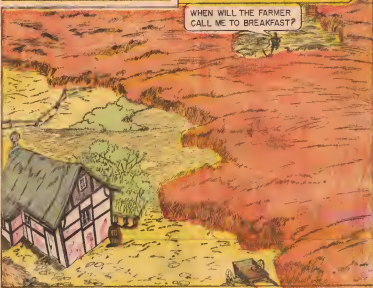
THEY RODE TO THE FARMER'S HOUSE.

SLEEP WELL. YOU MUST
BEGIN THRESHING RYE
AT DAWN.



PAUL WAS UP AT FIVE THE NEXT MORNING.
HE WORKED VERY HARD IN THE FIELDS.

WHEN WILL THE FARMER
CALL ME TO BREAKFAST?



PAUL BECAME SO HUNGRY HE WALKED TO THE TROLL'S HOUSE.

ARE YOU HUNGRY?

YES, I AM VERY HUNGRY.

READ THAT SIGN ABOVE THE DOOR.

IT SAYS NO BREAKFAST UNTIL TOMORROW.

ARE YOU ANGRY?

PAUL WAS VERY ANGRY, BUT HE REMEMBERED THE AGREEMENT.

OH, NO, I AM NOT ANGRY.

ALL THAT DAY AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING, PAUL WORKED VERY HARD, BUT WHEN HE WENT TO THE HOUSE TO GET HIS BREAKFAST...

ARE YOU HUNGRY YET, PAUL?

I AM TWICE AS HUNGRY AS I WAS YESTERDAY.

READ THE SIGN ABOVE THE DOOR.

IT SAYS NO BREAKFAST UNTIL TOMORROW BUT THIS IS TOMORROW!

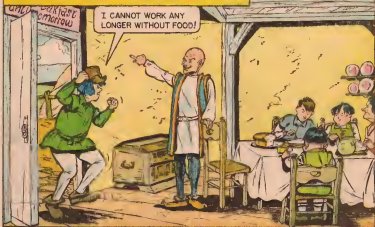
No
until tomorrow

ARE YOU ANGRY, PAUL?

PAUL WAS VERY ANGRY, BUT AGAIN HE REMEMBERED THE AGREEMENT.

OH, NO, I AM NOT ANGRY.

PAUL WORKED HARD FOR TWO DAYS. THE THIRD DAY.



PAUL WENT HOME AND TOLD HIS FAMILY WHAT HAD HAPPENED.

NOW WE HAVE THREE SONS TO CARE FOR AGAIN.

NO, YOU DON'T, FATHER. I WILL GO AND SEEK MY FORTUNE.



YOU ARE TOO YOUNG. BESIDES, YOU ARE CALLED HANS HUMDRUM BECAUSE YOU ARE SO FOOLISH.



BUT THE NEXT MORNING, BEFORE ANYONE WAS AWAKE, HANS HUMDRUM LEFT TO SEEK HIS FORTUNE. HE HAD HARDLY WALKED A MILE WHEN HE SAW THE TROLL.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I AM GOING TO SEEK MY FORTUNE.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK ON MY FARM?

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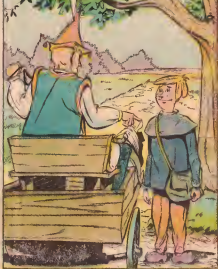
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THAT IS A STRANGE AGREEMENT, BUT THE WAGES ARE GOOD. I WILL WORK FOR YOU.



THEY RODE TO THE FARMER'S HOUSE

SLEEP WELL. YOU MUST BEGIN THRESHING RYE AT DAWN.



HANS WAS UP AT FIVE THE NEXT MORNING. HE WORKED UNTIL HE GREW HUNGRY.

AM I IN TIME FOR BREAKFAST?

HAVE YOU READ THE SIGN ABOVE THE DOOR?

No bread, fast until the narrow



TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY, GOOD FRIEND. I AM HUNGRY NOW.

THEN YOU MAY LOOK TO THE RYE TO GIVE YOU YOUR FOOD.



THANK YOU, YOU
ARE VERY KIND.



HANS FILLED A SACK WITH RYE AND BROUGHT IT TO A
NEARBY INN.

WILL YOU GIVE ME
BREAKFAST FOR THIS
SACK OF RYE?

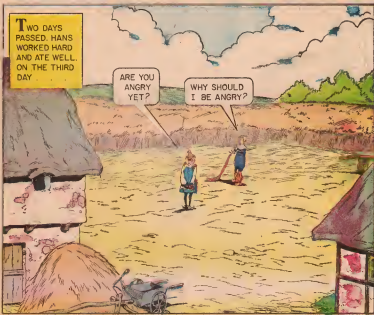
YES, AND I WILL FILL
YOUR SACK WITH FOOD
FOR THE REST OF THE
DAY, AS WELL.



TWO DAYS
PASSED. HANS
WORKED HARD
AND ATE WELL.
ON THE THIRD
DAY

ARE YOU
ANGRY
YET?

WHY SHOULD
I BE ANGRY?



YOU HAVE NOT EATEN FOR THREE DAYS. TOMORROW NEVER COMES.

OH, BUT I HAVE EATEN VERY WELL. EACH DAY I GIVE A SACK OF YOUR RYE TO THE INNKEEPER FOR MY FOOD.



YOU ARE GIVING MY RYE AWAY TO THE INNKEEPER?

YES, I AM.



ARE YOU ANGRY WITH ME?

NO, I AM NOT!



HANS IS CLEVER. I MUST THINK OF A WAY TO MAKE HIM ANGRY FIRST OR I SHALL LOSE MY MONEY.



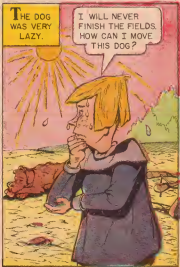
THE NEXT MORNING . . .

I WANT YOU TO PLOW THE FIELDS TODAY. MY DOG WILL GO WITH YOU. BE SURE TO FOLLOW ANY PATH HE TAKES.



THE DOG WAS VERY LAZY.

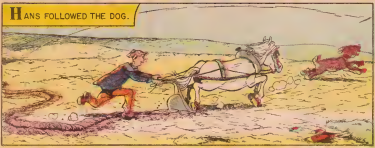
I WILL NEVER FINISH THE FIELDS. HOW CAN I MOVE THIS DOG?



SUDDENLY HANS HAD AN IDEA. HE PICKED UP A BIG STICK AND THREW IT. THE DOG RAN AFTER IT.



HANS FOLLOWED THE DOG.



THE DOG JUMPED OVER THE GARDEN FENCE, RACED THROUGH THE VEGETABLE PATCH, RAN OVER THE HILL AND WAS GONE FROM SIGHT.



THAT NIGHT...

WHERE IS MY DOG?

I DID JUST WHAT YOU TOLD ME TO DO BUT THE DOG, RAN AWAY.



SO NOW I HAVE LOST MY DOG! I MUST THINK OF A BETTER WAY TO MAKE HANS ANGRY OR I WILL LOSE MY MONEY AS WELL!



THE NEXT MORNING

TAKE THESE PIGS TO MARKET AND SELL THEM. BE SURE TO LET THEM DO WHAT THEY WANT ALONG THE WAY.



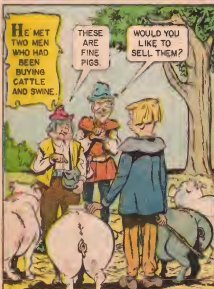
HANS DID JUST THAT. THE ANIMALS WANDERED UP THE ROAD AND HANS WANDERED AFTER THEM.



HE MET TWO MEN WHO HAD BEEN BUYING CATTLE AND SWINE.

THESE ARE FINE PIGS.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SELL THEM?



THEY ARE READY FOR MARKET AND I WILL SELL ALL BUT ONE. I AM GOING TO GIVE HER AS A PRESENT TO THE OLD WOMAN UP THE ROAD.



WHAT A FINE
FELLOW YOU
ARE TO THINK
OF THAT POOR
OLD WOMAN!

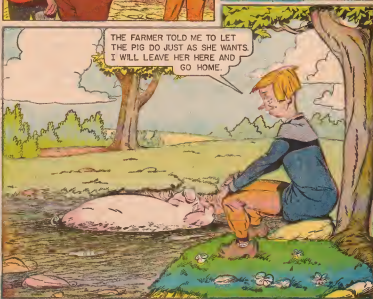
HERE, MY GOOD LAD,
IS SOME EXTRA MONEY
BECAUSE YOU ARE SO
KIND AND THOUGHTFUL.



HANS AND THE PIG SET OUT FOR
THE OLD WOMAN'S HOUSE. SOON
THEY CAME TO A BANK. THE PIG
BURIED HERSELF DEEP IN THE MUD.



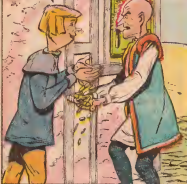
THE FARMER TOLD ME TO LET
THE PIG DO JUST AS SHE WANTS.
I WILL LEAVE HER HERE AND
GO HOME.



HANS RETURNED TO THE FARMHOUSE.

HERE IS THE MONEY.
I SOLD ALL OF THE
PIGS BUT THE BIG,
FAT ONE. SHE IS IN
THE MUD.

IN THE MUD!
MY FINEST
PIG! I MUST
GET HER OUT!



HANS AND THE TROLL WENT DOWN TO FETCH THE PIG.

HOLD
MY
FEET.

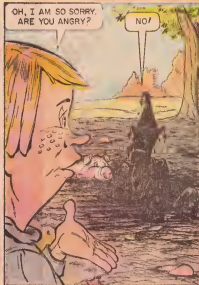


SUDDENLY THE
TROLL'S FEET
SLIPPED FROM
HANS' GRASP.



OH, I AM SO SORRY.
ARE YOU ANGRY?

NO!



HANS GOT THE TROLL AND THE PIG OUT OF THE MUD. WHEN THE TROLL ARRIVED HOME . . .

WHAT SHALL I DO, WIFE?
I AM SORRY I MADE THAT
AGREEMENT. IF HE MAKES
ME ANY ANGRIER I WILL
OWE HIM TWO BUSHELS
OF DOLLARS.



WE WILL PLAY A TRICK
ON HANS AND MAKE
HIM LEAVE.

I CANNOT
THINK
OF ONE.



WELL, I CAN! TOMORROW YOU
WILL COVER ME WITH FEATHERS.
I WILL CLIMB UP A TREE AND
CALL, "CUCKOO, CUCKOO,"
LIKE A BIRD.

YOU ARE VERY SMART. IF HANS
THINKS THE FIRST CUCKOO HAS
COME, HE WILL LEAVE AS WE
AGREED. THEN I WILL ONLY
HAVE TO PAY HIM ONE BUSHEL
OF DOLLARS INSTEAD OF TWO.



THE NEXT MORNING THE TROLL COVERED HIS WIFE WITH FEATHERS.

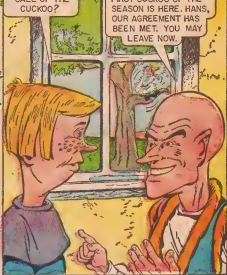


WHEN ALL WAS READY, SHE CLIMBED UP A TREE.

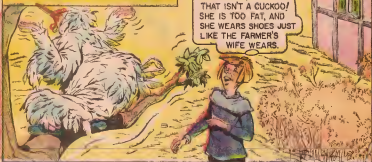
CUCKOO,
CUCKOO!

DO I HEAR THE
CALL OF THE
CUCKOO?

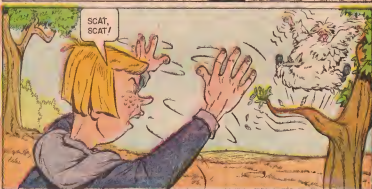
WHAT A SURPRISE! THE
FIRST CUCKOO OF THE
SEASON IS HERE. HANS,
OUR AGREEMENT HAS
BEEN MET. YOU MAY
LEAVE NOW.



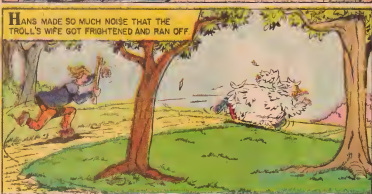
BUT HANS RAN OUT INTO THE GARDEN.



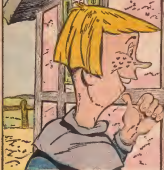
SCAT,
SCAT!



HANS MADE SO MUCH NOISE THAT THE TROLL'S WIFE GOT FRIGHTENED AND RAN OFF.



YOU CAN COME OUT NOW.
I HAVE CHASED THE FUNNY
LOOKING BIRD AWAY.



WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE! YOU HAVE
DRIVEN MY WIFE
AWAY!

ARE YOU
ANGRY
WITH ME?



AM I ANGRY? YOU SOLD MY RYE.
YOU LET MY DOG RUN AWAY. YOU
LET MY FINEST PIG BURY
HERSELF IN THE MUD. AND
NOW YOU HAVE CHASED AWAY
MY WIFE! I AM TERRIBLY
ANGRY INDEED!



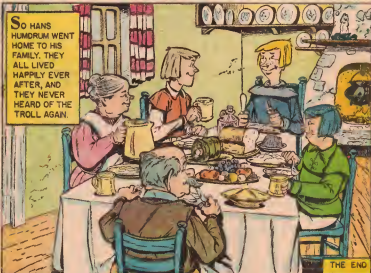
REMEMBER OUR AGREEMENT. I HAVE MADE YOU ANGRY. NOW YOU MUST PAY ME TWO BUSHELLS OF DOLLARS.



HERE THEY ARE, HANS. PAYING YOU THIS MAKES ME ANGRIER THAN EVER!



SO HANS HUMDRUM WENT HOME TO HIS FAMILY. THEY ALL LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER, AND THEY NEVER HEARD OF THE TROLL AGAIN.



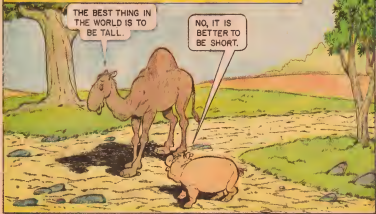
THE END

THE CAMEL AND THE PIG

THESE WERE ONCE A CAMEL AND A PIG WHO WERE ALWAYS ARGUING.

THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD IS TO BE TALL.

NO, IT IS BETTER TO BE SHORT.



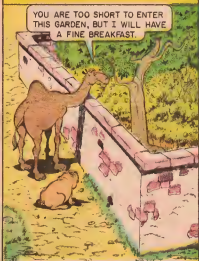
I WILL PROVE IT IS BETTER TO BE TALL. IF I DON'T, I WILL GIVE UP MY HUMP.

I WILL PROVE IT IS BETTER TO BE SHORT. IF I DON'T, I WILL GIVE UP MY SNOUT.



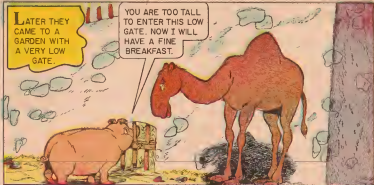
SOON THEY CAME TO A GARDEN WITH A HIGH WALL.

YOU ARE TOO SHORT TO ENTER THIS GARDEN, BUT I WILL HAVE A FINE BREAKFAST.



LATER THEY
CAME TO A
GARDEN WITH
A VERY LOW
GATE.

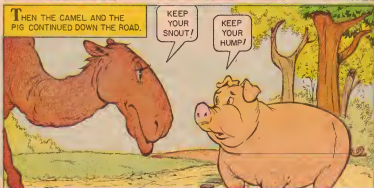
YOU ARE TOO TALL
TO ENTER THIS LOW
GATE. NOW I WILL
HAVE A FINE
BREAKFAST.



THEN THE CAMEL AND THE
PIG CONTINUED DOWN THE ROAD.

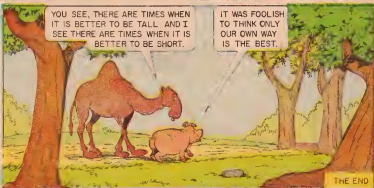
KEEP
YOUR
SNOUT!

KEEP
YOUR
HUMP!



YOU SEE, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN
IT IS BETTER TO BE TALL. AND I
SEE THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT IS
BETTER TO BE SHORT.

IT WAS FOOLISH
TO THINK ONLY
OUR OWN WAY
IS THE BEST.



THE END

THERE WAS AN OLD MAN WHO SAID, "HOW

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There was an Old Man who said, "How
Shall I flee from this horrible Cow?
I will sit on this stile, and continue to smile,
Which may soften the heart of that Cow"



THE ANIMAL WORLD

THE WALRUS

THE WALRUS IS A GIANT MAMMAL. HE IS HAPPIEST IN A COLD CLIMATE SUCH AS THE ARCTIC. HE GROWS FROM TEN TO TWELVE FEET LONG.



WHEN THE WALRUS IS HUNGRY, HE WADDLES INTO THE SEA AND SWIMS DOWN DEEP. THERE HE DIGS FOR HIS DINNER WITH HIS LONG TUSKS. THE WALRUS LIKES TO EAT CLAMS AND OYSTERS.



USUALLY THE FEMALE WALRUS HAS ONE BABY AT A TIME. SHE TAKES CARE OF HIM FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, UNTIL HE CAN SEARCH THE SEA FOR HIS OWN FOOD.



IN THEIR BOATS, ESKIMOS HUNT THE WALRUS. THEY EAT WALRUS MEAT AND BLUBBER.



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