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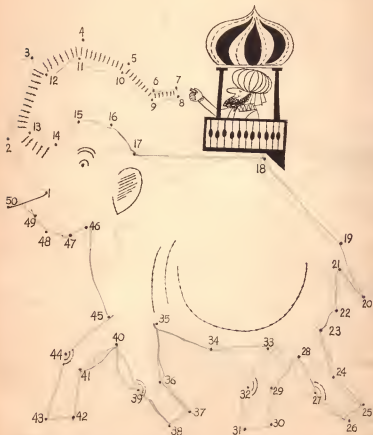
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# The WISHING WELL



# 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.



# The WISHING WELL



ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A POOR OLD MAN WHO HAD THREE SONS. THEIR NAMES WERE PETER, PAUL AND BOOTS.



ONE DAY HE CALLED THEM TO HIM.

I AM SORRY, MY SONS, BUT WE ARE SO POOR YOU WILL HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY OF SEEKING YOUR FORTUNES.



SHALL WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD OR SHALL WE STAY HERE?

I DON'T KNOW, BOOTS. BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING SOON.



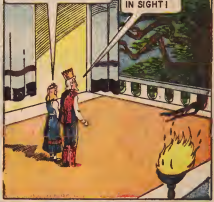
**N**OW THE COTTAGE WHERE BOOTS AND HIS BROTHERS LIVED WAS NOT FAR FROM THE PALACE OF THE KING.



**T**HE KING AND THE PRINCESS WERE VERY UNHAPPY.

WHAT IS THE GOOD OF HAVING A PALACE ON A HILLTOP WHEN THERE ISN'T ANY VIEW OR ANY SUNLIGHT?

IT IS THAT TERRIBLE TREE IN FRONT OF THE WINDOWS! IT BLOCKS OUT EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!



YOU MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, FATHER.

YOU ARE RIGHT, MY DEAR. YOU ARE PERFECTLY RIGHT. WE MUST GET RID OF THAT TERRIBLE TREE.





THE TREE WASN'T THE ONLY THING THAT MADE THE KING AND THE PRINCESS UNHAPPY.

WHAT IS WRONG, MY DAUGHTER?



WHAT IS THE GOOD OF LIVING IN A PALACE THAT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A WISHING WELL? WE SHOULD HAVE WATER TO WASH IN AND WATER TO WISH IN.

YOU ARE RIGHT, MY DEAR. YOU ARE PERFECTLY RIGHT. WE MUST DO SOMETHING ABOUT GETTING A WISHING WELL.



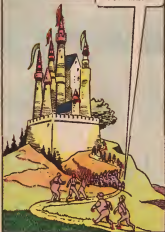
**T**HE KING AGAIN CALLED HIS MESSENGERS.

GIVE NOTICE THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND. I WILL GIVE A BAG OF GOLD TO ANYONE WHO CAN DIG A WISHING WELL THAT WILL HOLD ENOUGH WATER FOR ONE YEAR.



**M**EN CAME FROM FAR AND WIDE.

WELL DIGGING IS MY TRADE. IT WILL BE AN EASY TASK FOR ME.



**B**UT WHEN HE STARTED TO DIG . . .

LOOK, FATHER! THE GROUND ON THIS HILLTOP MUST BE MAGIC.

WHY, SO IT MUST! FOR EACH SPADEFUL OF DIRT DUG UP, TWO COME BACK IN ITS PLACE!



**A**ND SO IT WENT WITH EACH MAN WHO TRIED. THE MORE THEY DUG, THE HIGHER THE MOUND OF DIRT GREW.

AMAZING!

UNBELIEVABLE!





WE MAY AS WELL FORGET ABOUT GETTING RID OF THE MAGIC TREE AND HAVING A WISHING WELL OF OUR OWN.



NO, NO I WILL NOT GIVE UP AS EASILY AS THAT.



AGAIN HE CALLED HIS MESSENGERS.

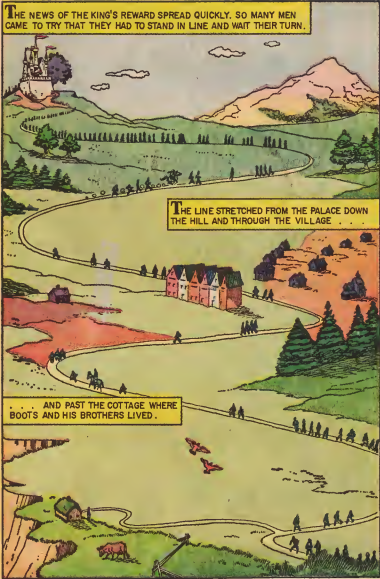
GIVE NOTICE THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND. I WILL GIVE HALF MY KINGDOM AND THE PRINCESS' HAND IN MARRIAGE TO THE MAN WHO PERFORMS THESE TWO TASKS.



FIRST, HE MUST CHOP DOWN THE MAGIC TREE. NEXT, HE MUST DIG A WISHING WELL THAT WILL HOLD ENOUGH WATER FOR ONE YEAR. IF HE FAILS, HE WILL BE SENT FROM THIS LAND FOREVER.



**T**HE NEWS OF THE KING'S REWARD SPREAD QUICKLY, SO MANY MEN CAME TO TRY THAT THEY HAD TO STAND IN LINE AND WAIT THEIR TURN.



**T**HE LINE STRETCHED FROM THE PALACE DOWN THE HILL AND THROUGH THE VILLAGE . . .

. . . AND PAST THE COTTAGE WHERE BOOTS AND HIS BROTHERS LIVED .



**BOOTS WENT UP TO THE LINE.**

GOOD DAY, MY FRIENDS.  
SO YOU STAND IN LINE  
AND WAIT YOUR TURN,  
DO YOU?

INDEED  
WE DO!



IT IS WORTH  
STANDING IN  
LINE FOR A  
CHANCE TO  
WIN THE  
PRINCESS  
AND HALF A  
KINGDOM.

AND ALL WE HAVE TO DO  
IS CHOP DOWN A TREE  
AND DIG A WISHING WELL.



**BOOTS WENT BACK INTO THE COTTAGE AND TOLD HIS FAMILY WHAT HE HAD HEARD.**

YOU SAY THE TASKS  
ARE TO CUT DOWN A  
TREE AND DIG A  
WISHING WELL?

THAT SEEMS LIKE VERY  
EASY WORK FOR SUCH  
A GREAT REWARD.



YOU SEE, BOYS? A CURIOUS  
MIND NEVER HURT ANYONE.  
BOOTS WILL GO FAR IN THIS  
WORLD, MARK MY WORDS!

AT LEAST AS FAR AS THE  
PALACE, FATHER. IT IS  
TIME FOR ME TO SEEK  
MY FORTUNE. I AM GOING  
TO TRY TO WIN THE HAND  
OF THE PRINCESS AND  
HALF THE KINGDOM AS  
WELL.



THE NEXT MORNING . . .

GOODBY, BOOTS. I SHALL MISS YOU.

WAIT, BOOTS! WE ARE GOING WITH YOU!



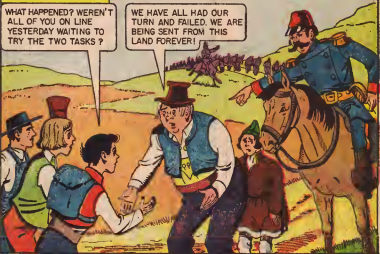
SO PETER, PAUL AND BOOTS SET OUT TOGETHER.



SOON THEY MET SOME SAD LOOKING MEN.

WHAT HAPPENED? WEREN'T ALL OF YOU ON LINE YESTERDAY WAITING TO TRY THE TWO TASKS?

WE HAVE ALL HAD OUR TURN AND FAILED. WE ARE BEING SENT FROM THIS LAND FOREVER!



**PETER, PAUL AND BOOTS CONTINUED THEIR JOURNEY. THEY HAD NOT GONE FAR WHEN THEY HEARD A SOUND.**

I WONDER WHAT THAT NOISE IS.



IT IS THE SOUND OF AN AX CHOPPING, YOU SIMPLETON.

ANYONE CAN PLAINLY HEAR THAT!



BUT WHY? WHY IS THE AX CHOPPING? YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHAT YOU MAY DISCOVER IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO ASK.



I WILL FOLLOW THAT SOUND AND SEE WHERE IT LEADS ME. I ALWAYS LIKE TO FIND OUT FOR MYSELF WHAT MAKES THINGS AS THEY ARE.



**B**OOTHS FOLLOWED THE SOUND TO  
A CLEARING IN THE WOODS.

WHY, LOOK AT THAT!  
THE AX IS CHOPPING  
ALL BY ITSELF! IT  
MUST BE A MAGIC AX!





**B**OOTTS TOOK THE AX AND HURRIED BACK TO HIS BROTHERS.





THE BROTHERS LAUGHED AT BOOTS AND CONTINUED ON THEIR WAY. THEY HAD NOT GONE FAR WHEN THEY HEARD ANOTHER SOUND.

I WONDER WHAT THAT NOISE IS.



IT IS THE SOUND OF A SPADE DIGGING YOU SIMPLETON.

ANYONE CAN PLAINLY HEAR THAT!



BUT WHY? WHY IS THE SPADE DIGGING? YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHAT YOU MAY DISCOVER IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO ASK.



I WILL FOLLOW THAT SOUND AND SEE WHERE IT LEADS ME. I ALWAYS LIKE TO FIND OUT FOR MYSELF WHAT MAKES THINGS AS THEY ARE.



**B**oots followed the sound to a hollow on a hill.

WHY, LOOK AT THAT!  
THE SPADE IS DIGGING  
ALL BY ITSELF! IT MUST  
BE A MAGIC SPADE!



GOOD DAY TO YOU, SPADE.  
SO YOU STAND THERE  
DIGGING ALL BY YOURSELF,  
DO YOU?

INDEED I  
DO, BOOTS!



I HAVE STOOD  
HERE DIGGING  
FOR A LONG, LONG  
TIME, WAITING  
FOR YOU TO COME.

WELL, HERE I AM  
AT LAST, SPADE.  
YOU NEED NOT  
WAIT ANY LONGER.



**B**OOTS TOOK THE SPADE AND  
HURRIED BACK TO HIS BROTHERS.



WELL, BOOTS,  
WHAT DID YOU  
FIND?

IT WAS ONLY  
A SPADE DIGGING.



THE BROTHERS LAUGHED AT BOOTS AND CONTINUED ON THEIR WAY. THEY HAD NOT GONE FAR WHEN THEY CAME TO A BROOK.

I WONDER WHERE THIS BROOK COMES FROM.



IT COMES FROM A SPRING THAT IS BUBBLING OUT OF THE EARTH SOMEWHERE, YOU SIMPLETON.

ANYONE WOULD KNOW THAT!




BUT WHERE? WHERE IS THE SPRING THAT IS BUBBLING? YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHAT YOU MAY DISCOVER IF YOU TAKE THE TIME TO ASK.



I WILL FOLLOW THIS BROOK AND SEE WHERE IT LEADS ME. I ALWAYS LIKE TO FIND OUT FOR MYSELF WHAT MAKES THINGS AS THEY ARE.



**B**OOTHS FOLLOWED THE BROOK. IT GOT SMALLER AND SMALLER UNTIL . . .

A colorful illustration of a man with a blue backpack and a red shirt, kneeling on a path in a forest. He is looking at a small stream that is bubbling. A dog is sitting on a tree stump in the background. A white chicken is in the foreground. The scene is set in a lush green forest with large trees.

WHY, LOOK AT THAT! THERE IS A BIG WALNUT, AND ALL THE WATER IN THE BROOK IS BUBBLING OUT OF IT! IT MUST BE A MAGIC WALNUT!



**BOOTS** TOOK THE WALNUT AND PLUGGED UP THE HOLE WITH MOSS.



**THEN** HE PUT IT IN HIS POCKET AND HURRIED BACK TO HIS BROTHERS.



THE BROTHERS LAUGHED AT BOOTS AND CONTINUED ON THEIR WAY. SOON THEY CAME TO THE PALACE.

WHAT DO YOU WISH HERE ?

WE HAVE COME TO WIN THE HAND OF THE PRINCESS.



THEY WERE TAKEN BEFORE THE KING.

AH, THERE IS THE PRINCESS! HOW BEAUTIFUL SHE IS!

AH, WHAT A FINE LOOKING FELLOW THAT YOUNG ONE IS!



GENTLEMEN, EACH OF YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO PERFORM THE TASKS. IF YOU FAIL, YOU WILL BE SENT FROM THIS LAND FOREVER!



**T**HE KING LED THE WAY TO THE MAGIC TREE.

HERE IS THE TREE THAT MUST BE CHOPPED DOWN. WHICH OF YOU WILL BE THE FIRST TO TRY?

I AM THE ELDEST, SO I WILL TRY FIRST.



**P**ETER PICKED UP AN AX AND BEGAN TO CHOP. BUT . . .

IT IS THE SAME WITH YOU AS WITH ALL THE OTHERS. FOR EACH CHIP YOU CHOP, TWO GROW IN ITS PLACE. MAYBE YOU HAD BETTER TRY TO DIG THE WISHING WELL.



**S**O PETER PICKED UP A SPADE AND BEGAN TO DIG. BUT . . .

IT IS THE SAME WITH YOU AS WITH ALL THE OTHERS. FOR EACH SPADEFUL OF DIRT DUG UP, TWO COME BACK IN ITS PLACE.



YOU HAVE HAD YOUR TURN AND FAILED. YOU MAY NEVER RETURN TO THIS KINGDOM AGAIN.





WHICH OF YOU  
IS NEXT?

I AM OLDER  
THAN BOOTS,  
SO I WILL  
TRY NOW.



PAUL PICKED UP THE SAME AX AS PETER HAD,  
AND BEGAN TO CHOP. BUT

IT IS THE SAME WITH YOU AS  
WITH ALL THE OTHERS. FOR EACH  
CHIP YOU CHOP, TWO GROW  
IN ITS PLACE. MAYBE YOU HAD  
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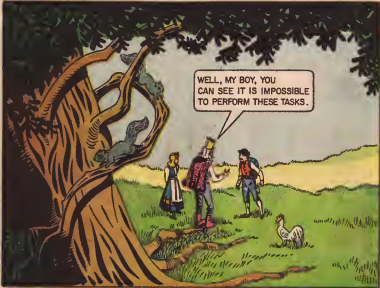
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BUT

IT IS THE SAME WITH YOU AS WITH ALL  
THE OTHERS. FOR EACH SPADEFUL OF  
DIRT DUG UP, TWO COME BACK IN ITS  
PLACE.



YOU HAVE HAD YOUR TURN  
AND FAILED. YOU MAY NEVER  
RETURN TO THIS KINGDOM  
AGAIN.





WELL, MY BOY, YOU  
CAN SEE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE  
TO PERFORM THESE TASKS.

LET MY GUARDS TAKE  
YOU AWAY BEFORE YOU  
BEGIN. DON'T WASTE  
YOUR ENERGY, LAD.



I'LL TRY ANYWAY,  
YOUR HIGHNESS.  
I ALWAYS LIKE TO  
SEE FOR MYSELF  
IF THINGS ARE AS  
THEY SEEM.

**T**HE PRINCESS WAS HAPPY THAT BOOTS  
WAS GOING TO TRY TO WIN HER HAND.



OH, I HOPE HE  
SUCCEEDS!

**BOOTS TOOK HIS MAGIC AX .**

CHOP  
AWAY,  
AX!



**AND THE AX BEGAN TO CHOP.**

LOOK, FATHER, LOOK!  
JUST SEE HOW THE  
CHIPS ARE FLYING!

WHY, SO THEY ARE!  
HE IS ALREADY  
MAKING A HOLE  
IN THE TRUNK!



**HE CHOPPED AND HE CHOPPED  
UNTIL .**



**. . . THE TREE CAME CRASHING DOWN.**





SPLENDID, MY BOY I  
BUT HOW CAN I BE  
CERTAIN THE WISHING  
WELL WILL HOLD  
ENOUGH WATER FOR  
A YEAR? WE NEED  
WATER TO WASH IN  
AND WATER TO WISH IN.

THAT IS THE  
EASIEST  
PART OF ALL!



BOOTS TOOK OUT THE MAGIC WALNUT,  
LAID IT IN THE BOTTOM OF THE WELL AND  
PULLED OUT THE PLUG OF MOSS.

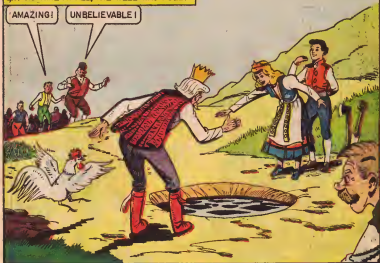
BUBBLE  
AWAY,  
WALNUT!



IN NO TIME AT ALL, THE WELL WAS FULL.

AMAZING!

UNBELIEVABLE!



THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. YOU'VE WON HALF MY KINGDOM AND MY DAUGHTER, AS WELL.

THANK YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS.



I AM SO PLEASED I WILL ALLOW YOU TO MAKE THE FIRST WISH IN THE WISHING WELL.

THAT IS VERY GOOD OF YOU, YOUR HIGHNESS. I WISH THAT MY BROTHERS COULD RETURN FOR MY WEDDING.



SO THE BROTHERS RETURNED FOR THE WEDDING AND BOOTS AND THE PRINCESS LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER.



THE END

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# AESOP'S FABLES

## THE BOY BATHING

ONCE UPON A TIME, A BOY WAS WALKING ALONG A HOT COUNTRY ROAD WHEN HE CAME TO A RIVER.



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, HE WAS SPLASHING HAPPILY IN THE WATER.



SUDDENLY HE SAW THE CURRENT WAS CARRYING HIM INTO THE DEEPEST PART OF THE RIVER.



HE HELD ON TO A FLOATING LOG AND WAS SWEEPED DOWNSTREAM.



JUST THEN, A MAN CAME ALONG THE RIVER BANK.



THE MAN GRABBED A ROPE FROM HIS CART AND RAN TO THE RIVER'S EDGE.



I JUST WANTED TO TAKE A LITTLE SWIM, BUT THE CURRENT WAS STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

HASN'T ANYONE EVER WARNED YOU NOT TO TAKE CHANCES LIKE THAT?



YOU SHOULD NEVER GO SWIMMING WHEN THERE IS NO ONE AROUND TO HELP YOU.

THROW ME THE ROPE NOW AND SCOLD ME LATER. THERE IS A TIME AND A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING.





# THERE WAS A YOUNG LADY WHOSE NOSE

By EDWARD LEAR

There was a Young Lady whose nose  
Was so long that it reached to her toes,  
So she hired an Old Lady, whose  
conduct was steady,  
To carry that wonderful nose.



# THE ANIMAL WORLD

## THE ALPACA

**T**HE ALPACA IS FOUND ONLY IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS IN SOUTH AMERICA. HE LOOKS LIKE A LARGE GOAT WITH THE HEAD OF A CAMEL.



**A** FULL GROWN ALPACA IS ABOUT THREE AND A HALF FEET HIGH. HE HAS THICK WOOLLY HAIR, FROM SIX TO TWENTY-FOUR INCHES LONG. IT OFTEN REACHES THE GROUND.



**S**INCE THE DAYS OF THE ANCIENT INCAS, THE PEOPLE OF PERU AND BOLIVIA HAVE USED ALPACA WOOL TO MAKE THEIR CLOTHING.



**T**HE ALPACA LIKES TO EAT GRASS. HE CAN GO WITHOUT EATING FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME BECAUSE HE HAS A STOMACH THAT IS DIVIDED IN THREE PARTS AND CAN STORE FOOD.



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