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01_The sneaky rabbit

One night, when the moon was very bright, Rabbit was resting near a pond. He was very tired and wanted to go to sleep, but he was scared the tiger was going to eat him up. Rabbit tried and tried to stay awake. He looked up at the sky and started to count the stars. Soon Rabbit was fast asleep.

Suddenly, a loud, booming voice woke him up. It was Tiger! 'Aha! Now I've got you, little Rabbit! You'll be perfect in my soup!'

Rabbit was very frightened, but he had an idea. He looked in the water and saw the reflection of the moon. It looked like a big lump of cheese. He moved his mouth, pretending to eat, and said, 'Mmm yum yum yum yum. Ah, Tiger. I'm happy to see you. Yum yum yum. Come and share this delicious white cheese with me. Yum yum yum. I'm keeping it fresh for you in the pond.'

Tiger loved white cheese. He licked his lips. 'Mmm yum. I can see the cheese, but how do you get it out of the pond?' he asked.

'Easy,' said Rabbit. 'I tie this stone around my foot and jump in. Do you want to try?'

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And I've heard that Tiger is still trying to get out of the pond.

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'I know,' said the macaw. 'Why don't we have a competition? The bird who can fly the highest will be the bird king.'

Everyone thought this was an excellent idea, especially the eagle. 'Make me king now,' he said. 'I am the strongest, and I can fly the highest.'

'Ah,' said a little voice. 'But you might not win!'

'Ha ha!' laughed the eagle. 'You can't beat me, little sparrow!'

'We'll see,' said the sparrow.

The race began, and all the birds flew high into the sky. They flew higher and higher, and the eagle flew the highest. 'Ha! I told you!' squawked the eagle. 'I, I am the king!'

But the sparrow was hiding under the eagle's wing. Suddenly, he flew higher than the eagle's head. The sparrow was the highest bird of all! He won the competition! And the sparrow was the new bird king.

03_The clever monkey

Once upon a time, there was a clever monkey. He lived on a beautiful island, in an apple tree. One day, a crocodile swam to the island. 'I'm hungry,' he said.

So the monkey threw a red apple to the crocodile. The crocodile munched and munched. The next day, the crocodile came back. 'Please, may I have two apples?' he asked. He ate one and gave one to his wife.

The crocodile went to see the monkey every day, to listen to his tales and eat his apples. He wanted to be clever, just like the monkey. The crocodile's wife had an idea. 'Why don't you eat his heart? Then you'll be clever, just like him!'

The next day, he said to the monkey, 'Come to my house! We'll have lunch together, to thank you for the apples.'

But when he arrived, the crocodile snapped and said, 'Monkey! I want to eat your heart, so I can be as clever as you!'

The clever monkey thought quickly and said, 'But... I haven't got my heart here. It's on the island, in the apple tree.'

They all went back to the island. 'Wait here, and I will get my heart,' said the monkey. The monkey quickly climbed the tree and sat at the top. 'Oh, Crocodile. You are greedy. Of course you can't have my heart. And now, you can't have my apples!' And the clever monkey laughed and laughed!

04_ The lump of gold

Paul was a very rich man, but he never spent any of his money. He was scared that someone would steal it. He pretended to be poor and wore dirty old clothes. People laughed at him, but he didn't care. He only cared about his money.

One day, he bought a big lump of gold. He hid it in a hole by a tree. Every night, he went to the hole to look at his treasure. He sat and he looked. 'No one will ever find my gold!' he said.

But one night, a thief saw Paul looking at his gold. And when Paul went home, the thief picked up the lump of gold, slipped it into his bag and ran away!

The next day, Paul went to look at his gold, but it wasn't there. It had disappeared! Paul cried and cried! He cried so loud that a wise old man heard him. He came to help. Paul told him the sad tale of the stolen lump of gold. 'Don't worry,' he said. 'Get a big stone and put it in the hole by the tree.'

'What?' said Paul. 'Why?'

'What did you do with your lump of gold?'

'I sat and looked at it every day,' said Paul.

'Exactly,' said the wise old man. 'You can do exactly the same with a stone.'

Paul listened, thought for a moment and then said, 'Yes, you're right. I've been very silly. I don't need a lump of gold to be happy!'

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Every day, Robert's grandfather went fishing. One day, Robert asked to go too.

'Well, I want to catch the magic fish. The first person to eat it will become the cleverest person in the world. Can you help me?'

'Yes!' said Robert, and they went fishing.

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06_The princess and the dragon

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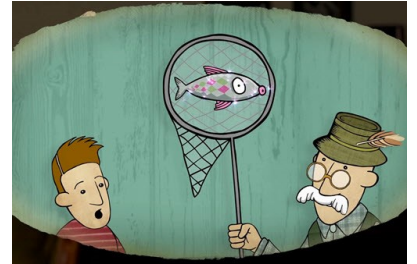
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