



Folktales of Gaspaar

QUESTION PROMPTS AHEAD

FOLKTALES



COLLECTION

FROM THE AUTHOR

Dear Subscriber, thank you for giving the joy and magic of beautiful stories to a young reader in your life. You may already enjoy hearing them talk about the stories and need no suggestions for extending that interaction. However, I have included these questions to help prompt discussion. Remember that whatever the reaction of the reader is, it is genuine and worthy of respect. We all experience a story from our own perspective and level of observation. Please resist the temptation to steer the answers to a conclusion you wish. Sadly, school curricula have often done damage to the honest enjoyment of written stories and the gift of curiosity by pushing the reader to a prescribed position. Honest joy in a story for its own sake is the great gift that may deliver a “treasure beyond measure.”



1 STONE SOUP

IN WHICH A POOR SHEPHERD INDUCES INHOSPITABLE VILLAGERS TO AID HIM IN MAKING A GREAT SOUP FROM A COMMON STONE

THE INNKEEPER WAS VERY SUSPICIOUS OF THE SHEPHERD. WHAT DID HE DO IN THE END THAT SHOWED HIS THINKING OF THE SHEPHERD WAS CHANGED?

2 THE KING'S NEW CLOTHES

IN WHICH TWO SNEAKY CHARACTERS PRETEND TO MAKE THE KING THE MOST WONDERFUL CLOTHES BUT REALLY USE HIS VANITY TO GAIN A SMALL FORTUNE

WHO FINALLY SHOUTED OUT THE TRUTH AND WHY DID THE KING BELIEVE IT INSTEAD OF THE ROYAL SERVANTS?

3 THE DRAGON IN THE KITCHEN

IN WHICH THE COOK OUTWITS A WICKED DRAGON WHO HAS COME TO TAKE HIM TO HIS LAIR.

WHEN THE DRAGON LOOKED AWAY, WHAT DID THE COOK DO?

4 THE HARE AND THE STICKY MAN

IN WHICH THE FOX AND HYENA TRICK THE HARE INTO TRAPPING HIMSELF BY KICKING A STICKY FAKE LITTLE MAN

WHAT DID THE HARE SAY THAT GAVE THE FOX THE IDEA OF THROWING HIM INTO THE THORNBUSH INSTEAD OF JUST KILLING HIM?

5 THE HARE AND TURTLE RACE

IN WHICH THE HARE BRAGS ABOUT HIS SPEED BUT THE SLOWEST ANIMAL DEFEATS HIM IN A RACE

WHY DIDN'T THE HARE REALIZE HE WAS BEING TRICKED BY A WHOLE FAMILY OF TURTLES?



6 THE GINGERBREAD MAN

IN WHICH THE COOK TELLS OF A GINGERBREAD COOKIE MAN WHO SPRUNG TO LIFE AND TAUNTED EVERYONE BUT WAS EATEN UP BY A FOX

WHAT DID THE SNEAKY OLD FOX SAY THAT MADE THE GINGERBREAD MAN LET HIM GET TOO CLOSE?

7 FOOLISH JACK

IN WHICH A YOUNG LAD CLIMBS A BEANSTALK INTO THE CLOUDS AND STEALS THE GOOSE THAT LAYS GOLDEN EGGS FROM THE GIANT

WHAT DID JACK DO IN THE GIANT'S KITCHEN THAT HELPED HIM SLIP UNDER THE GIANT'S DOOR?

8 THE PRINCESS AND THE PIG

IN WHICH THE KING'S DAUGHTERS RELEASE MAGIC THAT WILL HAVE ONE SISTER MARRY A PIG

WHAT DID THE KING ASK THE PIG BEFORE HE ALLOWED HIM TO PROPOSE TO HIS DAUGHTER THAT GAVE HIM HOPE?

9 THE BOY WITH NO FEAR

IN WHICH THE BLACKSMITH'S SON HAS TO FIND OUT WHAT FEAR IS IN ORDER TO SUCCEED IN LIFE

WHAT WAS THE THING THAT HAPPENED THAT FINALLY MADE THE BLACKSMITH'S SON UNDERSTAND WHAT FEAR IS?

10 THE WORD OF THE MOUSE

IN WHICH A LITTLE MOUSE SAVES A GREAT LION

WHY DID THE MOUSE STAY TO HELP THE TRAPPED LION WHEN HE WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN AWAY FOREVER?



11 THE KNIGHTS OF THE SILVER SHIELD

IN WHICH A YOUNG KNIGHT IS LEFT BEHIND TO MIND THE CASTLE WHEN THE OTHERS RIDE TO BATTLE

WHY DIDN'T THE YOUNG KNIGHT CROSS THE DRAWBRIDGE TO TAKE THE MAGIC SWORD FROM THE OLD MAN?

12 THE THIEF'S STORY

IN WHICH A MEAN MERCHANT TRICKS A FARMER BUT IS TRICKED HIMSELF BY HIS DAUGHTER AND A THIEF

WHY DID THE MERCHANT TURN AROUND AND GO LOOK FOR THE BOOT HE HAD THROWN AWAY?

13 FOR WANT OF A NAIL

IN WHICH THE COOK REMEMBERS A POEM ABOUT A BLACKSMITH WHO DID NOT DO A PROPER JOB OF SHOEING A HORSE AND ALL THAT CAME OF IT

WHAT JOB HAD PRINCE MAX NOT DONE COMPLETELY THAT HE REMEMBERED WITH REGRET?

14 THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

IN WHICH A POSSIBLE PRINCESS CLAIMS HER ROYAL BLOOD BASED ON HER SENSITIVITY TO A PEA UNDER HER MATTRESS

WHY DID THE QUEEN'S MAID TELL THE MERCHANT HE SHOULD KEEP HIS THOUGHTS TO HIMSELF INSTEAD OF SPEAKING WITH THE KING AND QUEEN?

15 THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF

IN WHICH A YOUNG SHEPHERD GIVES FALSE ALARMS ABOUT A WOLF, AND ALMOST LOSES HIS FLOCK

THE TOWNSPEOPLE HAD LOST TRUST IN THE YOUNG SHEPHERD. WHY DID THEY FINALLY COME BACK UP THE HILLS THE THIRD TIME?



16 ANDROCLES AND THE LION

IN WHICH A RUNAWAY SLAVE HELPS A WOUNDED LION

WHAT SURPRISED THE EMPEROR WHEN ANDROCLES WAS BROUGHT BACK TO BE PUNISHED?

17 THE THREE PIG BROTHERS

IN WHICH THREE PIGS GO OUT INTO THE WORLD, MAKE THEIR OWN HOMES AS THEY PLEASE, AND A WOLF TESTS THEIR HOUSES TO GAIN A MEAL

WHAT HAD THE WOLF DONE TO RUIN THE SECOND PIG'S PLAN?

18 RUMORS AND GOSSIP

IN WHICH ORRY BELIEVES HE HAS OVERHEARD FRIGHTENING NEWS

WHAT WORD DID ORRY THINK WAS "WAR" BUT WASN'T?

19 THE BASILISK

IN WHICH A MYTHICAL CREATURE TURNS PEOPLE INTO STONE WHEN THEY LOOK INTO ITS EYES

THE BASILISK ONLY DRANK FROM THE STREAM OR POND AT NIGHT. WHY?

20 THE TINDERBOX

IN WHICH A POOR SOLDIER IS SENT DOWN A TREE TO BRING BACK A OLD TINDERBOX AND ENCOUNTERS THREE STRANGE DOGS

WHEN HE GOT A SECOND CHANCE BY DISCOVERING THE POWER OF THE TINDERBOX, WHAT CHANGE DID THE SOLDIER MAKE FROM BEFORE WHEN HE WAS FOOLISH?



21 THE FISHERMAN'S WIFE

IN WHICH A FISHERMAN'S WIFE DISCOVERS A BOTTLE IN A FISH AND RELEASES A GENIE THAT GRANTS MAGIC SPELLS

WHAT QUESTION DID THE WIFE ASK OF THE GENIE BEFORE SHE WOULD MAKE HER LAST REQUEST?

22 THE PUZZLE

IN WHICH THE COOK TELLS ABOUT A PUZZLE THAT A MERCHANT USED TO CHOOSE WHO SHOULD HAVE HIS STORE WHEN HE RETIRED

WHAT THREE THINGS DID THE FARMER IN THE PUZZLE HAVE TO CARRY OVER SEPARATELY IN THE BOAT, AND WHY WAS THAT TRICKY?

23 THE GOLDEN SNAKE

IN WHICH A SERVANT IS GIVEN A SPECIAL ABILITY WHEN HE EATS OF A SECRET DISH

WHY DID THE CREATURES IN THE STORY ALL WANT TO HELP THE SERVANT WHEN HE WAS GIVEN A PROBLEM?

24 THE COBBLER'S ANGEL

IN WHICH A COBBLER PREPARES TO BE VISITED BY AN ANGEL BUT IS VISITED BY THREE UNEXPECTED GUESTS

IN THE FINAL DREAM, WHAT DID THE ANGEL SAY ABOUT THE GIFTS THE COBBLER HAD GIVEN AWAY TO THE STRANGERS?

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