

1. The Jackal and the Lion

Once there was a big jungle, and the king of the jungle was a lion. Whenever Lion was hungry, he walked out of his cave and roared. All the smaller animals were terrified.

They rushed out of their holes and hiding places. Then Lion jumped on them and gobbled them up. Finally the only animal left in the jungle, except for Lion, was a small Jackal. Thin Jackal knew he couldn't run fast anymore; he would have to use his wits to fool Lion.

So the next time when Lion chased Jackal, he didn't run. Instead, he walked right up to Lion. Jackal bowed low and told Lion that a dreadful greater lion came out of the woods. Jackal led Lion to a round, deep well of clear water. He pointed into the well and told Lion that the

creature in the water was the lion greater than him. Lion strutted over and looked down into the water. He was shocked to see a lion's face staring back at him!

Lion roared! And the other lion roared! Lion shook his mane! And the other lion shook his mane! Lion showed his teeth! And the other lion showed his teeth! Lion was so furious that he leaped into the well to grab the other lion. Lion flipped and flopped in the well. Finally, he drowned.

Jackal, who was overjoyed, ran to spread the word. And soon other animals came to live in the jungle once again.

2. A Broken Promise

Long, long ago, some children were playing at the seaside when they found a turtle. They began to bully the turtle. After a while, a young man came and said to them, "Stop it!" They went away quickly. "I really appreciate your kindness. I really would like to invite you to a wonderful palace now," the turtle said.

As soon as he rode on the back of the turtle, he was taken to the secret palace in the sea. He was very surprised and said to the turtle, "What a nice place!" He received a warm welcome there. He was very satisfied with everything.

He said to the turtle, "Thank you, I am glad to have met you." The turtle said, "I am going to give you two boxes, but you can only open one of the boxes. You must not open both." "Don't forget it,"

the turtle warned him. "All right. I will only open one. I swear." he promised.

After he went back home, he opened the bigger of the two boxes. To his amazement, there was a great deal of gold in the box. "Heaven!" he said loudly. He thought in his mind, "The other one must also be expensive!" He broke the promise and opened the other box. As soon as he opened the box, he became an old man. His hair turned white and his face full of wrinkles. After that he regretted what he did. "Just because I broke the promise..." he said, but it was too late.

3. The Bremen Town Musicians

Once upon a time, there was an old donkey. He met an old dog and an old cat. They were all thrown out by their masters. These three became friends and went on a journey together. They saw a rooster crying “Cock-a-doodle-doo!” And the three friends welcomed his company. Soon they reached a house but robbers were in it. The four friends hit upon a plan. They all made their loudest music. The donkey brayed, the dog barked, the cat meowed, and the rooster crowed. The robbers thought it must be monsters. They ran into the woods. Then the four friends ate what the robbers had left. The chief went back to the house when it was dark. He stepped on the cat’s tail; she scratched his face with her sharp claws, the dog sprang up and bit him in the leg, the

donkey gave him a great kick, then the rooster cried, “Cock-a-doodle-doo! The robber chief ran as fast as he could. He said to his friends, “In that house is a wicked witch, who scratched my face with her long nails. Then by the door stood a man with a knife, who cut me in the leg. Out in the yard was a great giant, who struck me with a huge club. And all the while someone cried out, “Kill the robber, do! Kill the robber, do!” So the four friends had the little house, and they liked the house so well.

4. A Man Who Swallowed a Horse

One day Mr. Green rushed into Mr. Williams' clinic. "What's wrong with you?" asked the doctor. Mr. Green said, "I have a stomachache. I've swallowed a horse, doctor, and I feel very ill." "Oh, when did you swallow the horse?" asked the doctor. "It was yesterday. I couldn't sleep well last night," said the man.

Mr. Williams is a good doctor. He always does his best to help his patients feel better. He thought for a few seconds and then said, "All right, Mr. Green, I'll help you. Was it a male horse or a female one?" "Well, I'm not sure," answered the man. "Was it young or old?" asked the doctor. "Sorry, doctor, I can't remember that, either," said the man. "It's O.K. All right. Please lie down on this bed," said the doctor.

The doctor's nurse gave the man an injection, the man went to sleep very soon, and the doctor went out quickly to look for a horse in the town. After half an hour he found one, borrowed it and took it into his office, so when Mr. Green woke up, it was there in front of him.

"Here's the horse, Mr. Green," the doctor said. "I've taken it out of your stomach, and it won't give you any more trouble now. Here is your medicine. Don't forget to take it every day."

At first Mr. Green was pleased, but then he looked at the horse again and said, "But, doctor, my horse was white, and this one is brown!"

5. No Dogs

Katie just finished school. Her mom was waiting at the gate with Jessie, the dog. “Can we go to the park with Jane, Mum? asked Katie. “Alright, just for half an hour,“ said Mum.

When they got to the park, Katie and Jane ran towards the swings. “Come on,” shouted Jane, “Let’s see how high we can go on the swings!” Jessie followed after and wanted to join them. “You can’t come in here,” shouted Katie. Mum took Jessie over to the bench and tied him to it. Half an hour later, “did you have a good time?” asked Mum. “Yes, it was brilliant! I went the highest” said Katie. “No! I

went the highest!” said Jane. “Come on, we need to take you home,” said Mum.

That night Jessie couldn’t sleep. He was thinking about the park. Quietly, he got out of the basket. He squeezed through the cat- flap. He was outside! He ran towards the park. Soon Jessie was there. The gate was open. He went through and looked around... the playground was full of dogs! Jessie went up and down on the swing. “Wooooof!” barked Jessie. He went as high as he could on the swing. Soon, it was time to go, Jessie got off the swing, and walked back home. He squeezed through the cat-flap, and got into his basket. He looked at Katie. “I went the highest,” thought Jessie. And went to sleep.

6. The Three Little Butterfly Brothers

There were once three little butterfly brothers, one white, one red, and one yellow. They played in the sunshine, and danced among the flowers, and they never grew tired because they were so happy.

One day there came a heavy rain, and it wet their wings. They flew home, but when they got there they found the door locked and the key gone. So they had to stay out of doors in the rain, and they grew wetter and wetter.

By and by they flew to the red and yellow striped tulip, and said, "Friend Tulip, will you open your flower-cup and let us in till the storm is over?" The tulip answered, "The red and yellow butterflies may enter, because they

are like me, but the white one may not come in."

But the red and yellow butterflies said, "If our white brother may not find shelter in your flower cup, then, we'll stay outside in the rain with him." So the butterflies flew away.

But the sun, who was behind a cloud, heard it all, and he knew what good little brothers the butterflies were, and how they had held together in spite of the wet. So he pushed his face through the clouds, and shone brightly on the garden.

He dried the wings of the three little butterflies, and warmed their bodies. They ceased to sorrow, and danced among the flowers till evening, and then they flew home, and found the door wide open.

7. There's Something in my Attic

I was never afraid of anything when we lived in the city, but now we live on a farm. At night, when the lights go out, I get scared, because I can hear a nightmare in the attic right above my head. Mom and Dad say it's probably mice. But it sounds too big to be mice.

I decided to lasso that nightmare to show them. I'd just be brave and sneak quietly into the attic with my lasso ready. I thought it was lying behind some boxes. Something weird was going on for sure. Then I heard it creeping up the stairs.

There it was, standing in front of me with my brand-new teddy bear, which had just

stolen from my room. "Hey!" I called. "That's my teddy bear! Give it to me!" But the nightmare tried to sneak back down the stairs. So I chased it. Then I lassoed it. It was hugging my bear as hard as it could. I tried to get my bear back, but it wouldn't let go. So I pulled it down the hall to my parent's room. I flipped on the lights to show them the nightmare. I hoped they would help me get my bear back.

But the nightmare was very tricky, and it just slipped away. Mom and Dad told me that it was just a dream. Then they gave me a sweet kiss good-night.

That's OK. I'll just have to get my teddy back and show them tomorrow.

8. The Ice Cream Touch

One day, Tommy met a rabbit in the woods. “I have magic power. I can give you one wish,” said the rabbit.

“I wish everything I touch would become ice cream,” Tommy said, “I love ice cream so much.”

“Eat this magic pill, your wish will come true.” said the rabbit.

Tommy took the pill. Then, he touched his red pillow. It became ice cream. He took a bite and found it was delicious! Tommy was very excited. He touched all the things in his room. Then he had an ice cream bed, and an ice cream quilt, an ice cream desk.

Then Mimi, his white little cat, came in. Mimi was Tommy’s best friend. Tommy hugged his cat. “Oh, no!” His best friend also became ice cream.

At the moment, the magic rabbit showed up. “What happened? You look so sad,” the rabbit said. Tommy cried loudly. “Please help me. I don’t want any ice cream! I just want my cat back!”

“Well, OK!” said the rabbit, “Now, touch things with your right hand and they will return to their original form.”

Tommy stopped crying. He touched Mimi with his right hand. Mimi became a cat again. Tommy was so happy! Then he touched all his things. Very soon, there was no more ice cream.

Tommy still loved ice cream, but he made a wish in his heart:

“I wish I never see that magic rabbit ever again!”