



# *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 DO YOU THINK THE KING AND QUEEN ACCEPT THE PRINCESS AS ROYAL SO QUICKLY? WHAT SIGNS DO THEY TRUST— AND SHOULD THEY?**

## 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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