

## 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.

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## 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!"

## 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.