

Literacy Project of the Rotary E-Club of the Southwest USA, District 5510

Egbeda. Nigeria

Rotaract Club of Egbeda D9110

The club selected four different stories and made fifty (50) copies of each one on the 14th November, 2013 during the official visit of the District Rotaract Representative (DRR) to the club. The club donated the story books and exercise books to two (2) different schools in two communities. The Schools are: Community Primary School, Isheri-Olofin, Lagos, Nigeria, and Local Government Primary School, Idimu, Lagos, Nigeria.







A Dream of Camelot

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"What a dream I had," thought a young girl as she sat up in bed. "It was so exciting." She tried to recall all the adventures she dreamed before she forgot the details, as she often did after waking up.



In her dream, the girl had noticed something glowing at the other side of her room. She climbed out of bed to take a closer look and found a fairy standing in front of her.



"Take this broom, child," said the fairy. "Together we will ride and be transported to another time and place." The girl's sense of adventure overcame her usual caution and she climbed onto the broom. Away they flew into the night.



When they landed it was daylight, and the little girl had changed into a beautiful young princess, dressed in a colorful gown. Young men were gathered at an archery tournament in the kingdom of Camelot to compete for her hand in marriage.



Soon she arrived at the castle for a big feast. It was held in honor of the archers. The princess sat at the head of the table, surrounded by the archery contestants and members of the royal court. Everyone was in a joyful mood, looking forward to the festivities that were to begin the following morning.



The next day, after many hours of tense competition, only two archers remained. The last archer, who was dressed in red, was ready to take the final shot that would determine the contest winner. Slowly, he pulled back the bowstring and let loose a perfect arrow that landed right in the middle of the target. He scored the highest number of points and won the right to ask the princess for her hand in marriage.

A Good Day to be a Hero

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A cowboy named Derik was stopping to take a rest from his long trip and was surprised to see a log floating in the river. Something didn't seem right to him because the log looked hollow and very thin.



He walked right into the river and stopped the log from moving any further. He tried to pick the huge log up but it was much heavier than he expected. He noticed the log looked and felt like something heavy was inside. So he reached inside and.....



He pulled out a big block of gold! "Oh my goodness", he said out loud. Right when he spoke he had heard a branch snap off of a tree in the woods on the other side of the river.



Derik had heard the snap clear as day but was so stunned by how he had found a block of gold in the middle of the woods. Then he remembered about a robbery that had happened earlier in the year in the small town of Windell, a couple minutes down the road.



One of the robbers was in the woods near the bank of the river watching the cowboy with his stolen gold. "This guy has got some guts to be holding my gold," he said to himself. He waved his hand in the air towards the cowboy and three men crept into the river to try and get him.



Derik finally came to and noticed the water was moving as if someone were moving around in it and all he felt was somebody pushing him. He fell into the water and grabbed the log as if it were his life line. The water was getting deeper and deeper. He climbed on top of the log and saw three men further up river grinning at him as if they were really mad.

The Caretaker's Journey

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A woman who was the caretaker of a house was very sick and her doctors did not hold out much hope for her. Once she was gone, her husband and daughter would have to leave the house since they were only permitted to live there while the woman was the caretaker.



At her mother's funeral, the daughter got down on her knees and stared off into the distance. She was shocked at the sudden loss of her mother and saddened that she and her father no longer had a home.



The father's place of business had recently burned down, leaving him with no prospects for earning a living. Without a job and with no place to live, he and his daughter went off to seek their fortune in another place.



The journey was long and hot. Soon their horse became so tired that it could no longer carry them. They all plodded on in the hot sun, all the while followed by a black raven that circled in the sky above them.



Hot, tired, and without any more water, they eventually collapsed to the ground in exhaustion. As they lay unconscious in the baking sun, the black raven flew down and settled onto a wooden post, patiently waiting for his dinner.



A pack of dogs noticed the raven circling in the sky and dashed over to investigate. They yelped and sniffed around the unconscious bodies, not knowing what to do.

Our Brother the Pirate

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Once there were two sisters and a brother. When they were young, they all liked to go on adventures in their little boats. The sisters always wanted to pretend that they were famous explorers, searching for ancient and forgotten cities or rescuing people who needed their help. The brother always pretended he was a pirate searching for hidden treasure.



They would often play dress-up together. The sisters would be royalty and members of high society. They would dance around the room as if they were in a magnificent ballroom. The brother always pretended that he was a pirate captain. He would take off his hat and wave it at the imaginary crowds he saw in the distance.



When the brother was older he went off to look for a pirate crew to join. He asked a couple of boys in town if they knew of one nearby. They thought a moment and one said, "There is a pirate ship down by the docks. I think they are setting sail tomorrow." The brother became very excited. This was his chance. He quickly went to the docks to see about joining the crew.



When he arrived at the pirate ship, the pirates were dancing with joy. Their captain had just told them he had a treasure map and that they were going to sail to an island and dig up the treasure. The brother overheard them celebrating and he thought that would be a good time to ask about becoming part of the crew. "Sure," they said, "there will be plenty of work for you to do on the ship. Welcome aboard. Come back tomorrow. We are sailing at noon."



The brother sent a message to his sisters that he was joining a pirate ship and that the ship was leaving later that afternoon. The sisters quickly traveled to the town but they were too late to see him before the ship left. Disappointed at not being able to kiss him goodbye, they traveled to the top of a hill to watch the ship sail away slowly into the sunset.



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Club Meeting: Every Thursday at Health Centre, Egbe-Idimu, Local Council Dev. Area, Isheri Lagos State. Time: 3:30pm for 4:00pm. Duration: 1 hour