The Spider on the Mountain – Oral Reading

A long time ago, a queen and her two sons lived in a palace on the top of a mountain. At the base of the mountain, a giant spider had spun a web among the rocks. One day, the boys wanted to explore the mountain, but the queen told them not to leave the palace. A

“It’s so boring playing inside all day,” said the older son to his brother when their mother was napping. “Let’s go on an adventure.” B

They quietly left the palace. On their way down the mountain, they saw interesting plants and several large birds. One of the queen’s servants saw them leave. He reported that they had disobeyed their mother. C The queen was quite upset, and called for her huntsman.

“You must go look for my sons and return them to the palace at once,” she ordered. D

After a while, the boys began to climb back home. At the edge of a cliff, they heard a scratching sound. The giant spider appeared, trapping them on the cliff.

“Back off!” they yelled, but the spider scooped them up and took them to its web.

The huntsman heard their voices. He searched until he found the web. He cut it down and fought the spider until it retreated. He rescued the boys and returned them to the palace. The queen was grateful that her sons were unharmed, and they promised they would never go exploring without permission again.

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Once upon a time, a king and his three daughters lived in a castle near a forest. A mean dragon had moved into the forest over the winter. Now it was the beginning of spring, and the girls were excited to go outside. The king ordered them to stay in the castle.

“I’m so tired of being cooped up in the castle,” said the oldest girl to her sisters when her father wasn’t listening. “Let’s sneak outside and explore the forest.”

They had so much fun in the forest. They saw some baby animals, smelled the flowers, and climbed trees. The court Jester saw them leave the castle. He told the king they had disobeyed him. The king was very worried and called for his three most trusted knights.

“Go out at once and search for the girls, and bring them home,” he ordered.

It was getting late, and the girls were heading home. Suddenly they heard a strange, loud noise behind them. Before they could decide what to do, the dragon burst out.

“Help!!” screamed the girls, and they tried to run away. The dragon captured them and took them to his cave.

The three knights were close by and heard their screams. They ran to the dragon’s cave and fought until he surrendered. They rescued the girls and brought them back to the castle. The king was relieved that his daughters were safe, and the daughters agreed to never disobey him again.