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.

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. D

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Helen Keller

Helen Keller was born in Alabama in 1880. When she was a small child, Helen got very sick. She became deaf and blind because of her illness.

There were not many schools for children who were deaf and blind. So, Helen’s mother found a special teacher just for Helen. The teacher’s name was Anne Sullivan. In 1887, Anne Sullivan moved to Alabama to live with Helen’s family.

Anne tried to teach Helen the names of things. She gave Helen a doll to hold. She used her finger to spell the word “doll” in Helen’s hand. Anne was trying to teach Helen the word for “doll.” But Helen did not understand. She became angry, and kicked and screamed at Anne.

Anne did not give up. She kept trying. She poured cool water on one of Helen’s hands. In Helen’s other hand, Anne spelled “water.” Helen suddenly understood that Anne was teaching her the name for “water.” Finally Helen understood that Anne was teaching her words. Now Anne could teach her the names of things around her. Helen began to learn very quickly.

Helen worked hard to learn to read, write, and speak. In 1904, she graduated from college. She wrote a book about her life. She became a famous speaker and writer. She taught others about helping people with disabilities.

Helen died in 1968. Today, we can still learn from her life. She showed that people with disabilities can be successful.

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