

Lucy and the Leprechaun

Lucy lived with her grandfather in an old cottage on the edge of the woods. The cottage was falling to pieces. The windows had cracks, loose bricks hung from the walls and grass grew in clumps on the roof.

Lucy and her grandfather weren't lazy. For years, they had wished their home could be repaired. But her grandfather wasn't as young as he once was. He didn't have the strength to haul bricks or balance on roofs. They couldn't afford anyone else to help, as all their money went on food.

Every morning, Lucy would wake her grandfather with a gentle kiss. "Today will be a good day!" she would say.

"Today will give us luck," he would reply.

Then, Lucy would do her chores before heading into the woods on her way to school.

But, today was different.

Today was St. Patrick's Day and there was a different look in her grandfather's eyes. "You must find luck..." was all he said as Lucy headed out of the front door.

Before long, she came across a bag hanging from an old oak tree. On the bag were the words 'Catch me if you can'.



"Erm, do mind helping me?" the bag said.

Lucy jumped with fright. "H... help you?" she said.

"Yes," the bag replied. "I'm stuck!"

Then, the bag began to fall! Lucy jumped and caught the bag before it hit the floor. She gently lowered it, untied the string, then stepped back.

A small man with a pointy red beard crawled out. He was dressed in green, with a funny hat on top of his head. "You caught me!" he said. "Thank you! My name is Gorm-Glas. I am a leprechaun and you have three wishes!"

"I can't ask for any wishes," Lucy said. "I caught you because you may have been hurt!"

"Then, allow me to wish you luck," the small man said with a twinkle in his eye.

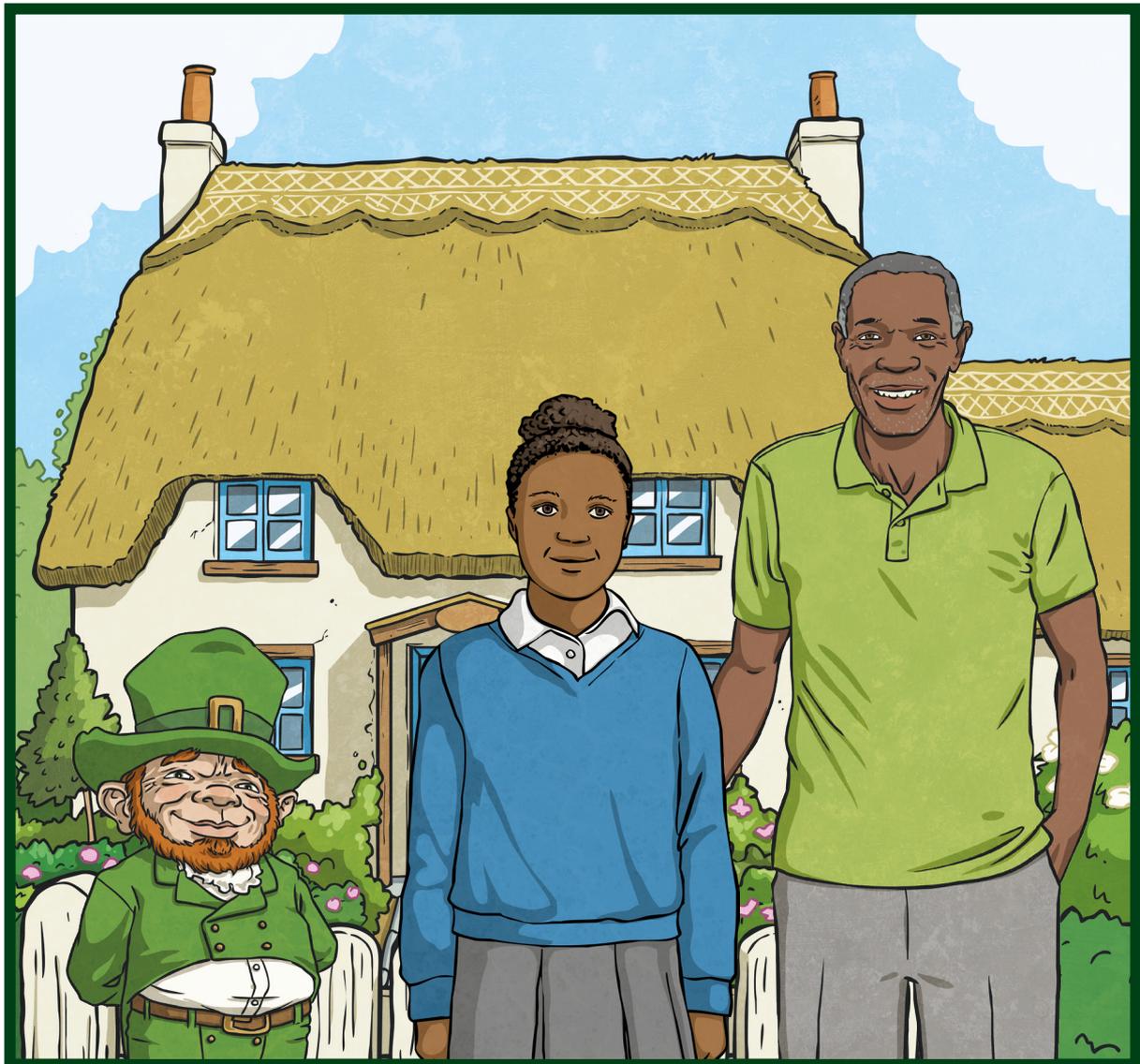
Lucy thanked him and continued on her way.

That evening, when she returned home, something amazing had happened. The cottage had been completely rebuilt! Somehow, the little leprechaun had used his magic to make Lucy's wishes come true for her! The bricks looked new, the window panes had been replaced and there were no clumps of grass on the roof!

"You found it!" cried Lucy's grandfather. "I knew you would!"

"Find what, Grandfather?" Lucy laughed.

"That little bit of magic luck..." her grandfather said and he gave her a great big hug.



Questions

1. Where did Lucy live? Tick one.

- in a grass-clump field
- on the edge of the woods
- in a school

2. Find and copy two things that were wrong with the cottage.

3. What did Lucy say to her grandfather every morning? Tick one.

- Good morning!
- Today will be a good day!
- Today will bring us luck!

4. What was written on the bag?

5. Put these events in time order. Number 1 is the event that happened first.

- Lucy comes across an old oak tree.
- 1 There is a different look in her grandfather's eyes.
- The leprechaun grants Lucy three wishes.
- The bag says, "I'm stuck!"

6. Who had used magic to rebuild the cottage? Tick one.

- Lucy's grandfather
- Lucy
- the leprechaun!

7. Think of one word that describes how Lucy must have felt by the end of the story:

Answers

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2. Find and copy two things that were wrong with the cottage.

Any two from: The windows had cracks; loose bricks hung from the walls; grass grew in clumps on the roof.

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- 2** Lucy comes across an old oak tree.
- 1** There is a different look in her grandfather's eyes.
- 4** The leprechaun grants Lucy three wishes.
- 3** The bag says, "I'm stuck!"

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Accept any answer that shows Lucy's positive reaction to the cottage being repaired, such as 'happy', 'amazed', 'delighted'.

Lucy and the Leprechaun

Lucy Lutin lived with her grandfather in a run-down old cottage on the edge of Warbling Woods. Her family had lived there for years but their home had seen better days. The windows had cracks, loose bricks hung from the walls and grass grew in clumps on the roof.

It wasn't that Lucy and her grandfather were lazy. For years, they had wished for their much-loved home to be repaired. But her grandfather wasn't as young as he once was. He no longer had the strength to haul bricks or balance on roofs, and they couldn't afford anyone else to help. Instead, all their money went on food for their meals.

Every morning, Lucy would wake her grandfather with a gentle kiss on his forehead. "Today will be a good day!" she would say.

"Today, you will find luck," he would reply.

Then, Lucy would do her chores before heading into Warbling Woods on her way to school.

But, today was different.

Today was St. Patrick's Day and there was a different look in her grandfather's eyes. "You must find it..." was all he whispered as Lucy headed out of the front door.



Lucy soon forgot about her grandfather's strange words as she skipped deep into Warbling Woods.

Before long, she came across a bag hanging from an old oak tree. On the bag were the words 'Catch me if you can'.

"Erm, do mind helping me?" the bag said.

Lucy jumped with fright. "H... help you?" she said.

"Yes," the bag replied. "I'm stuck."

Then, the bag began to fall! Thinking there may be a child inside, Lucy jumped and caught the bag before it hit the floor. She gently lowered it, untied the string, then stepped back.

A small man with a pointy red beard crawled out. He was dressed in green, with a funny hat on top of his head. "You caught me!" he said. "Thank you! You have earned your three wishes."

“Three wishes?” Lucy said.

“Yes,” the man replied. “My name is Gorm-Glas the leprechaun and I am magical. What is your first wish?”

“I can’t ask for any wishes,” Lucy said with a smile. “I caught you because you may have been hurt, not for payment.”

“Then, allow me to wish you luck,” the small man said with a twinkle in his eye.

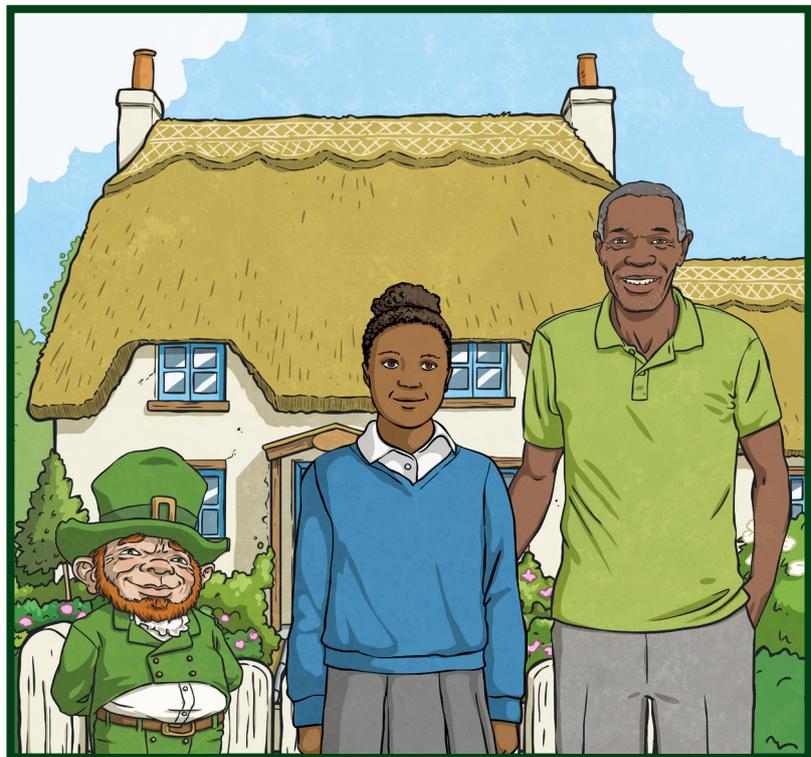
Lucy thanked him and skipped merrily on her way.

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“You found it!” cried Lucy’s grandfather. “I knew you would!”

“Find what, Grandfather?” Lucy laughed.

“That thing we’ve been looking for,” Lucy’s grandfather said, hugging her. “That little bit of magic luck...”



Questions

1. What is the name of the woods that Lucy and her grandfather live in? Tick one.

- Wembley
- Warbling
- Leprechaun

2. For years, Lucy and her grandfather had wished for what?

3. What was different about Lucy's grandfather on St. Patrick's Day?
Tick one.

- He smiled differently.
- There was a different look in his eyes.
- He didn't want to get out of bed.

4. Put these events in time order. Number 1 is the event that happened first.

- Lucy thinks there may be a child inside the bag.
- Lucy's grandfather whispers, "You must find it."
- 1 All their money went on food for their meals.
- Lucy's grandfather hugs her.
- Lucy jumps with fright.

5. "I can't ask for any wishes," Lucy said with a smile.

Why doesn't Lucy think the leprechaun should grant her any wishes?

6. Which words best describe how Lucy may have felt at the end of the story? Tick **three**.

- amazed
- sad
- happy
- relieved
- ungrateful
- depressed

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Why do you think the leprechaun did this for Lucy?

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5. "I can't ask for any wishes," Lucy said with a smile.

Why doesn't Lucy think the leprechaun should grant her any wishes?

Lucy didn't want any wishes granted because all she did was catch him; She didn't do it for a reward.

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Lucy caught Gorm-Glas the leprechaun and he granted her three wishes. Even though she said she didn't deserve them, Gorm-Glas still thinks Lucy does deserve a reward, so he repaired her old cottage.

Lucy and the Leprechaun

Lucy Lutin lived with her grandfather in a run-down old cottage on the edge of Warbling Woods. Her family had lived there for generations but their home had seen better days. The windows had cracks, loose bricks hung from ivy-covered walls and grass grew in clumps on the roof.

It wasn't that Lucy and her grandfather were lazy. For years, they had wished for their much-loved home to be repaired. But her grandfather wasn't as young as he once was. He no longer had the strength to haul bricks or the balance to climb roofs, and they couldn't afford anyone else to help. Instead, all their money went on buying bread and onions for the soup they ate every day.

Every morning, Lucy would wake her grandfather with a gentle kiss on his forehead. "Today will be a good day!" she would say handing him a slice of bread.

"Today, you will find luck," he would reply with a sleepy yawn.

Then Lucy would do her chores before heading into Warbling Woods on her way to school.

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Before long, she came across a bag hanging from an old oak tree. On the bag were the words, 'Catch me if you can'.

"How odd," Lucy said to herself. She was just about to continue on her journey when the bag moved.

"Erm, do mind helping me?" the bag said.

Lucy jumped with fright. "H... help you?" she said, nervously.

"Yes," the bag replied. "I'm stuck."

Before Lucy could reply, the rope began unwinding from the branches and the bag fell. Thinking there may be a child inside, Lucy rushed forward and caught the bag before it hit the

floor. She gently lowered it, untied the string, then stepped back.

A small man with a pointy red beard crawled out. He was dressed entirely in green, with a funny hat on top of his head. "You caught me!" he announced, smiling. "Thank you! You have earned your three wishes."

"Three wishes?" Lucy said.

"Yes," the man replied. "My name is Gorm-Glas the leprechaun and I have lived in Warbling Woods for over a thousand years. What is your first wish?"

"Sir, I am not worthy of any wishes," Lucy said with a smile. "I caught you because you may have been hurt, not for payment."

"Then, allow me to wish you luck," the small man said with a twinkle in his eye.

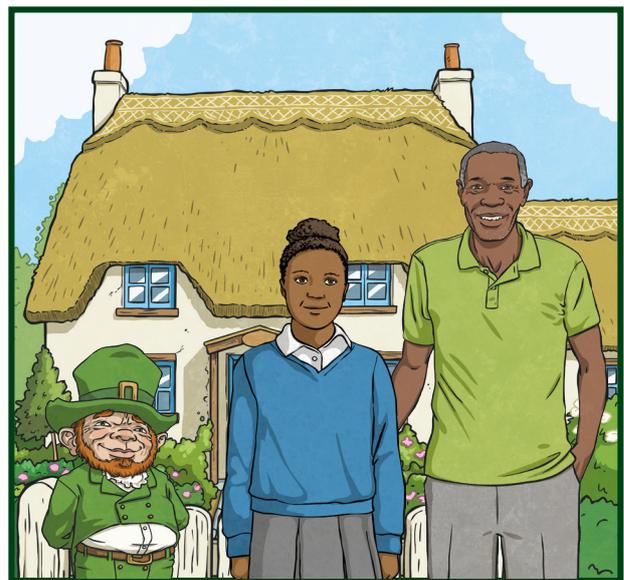
Lucy thanked him for his kind words and skipped merrily on her way.

That evening, when she returned home, something amazing had happened. The cottage had completely changed! It looked like it had been rebuilt! The bricks looked new, the window panes had been replaced, the ivy had gone and there were no clumps of grass on the roof!

"You found it!" cried Lucy's grandfather, as he danced along the garden path towards her. "I knew you would!"

"Find what, Grandfather?" Lucy laughed.

"That thing we've been looking for all our lives," Lucy's grandfather said, hugging her. "That little bit of magic luck..."



Questions

1. Which of these describe Lucy's cottage? Tick **three**.

- cracked windows
- close to a village
- run-down
- close to trees
- Victorian
- warm

2. What flavour of soup do you think Lucy and her grandfather eat each day?

3. Why do you think Lucy said, "Today will be a good day!" to her grandfather every morning?

4. Lucy rushed forward and caught the bag before it hit the floor. She gently lowered it, untied the string, then stepped back.

How do you think Lucy was feeling at this point?

5. How old do you think Gorm-Glas is?

6. That evening, when she returned home, something amazing had happened.

If we could hear Lucy's thoughts at this point in the story, what might she say? Be as detailed as possible.

7. Put these events in time order. Number 1 is the event that happened first.

- Lucy's grandfather cries, "You found it!"
- Lucy's grandfather whispers, "You must find it..."
- Every morning, Lucy would say, "Today will be a good day!"
- Gorm-Glas says, "What is your first wish?"
- Every morning, Lucy's grandfather would say, "Today you will find luck."
- Lucy laughs and says, "Find what, Grandfather?"

8. Why do you think Lucy's grandfather had been 'looking for that little bit of magic luck' all his life?

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2. What flavour of soup do you think Lucy and her grandfather eat each day?

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3. Why do you think Lucy said, "Today will be a good day!" to her grandfather every morning?

Lucy says this because she is a very positive person who always looks on the bright side of things. She is also very kind and says this to make her grandfather feel happy. Also, it is like a little tradition between them every morning.

4. Lucy rushed forward and caught the bag before it hit the floor. She gently lowered it, untied the string, then stepped back.

How do you think Lucy was feeling at this point?

Accept answers that show an understanding that Lucy might be feeling worried or nervous about what, or who, may be in the bag.

E.g. Lucy might be feeling worried because she doesn't know what is in the bag.

5. How old do you think Gorm-Glas is?

Accept answers of 1000 years, or more. The fact that he has lived in Warbling Woods for a thousand years infers he is this age, or more.

6. That evening, when she returned home, something amazing had happened.
If we could hear Lucy's thoughts at this point in the story, what might she say? Be as detailed as possible.

Accept answers that show an understanding that Lucy is amazed, confused and happy (both for herself and her grandfather) and that she realises it must have been the leprechaun who made it happen. Also accept feelings of gratefulness and thanks towards the leprechaun.

E.g. Oh my goodness, how can the cottage have been repaired in this way? It's incredible! It's amazing! I cannot believe it! Gorm-Glas must have used his magic to say 'thank you'!

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- 6** Lucy laughs and says, "Find what, Grandfather?"

8. Why do you think Lucy's grandfather had been 'looking for that little bit of magic luck' all his life?

I think Lucy's grandfather has been looking for luck because they were very poor. He really wanted to repair the cottage but they didn't have enough money.