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MORGAN AND THE FAIRIES

In the country of Wales, there lived a man named Morgan. He loved to sing more than anything else and spent most of his time singing. But he was terrible at it. His voice ranged from the sound of dying whales to the screeching of ten mice. Morgan's singing was a nuisance to his neighbours. They would shut their doors and wear ear plugs. They just couldn't bear the sound of his voice. But no one hated his voice more than Alfred, the man who lived next door. Whenever Alfred heard Morgan sing, he would laugh and say, "It sounds like the donkey braying again".

One summer afternoon, when Morgan was busy with his vocal exercises, he heard a knock at the door. "Come in!" he sang. Three beautiful women entered. "We have come from a far off land and we haven't eaten anything in three days. We are very hungry. Would you be kind enough to give us some food?" "Of course!" said Morgan, 'Please help yourselves to the food on my dining table'. The three women ate to their heart's content. Then they said, "We are fairies from the Fairyland. We thank you for your kindness and in return we are giving you a magical golden harp. When you play the harp, everyone will dance and they will not stop until you stop playing the harp."

Morgan loved his new harp. He stood outside everyday and played his harp and when he did, everyone would start dancing. One day when Morgan was playing his harp, Alfred walked by and he too being compelled by the magic powers of the harp, started dancing. Alfred was a very fat man and people laughed when they saw him trying to dance. "Stop playing the harp. People are laughing at me," cried Alfred. But Morgan wouldn't. "Alfred, this is what you get for calling me a donkey," said Morgan revengefully.

All at once the golden harp disappeared from his hand and the three fairies reappeared in front of them. "Morgan, we gave you the magical harp because you were a good man. But when you thought of revenge, you became a bad man. So you shall never get to play this harp again." "And Alfred, you make fun of people. Here after you shall keep dancing and people will make fun of you."

Morgan and Alfred felt ashamed of themselves. They promised to never have bad thoughts again.

FIVE FIGHTING FINGERS

The five fingers on a hand had a heated argument one day. Each finger argued that it was the most important member of their family. The thumb started his claim, "I am absolutely essential for eating, writing and for grasping any object by the hand. Moreover, holding the thumb up is a symbol of victory." The index (fore) finger was the next to speak. "I am essential to point at any object and to accuse a person. Speakers use me to express ideas emphatically and to point at people with power. I am the first and the best." The middle finger asserted, "I am definitely the longest among us so I am the natural leader of this family. I have the maximum dignity and I always have two of you to guard me on either side."

The ring finger said, "I am the symbol of love, marriage and family life. I am decorated with a golden ring during engagement and marriage. I shine among you like a king wearing a royal, golden crown." The little finger was waiting for his chance. He said, "I am the smallest but I am not the least or the last. As the baby of the family, I deserve special care and consideration. I am the most beautiful finger with a lovely tenderness and a lively grace. When the hands are folded during a prayer or expression of respect, I stay in front of you as the leader. Obviously, I am the greatest."

The arguments continued. The owner of the hand intervened to make peace. He convinced them that each finger was equally important. "Each of you is essential to me. Each of you is helpless and useless without the assistance of the others. God created you differently but when you act together, you can achieve what is impossible individually. Each one has unique abilities and importance. We can achieve victory only by a collective effort, close cooperation and team-work."

"When you act in harmony, you can operate different tools and equipment, make wonderful articles, construct objects and buildings, create artistic works, play musical instruments and help others who need your assistance." The enlightened fingers promised that they would remain in harmony and cooperate to help others.