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NELL AND THE DRAGON

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Long, long ago in a far away land,
lived a king and a queen, in a castle grand.
They had a daughter, a pretty princess called Nell,
who loved adventures (or so they tell).

Early one morning, Nell jumped out of bed,
'I want an adventure,' the princess said.
She jumped on her pony and rode out of the gate,
she galloped and galloped as if she was late. 🐾

The day was gloomy and it started to pour,
flashes of lightning shook Nell to the core.
The pony jumped, the thunder crashed, 🌩️
and into the woods the two of them dashed.

It was dark in the woods but also dry,
poor princess Nell just wanted to cry.
Then suddenly a cottage came into view,
'Let's stop here for an hour or two.

She knocked on the door with a rat-a-tat-tat,
and there stood a witch with a black pointed hat.
The old witch cackled, 🧙‍♀️ 'Come in my dear,'
but Princess Nell was filled with fear.

The witch pulled her sharply in through the door,
inside was a dragon and he started to roar. 🐉
He spread his wings and snorted angrily,
but he had kind eyes which Nell could see.

'Guard this girl,' the wicked witch said,
'while I make a potion, and then you'll be fed.'
Into the kitchen the old witch hobbled,
she looked into her cauldron where a potion bubbled.

Nell whispered, 'Dear dragon, I'll be your friend,
we'll escape here together - you don't have to pretend.'
Fat dragon tears slid down to his toes,
Nell wiped them away and then kissed his nose. 🐾

Suddenly the dragon started shaking all over,
his scales fell off and a prince stood before her.
'You've rescued me from this terrible spell,
now let's escape from this cottage as well.'

The prince drew his sword with a swash and a swish, ✨
'Come quickly Nell, we must stop the witch.'
The witch's wand lay still on a chair,
so Nell picked it up and sparks flew through the air. ✨

The sparks struck the witch and she let out a scream,
then turned into the ugliest frog ever seen.
It jumped out the window and started to hop,
then fell in the pond with an enormous plop.

From outside the house came a large tooting sound, 🎺
a fanfare was playing, which was heard all around.
In came the guards, the King and the Queen, 👑
a much bigger party has never been seen.

So... not long later, in this faraway land,
a wedding took place in the castle grand.
The air was full of love and laughter,
and Nell and her prince lived happily ever after.



THE END

