

Moral Story

The Honest Woodcutter

A poor woodcutter lived near a forest with his family.

Every day, he went to the forest to cut wood and sell it in the village. He worked honestly and earned just enough to live.

One day, while cutting wood near a river, his axe slipped from his hand and fell into the water.



Suddenly, a river fairy appeared and asked, "Why are you crying?"

The woodcutter told her the truth.

The fairy went into the river and came back with a gold axe.

"Is this yours?" she asked.

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The fairy brought a *silver* axe next.

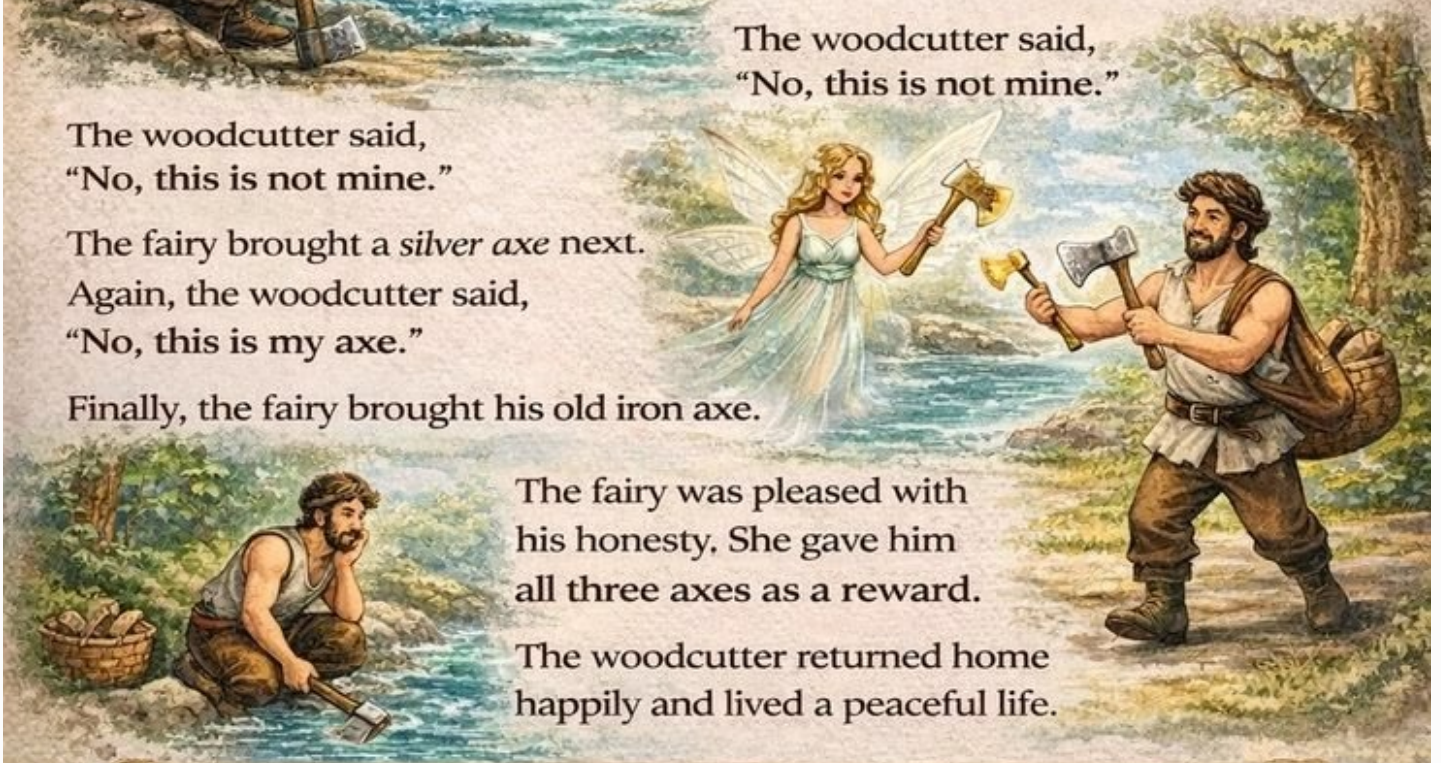
Again, the woodcutter said, "No, this is my axe."

Finally, the fairy brought his old iron axe.



The fairy was pleased with his honesty. She gave him all three axes as a reward.

The woodcutter returned home happily and lived a peaceful life.



Moral: Honesty is always rewarded.