

PUSS^{IN}BOOTS

THE GOLD OF SAN RICARDO

CHAPTER ONE

A great plan

It was a dark night. Puss In Boots ran quickly through the town. He jumped up to a window and looked in. Yes, they were there! Jack, Jill and ...

'The magic beans!' Puss said quietly.

Suddenly a black cat came to the window. She jumped in quickly. Did she want the beans too?



'Hey, you!' shouted Puss.

But Jack and Jill saw him. 'Go away!' they shouted.

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Puss and the black cat ran away. 'Those magic beans were mine!' he shouted.

The black cat stopped and looked at him. She was beautiful.

'Who are you?' Puss asked.

'I'm Kitty Softpaws,' she said.

There was someone behind her in the dark.

'Puss, my old friend!' said Humpty Dumpty.

'Oh no!' said Puss. 'What do YOU want?'



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'Don't be angry with me,' said Humpty. 'Listen, I have a plan. Kitty is good at stealing and you are very strong. We can steal the magic beans from Jack and Jill. Then we can find the golden eggs. We're going to be very rich!'

'No!' said Puss. He walked away.

Kitty ran after him.

'Come with us, Puss,' she said.



'Do you know the story of Humpty and me?' Puss asked.

Kitty was quiet.

'When I was young, Humpty was my friend. Sometimes we were bad. We liked stealing things. When I was older, I stopped stealing ... but Humpty didn't.

'One dark night I was in bed at the orphanage. Suddenly Humpty came in my room.

'Wake up, Puss!' he shouted. 'Come with me!'

'I ran after him. Humpty jumped into an old cart.



'Where are we going?' I asked. Humpty did not answer.

'Wait for me here!' he said.

'Soon Humpty jumped back into the cart. He had bags of gold. We were at the San Ricardo bank!

'No, Humpty!' I said. 'This is the gold of the people!'



'I wanted to take the gold back. But the Comandante and his men came after us. We went quickly. On the bridge out of the town, the cart broke. CRASH! The cart and the gold fell into the water.

'Help me!' Humpty shouted.

'I did not help him. I jumped into the water. Humpty went to prison.'



Puss looked at Kitty. 'After that I had no home and no friends in San Ricardo.'

Humpty walked up to Puss again.

'I'm sorry,' he said. 'It was bad of me. But we can give the gold back to the people of San Ricardo. They can have the golden eggs. It's a great plan, Puss!'

Puss was quiet.

'OK,' he said. 'For the people of San Ricardo, but not for you. We are NOT friends.'

