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Little Orphan Annie

THEY SAY FAITH CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS! APPARENTLY, JUST A WHISTLE CAN MAKE A HOLE IN ONE—IF IT'S THE GOLDEN WHISTLE WITH THE MAGIC GEM, THAT IS!

YES, ANNIE—I SEE DANGER AHEAD FOR YOU—GREAT DANGER—ALSO GREAT WEALTH!

GREAT WEALTH? WHEE! LEAD ME TO IT!

I FEAR FOR YOU, MY CHILD, BUT WHAT THE CRYSTAL BALL REVEALS—THAT MUST BE—BUT LEAD YOU TO THESE RICHES? NO—YOU WILL FIND THE WAY—

ME? I'LL FIND TH' WAY? HOW?

WITH THIS, MY CHILD! IT IS THE GOLDEN WHISTLE WITH THE MAGIC GEM! GUARD IT WELL—USE IT WISELY—

A WHISTLE? GEE! IT IS PRETTY—BUT HOW CAN A WHISTLE GUIDE ME?

WHY, OUT HERE IN TH' COUNTRY, I COULDN'T EVEN CALL A TAXICAB WITH IT—PERSONALLY, I DON'T SEE—

AH, MY CHILD! SEE THE DULL GLOW IN THE MAGIC GEM? WALK WITH IT—AS YOU WALK AWAY FROM RICHES, IT'S LUSTRE 'FADES'—

BUT, AS YOU APPROACH GREAT WEALTH, IT GLOWS EVER BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER—UNTIL YOU HAVE COME AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE—AND THEN—

YES—YES—AND THEN? GO ON—WHAT DO I DO THEN?

WHY, THEN, AND NOT TILL THEN, YOU BLOW THIS GOLDEN WHISTLE—IT'S GOLDEN NOTE IS THE OPEN SESAME TO FORTUNE! GO—GO NOW—AND MAY GOOD LUCK ATTEND YOU—

GEE! O.K., IF YOU SAY SO—I'LL TRY ANYTHING ONCE—AND THANKS FOR TH' WHISTLE—

JUST A FANCY WHISTLE, SEEMS LIKE—MAGIC IS BUNK, O' COURSE—STILL—WHADDYUH KNOW? THAT FUNNY GEM DOES SEEM TO BE LOSIN' IT'S SHINE—

O. K.—SO I'LL WALK TH' OTHER WAY—BUT THIS WAY JUST GOES BACK THROUGH TH' OLD QUARRY—TOWARD THAT DEEP, NARROW RAVINE—NO FORTUNE IN THERE—STILL—GEE! THIS GEM IS GETTIN' BRIGHTER

—AND BRIGHTER AND BRIGHTER!—RIGHT UP SMACK AGAINST TH' SOLID ROCK WALL O' TH' OLD RAVINE—BUT LOOK AT THIS THING SHINE NOW!

BLOW TH' WHISTLE, OLD GYPSY BELLE SAID—SOUNDS SILLY TO ME—BUT, OH WELL—HERE GOES!

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EE-E-EK! WHAT TH'—? LEAPIN' LIZARDS!

HAROLD GRAY