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## Puss in Boots



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### List of Characters

(in order of appearance)

Group 1:	Green
Group 2:	Blue
William:	Orange
Cat:	Red
King:	Light Blue
Queen:	Purple
Servant:	Brown
Ogre:	Light Green



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**Group 1:** The king was so pleased that he gave permission for his daughter to marry William.

**Group 2:** So William, now known officially as Sir William the Good, and the princess moved into the castle and lived happily ever after.

**Group 1:** Of course, William never forgot his dearest friend—the puss in boots. And the striped cat always had a warm bed to sleep in and fresh cream for breakfast.

**William:** “Have faith!”  
said the cat.  
And now I see  
a most clever cat  
has rescued me!



# Puss in Boots

**Group 1:** Once upon a time, there lived a poor old miller who had three sons. All that the miller owned in the whole world was a mill, a donkey, and a cat.

**Group 2:** When the miller died, the eldest son inherited the mill, the middle son got the donkey, and the youngest son inherited the cat.



**Group 1:** The youngest son, whose name was William, was very unhappy. His clothes were rags, and all he had left to eat was a carrot.

**William:** What use could I have for a cat? At least, my brothers can work together and make a living. The donkey can carry the wheat to the mill, and the mill can grind the wheat into flour. How am I supposed to earn any money?

**Group 2:** Just then the cat, who had been washing himself, looked up.

**Cat:** Have faith,  
Young Master,  
and you will see,  
this smart cat will rescue thee!  
All I ask of you is an old sack  
and your boots.



**Group 1:** Being so scared, the mouse couldn't remember how to change back into an ogre! It had no choice but to live in the woods, far away from the castle and the clever cat.

**Group 2:** The puss in boots climbed to the top of the castle and yelled out to the servants in the fields.

**Cat:** I claim this castle and all these lands in the name of my master, Sir William the Good!

**Group 1:** The servants in the field all shouted with joy.

**Group 2:** Just then the king's carriage arrived. The king called out to one of the servants in the field.

**King:** Who is the master of all these lands and that castle on the hill?

**Servant:** These lands belong to my master, Sir William the Good!

**Cat:** That was amazing! Can you transform yourself into something tiny and meek—like a mouse? I bet you can't do that!

**Ogre:** Of course, I can!

**Group 2:** At once, the ogre became a teeny mouse. As the mouse looked up at the smiling puss in boots, it immediately realized its mistake. The mouse scurried away as the cat leaped forward.



**Group 1:** William found a sack and gave it to the cat. Then he started to take off his boots.

**William:** This is so foolish! Why does a cat need a sack and a pair of boots?

**Group 2:** The cat stepped into the boots. Then standing tall and proud on his two hind legs, he smiled. After that the cat marched back and forth in front of his master.

**Cat:** Have faith,  
Young Master,  
and you will see,  
this smart cat will rescue thee!



**Cat:** Now, Young Master, you need to give me that carrot!

**Group 1:** With a sigh, William reluctantly handed over the carrot. Then the cat marched into the woods. Using the carrot as bait, he caught a beautiful white rabbit. After that, the cat gently placed the rabbit in the sack.

**Group 2:** The puss in boots marched onward, all the way to the king's castle. He stood before the king and queen and opened the sack. The king and queen enjoyed meeting the cat, and they laughed when the rabbit wrinkled its nose.

**King:** What delightful animals!



**Group 2:** So the puss in boots marched up to the castle and knocked on the door. The evil ogre appeared.

**Ogre:** How dare you stand before me! I am a great and powerful ogre!

**Cat:** What makes you so powerful?

**Ogre:** I can transform myself into a bear, a tiger, and a lion within the blink of an eye!

**Group 1:** The cat watched as the evil ogre changed from one creature to the next.



**Group 1:** Meanwhile, the puss in boots marched farther up the road. Soon he came to a gigantic property where servants were working in the fields. The cat beckoned to one of them.

**Cat:** Tell me, Good Servant, who owns these lands?

**Servant:** I am one of the many people who serve the evil ogre who lives in that castle. From sunrise to sunset, we toil these lands, and yet he treats us poorly.

**Cat:** I will take care of that ogre—but with one condition. Soon the king and queen’s carriage will drive along this road. Should the king ask about this gigantic property, tell him that it belongs to my master, Sir William the Good.

**Servant:** I dare not lie. I am terrified of the ogre!

**Cat:** Have faith,  
Good Servant,  
and you will see,  
this smart cat will rescue thee!

**Cat:** My rich and powerful master, Sir William the Good, would like to offer this rabbit to your daughter, the princess.

**Group 1:** The puss in boots was pleased to give his master such an important name and to offer such a fine gift to the princess.

**Queen:** We plan to take the carriage out today for a long drive. I’m sure the princess will love to have the company of her new pet.

**Group 2:** Upon leaving the castle, the cat had an idea. So he hurried home to his master.

**Cat:** Quick, Young Master! Take off those raggedy clothes and go for a swim in this pond. You should be clean when you meet the king and queen!

**William:** Why would a king and queen want to meet me? I’m just a poor boy in rags.

**Cat:** Have faith,  
Young Master,  
and you will see,  
this smart cat will rescue thee!

**Group 1:** As soon as William was in the pond, the puss in boots gathered up all his master's clothes and hid them in the woods. Then the cat ran to the road and waited.

**Group 2:** Within a short time, the king and queen's carriage approached the puss in boots.

**Cat:** Help! Help! Robbers have stolen my master's clothes and thrown him in the water. I fear he will drown!

**Group 1:** The king and queen sent their knights to rescue the cat's master. Since William wasn't wearing his rags, they didn't know he was poor.

**Group 2:** Pleased to meet the young man who had given their daughter the rabbit, the king and queen dressed William in the finest clothes. Then they invited him along on the carriage ride. As they rode, William and the beautiful princess couldn't stop staring at each other.

