

The Gingerbread Man by Katy Takács

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Once upon a time, there was an old woman and an old man who lived in their



little house in the forest. They had no children and this made the



old woman sad. So, she made a boy out of gingerbread. She mixed the batter,



rolled the dough and cut out a very nice gingerbread man. She put sugar icing



for his mouth and clothes and candy for buttons and eyes.



Grandma: „What a nice Gingerbread Man I have made.”



The old woman put him in the oven and went to sleep.



After not too long, he was done. Slowly, she opened the oven door. Up
jumped



the Gingerbread Man! He ran out the house.



Gingerbread Man: „Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the



Gingerbread Man!"



The old man and the old woman ran after him as fast as they could. But he was



too fast. They could not catch him. The Gingerbread Man ran and ran until he



was far away from his little house. While he was running, he met a cow.



Cow: „Mooooo. You look very good. Good enough to eat.“



And the cow started to chase the little gingerbread man. But the Gingerbread



Man ran faster.



Gingerbread Man: „I ran away from an old woman, I ran away from an



old man, and I can run away from you, I can!" „Run, run as fast as you can,



you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!"



The cow ran after the Gingerbread Man, but she could not catch him. The



Gingerbread Man kept running and soon he met a horse.



Horse: „Nayyyyy. You look mighty tasty! I think I would like to eat you!"



Gingerbread Man: „But you can't! I ran away from an old woman, I ran



away from an old man, I ran away from a cow and I can run away from you, I



can! Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!"



The horse ran after the Gingerbread Man but he could not catch him.



The Gingerbread Man ran and ran, laughing and singing. While he ran, he met

a



chicken.



Chicken: „Cluck, cluck. You look good enough to peck for dinner. I’m going to



eat you Mister Gingerbread Man!”



Gingerbread Man: „I ran away from an old woman, I ran away from an old



man, I ran away from a cow, I ran away from a horse and I can run away from



you, I can! Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me I'm the



Gingerbread Man!"



The chicken ran after the Gingerbread Man, but she could not catch him.

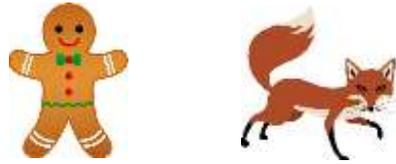


The Gingerbread Man was proud that he could run so fast. Nobody can catch



me, he thought. So he kept running until he met a fox. Feeling very clever, he





just had to tell the fox how he had run faster than all the others who tried to



eat him.



Gingerbread Man: „Mr. Fox. as tasty as I look, I cannot let you catch and eat



me. I ran away from an old woman, I ran away from an old man, I ran away



from a cow, I ran away from a horse, I ran away from a chicken and I can run



away from you, I can!"



Mr. Fox did not care.



Mr. Fox: „I don't care about you. Hmf. You don't even look that tasty. I



don't want to eat you at all."



The Gingerbread Man was so happy.





Gingerbread Man: „Mister Fox, I am getting tired. Maybe we can walk



together a little while.”



Mr. Fox: „Of course.”



Then the Gingerbread Man and Mr. Fox walked on side by side. Soon, they



came to a river.



Gingerbread Man: „Oh no! How do I cross the river?!”





Mr. Fox:

„I'll help you cross the river. Hop onto my

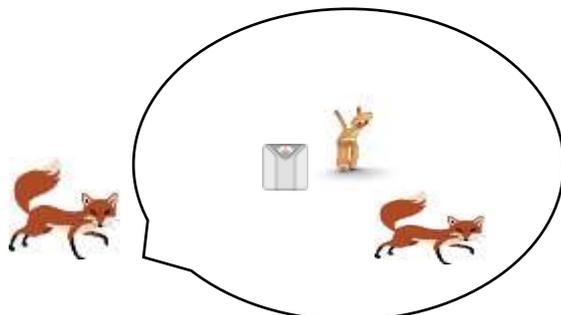
tail.”



So, the little Gingerbread Man did. The Fox walked into the water and started



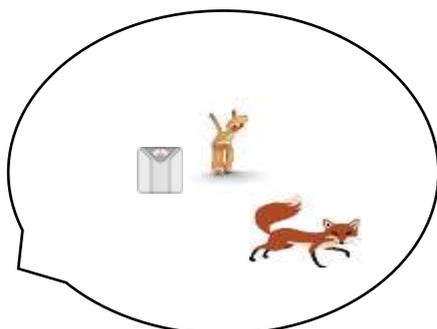
to swim.



Mr. Fox: *„You are too heavy. Hop onto my back.”*



So, the little Gingerbread Man did. And he swam a bit more.





Mr. Fox: „You are too heavy for my back. Jump onto my nose.“



So, the little Gingerbread Man did. Then the sly Fox tilted his head back and tossed the Gingerbread Man high into the air as he opened his mouth. Snap!

Mr. Fox: „Yum, yum!“



He was very tasty after all. And that was the end of the Gingerbread Man.