

Wonderful Wizard of Oz

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The Wonderful Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum

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EXT.FOREST.DAY

DOROTHY, TIN MAN, SCARECROW and TOTO walk through a thick forest in the Land of Oz. Dorothy carries a basket, the Tin Man carries an axe and an oil can. The road is paved with yellow brick and is covered with dried branches and dead leaves. The Emerald City is seen far in the distance.

DOROTHY

It's really scary in these woods!

They hear a deep growl from wild animals in the trees!

DOROTHY

What was that?

SCARECROW

Hopefully not a beast who likes to eat straw!

Toto stands at attention with his ears perked up.

DOROTHY

How much longer before we are out of this forest Tin Man? I don't like it here!

TIN MAN

I really can't say. I've never been to the Emerald City. My Father told me that it is a long and dangerous journey! I am not worried because I have my oil can for my joints. Besides, you have the kiss from the Good Witch. That will protect us from harm!

DOROTHY

What about Toto? We have to protect him.

Toto starts to bark and growl at a tree in the forest. We hear a loud roar and from behind a tree leaps a large LION. The Scarecrow, Tin Man and Dorothy hide behind each other while Toto fearlessly starts to nip at the lion. The lion picks up Toto with his large teeth and shakes him. Dorothy slaps the lion across the nose. The lion drops Toto.

DOROTHY

You should be ashamed of yourself! Why don't you pick on someone your own size!

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LION

Ouch, that smarts. What did you do that for? I didn't hurt him!

DOROTHY

Nobody hurts Toto!

Dorothy picks up Toto and holds him in her arms.

LION

Well, you didn't have to slap me did you? Am I bleeding?

DOROTHY

No, you are not bleeding you big coward!

LION

(ashamed)

Yes, you are right -- I don't have any courage at all. I am nothing but a big coward. I've always been a coward. I guess I was born

The Cowardly Lion starts to cry.

TIN MAN

Please don't cry. You'll rust my joints!

The lion continues to sob uncontrollably.

SCARECROW

I have an idea! Since we are going to see that Wizard, do you think the Wizard would help him, too?

DOROTHY

Yes, maybe you're right! You could come to Oz with us. We have to get the Tin Man a heart.

TIN MAN

And a brain for the Scarecrow.

DOROTHY

Perhaps he will have some courage for you.

LION

(more cheerful)

Gee, that's -- that's awfully nice of you. Imagine what I could do with a bit of courage!

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TIN MAN

I can already hear my heart
beating!

SCARECROW

A brain! Oh boy!

DOROTHY

And I can go home! Let's go gang!
We are off to the Emerald City to
see the Wizard!

Toto barks at the Lion who walks beside Dorothy. The lion reaches down and pets Toto on the head and they become friends. The group set off down the yellow brick road toward the Emerald City.

EXT. FOREST. NIGHT

Dorothy, Tin Man, Lion, Scarecrow and Toto camping out under a large tree in the forest. The Tin Woodman is chopping a pile of wood with his axe while Dorothy builds a fire. She and Toto eat the last of the bread.

DOROTHY

I wonder what we will do for
breakfast?

LION

If you wish, I will go into the
forest and kill a deer for you. You
can roast it by the fire, since
your tastes are so peculiar that
you prefer cooked food, and then
you will have a very good
breakfast.

TIN MAN

Don't! Please don't! I should
certainly weep if you killed a poor
deer, and then my jaws would rust
again.

Lion saunters away into the forest. Scarecrow finds a tree full of nuts. His hands are padded and clumsy but he patiently fills the basket while trying to stay away from the fire.

EXT.RIPPLING BROOK.DAY

Dorothy washes her face in a rippling brook. Toto plays in the water. When shakes himself dry which alarms Tin Man.

TIN MAN

Hey! Watch where you're shaking!

DOROTHY

(laughing)

Toto! Leave poor Tin Man alone!

The group prepare themselves and continue their journey to the Emerald city.

EXT.THE GREAT DITCH.DAY

Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion and Toto come to a great ditch that crosses the road divides the forest as far as they can see on either side. It is a very wide ditch. They creep up to the edge and looked into it.

TIN MAN

It's very deep

SCARECROW

Helloooooooooooooo?

Scarecrow's voice echoes through the ditch.

LION

There are big, jagged rocks at the bottom. The sides are too steep to climb down!

DOROTHY

(despairingly)

What shall we do?

TIN MAN

I haven't the faintest idea

LION

Nor I.

SCARECROW

We cannot fly, that is certain. Neither can we climb down into this great ditch. Therefore, if we cannot jump over it, we must stop where we are.

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LION

(measuring the distance in his mind)

I think I could jump over it.

SCARECROW

Then we are all right, you can carry us all over on your back, one at a time."

LION

Well, I'll try it, Who will go first?

SCARECROW

I will, for, if you found that you could not jump over the gulf, Dorothy would be killed, or the Tin Woodman badly dented on the rocks below. But if I am on your back it will not matter so much, for the fall would not hurt me at all.

LION

I am terribly afraid of falling, myself, but I suppose there is nothing to do but try it. So get on my back and we will make the attempt.

The Scarecrow climbs upon the Lion's back, and the Lion walks to the edge of the ditch and crouches down.

SCARECROW

Why don't you run and jump?

LION

Because that isn't the way we Lions do these things.

Then giving a great spring, the Lion flies through the air and lands safely on the other side.

DOROTHY

Yay! Lion, you did it!

Dorothy takes Toto in her arms and climbs on the Lion's back, holding tightly to his mane with one hand. The next moment they are flying through the air landing safely on the other side.

The Lion goes back a third time for the Tin Man. They all sit down for a few moments to give Lion a chance to rest. He is out of breath and panting like a dog.