

Farmer Ted's Appley Ever After

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Once upon a time a man named Farmer Ted was out checking his apple trees. He had dozens of them spread out across his land. Today, he found something unusual when he was checking the apple trees near the edge of his property. As he looked up at the one tree something shining in the sunlight caught his eye. It was so bright that it was almost blinding. As he walked over to the tree to see what it was he noticed that it was an apple. It was not just an ordinary apple; this was a golden apple. He had heard tales of golden apples before, but he had never seen one. He never expected to find one growing from one of his apple trees.

Golden apples were extremely rare since only one grew every 1000 years. It was said that whoever had one could trade it in for vast riches. He was overjoyed as he went over to the tree and plucked the golden apple from the branch. Ted held it in his hands and admired it. It was heavier than he thought it would be, but it was also very beautiful. It looked like it had been crafted by the finest craftsman in the land. He just couldn't believe it; this was almost too good to be true.

After removing it from the tree he took it home to show his family. Ted lived with his wife Jane, his son Seth and his elderly mother, Sarah. They all lived together in a small house in the middle of their property. Times had been tough for their family. A plague had been ravaging the land. Most of their apple trees managed to survive, but things weren't as good as they once were. As soon as he got home he burst into the house.

"I found it!" He yelled in an excited tone.

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