

# The Bed

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There once was a little old woman who had a little boy. She brought him up under an old-fashioned bed.

But when the bed squeaked, the little boy was afraid and cried, "Boohoo! Boohoo!"

And the little old woman ran to him and said, "Don't cry, little boy. It's only the sound of this old-fashioned bed."

And this same little woman bought a little dog, and gave it to the boy for company.

But when the bed squeaked, the dog barked, "Aoo! Aoo!"

And the little old woman ran to them and said, "Don't bark, little dog. Don't cry, little boy. It's only the sound of this old-fashioned bed."

And this little old woman bought a little cat and gave it to the boy for company.

But when the bed squeaked, the cat said, "Meow! Meow!"

The dog barked, "Aoo! Aoo!"

The little boy cried, "Boohoo! Boohoo!"

And the little old lady ran to them and said, "Don't meow, little cat. Don't bark, little dog. Don't cry, little boy. It's only the sound of this old-fashioned bed."

And this same little old woman bought a little mouse and gave it to the boy for company.

But when the bed squeaked, the mouse cried, "Chui! Chui!"

The cat said, "Meow! Meow!"

The dog barked, "Aoo! Aoo!"

The little boy cried, "Boohoo! Boohoo!"

And the little old lady ran to them and said, "Don't squeak little mouse. Don't meow, little cat. Don't bark, little dog. Don't cry, little boy. It's only the sound of this old-fashioned bed."

And this same little old woman bought a little pig, and gave it to the boy for company.

But when the bed squeaked, the pig screamed, "Grunt! Grunt!"

The mouse squeaked, "Chui! Chui!"

The cat said, "Meow! Meow!"

The dog barked, "Aoo! Aoo!"

The little boy cried, "Boohoo! Boohoo!"

And the little old lady ran to them and said, "Don't grunt little pig. Don't squeak little mouse. Don't meow, little cat. Don't bark, little dog. Don't cry, little boy. It's only the sound of this old-fashioned bed."

And one day her little old man came home and stretched out to rest on the old-fashioned bed.

But when the bed squeaked, he cried, "Ah, Meeeeeeeeee!"

The pig screamed, "Grunt! Grunt!"

The mouse squeaked, "Chui! Chui!"

The cat said, "Meow! Meow!"

The dog barked, "Aoo! Aoo!"

The little boy cried, "Boohoo! Boohoo!"

And the little old lady ran to them and said, "Don't grumble, old man. Don't grunt little pig. Don't squeak little mouse. Don't meow, little cat. Don't bark, little dog. Don't cry, little boy. It's only the sound of this old-fashioned bed."

And just at that moment the old bed broke down.

And the old man fell out.

And he bruised the pig.

And pinched the little mouse.

And scratched the little cat.

But the little dog escaped.

And the little boy was saved.

And the little old woman? She just sat on the floor and laughed until she shook.