

## The Wizard of Oz

*Dorothy, hunden Toto och Fågelskrämman är på väg till Trollkarlen för att be honom hjälpa Dorothy komma hem till Kansas igen. De ser en stuga och bestämmer sig för att se om de kan övernatta i den. Men de upptäcker att det står någon vid ett halvhugget träd och går fram för att undersöka vem det är...*

One of the big trees had been partly chopped through, and standing beside it, with an uplifted axe in his hands, was a man made entirely of tin. His head and arms and legs were jointed upon his body, but he stood perfectly motionless, as if he could not stir at all.

Dorothy looked at him in amazement, and so did the Scarecrow, while Toto barked sharply and made a snap at the tin legs, which hurt his teeth.

"Did you groan?" asked Dorothy. "Yes," answered the tin man, "I did. I've been groaning for more than a year, and no one has ever heard me before or come to help me."

"What can I do for you?" she inquired softly, for she was moved by the sad voice in which the man spoke.

"Get an oil-can and oil my joints," he answered. "They are rusted so badly that I cannot move them at all; if I am well oiled I shall soon be all right again. You will find an oil-can on a shelf in my cottage."

Dorothy at once ran back to the cottage and found the oil-can, and then she returned and asked anxiously, "Where are your joints?"

"Oil my neck, first," replied the Tin Woodman. So she oiled it, and as it was quite badly rusted the Scarecrow took hold of the tin head and moved it gently from side to side until it worked freely, and then the man could turn it himself.

"Now oil the joints in my arms," he said. And Dorothy oiled them and the Scarecrow bent them carefully until they were quite free from rust and as good as new.

The Tin Woodman gave a sigh of satisfaction and lowered his axe, which he leaned against the tree.

"This is a great comfort," he said. "I have been holding that axe in the air ever since I rusted, and I'm glad to be able to put it down at last. Now, if you will oil the joints of my legs, I shall be all right once more."



So they oiled his legs until he could move them freely; and he thanked them again and again for his release, for he seemed a very polite creature, and very grateful.

"I might have stood there always if you had not come along," he said; "so you have certainly saved my life. How did you happen to be here?"

"We are on our way to the Emerald City to see the Great Oz," she answered, "and we stopped at your cottage to pass the night."

"Why do you wish to see Oz?" he asked.

"I want him to send me back to Kansas, and the Scarecrow wants him to put a few brains into his head," she replied.

The Tin Woodman appeared to think deeply for a moment. Then he said:

"Do you suppose Oz could give me a heart?"

"Why, I guess so," Dorothy answered. "It would be as easy as to give the Scarecrow brains."

"True," the Tin Woodman returned. "So, if you will allow me to join your party, I will also go to the Emerald City and ask Oz to help me."

"Come along," said the Scarecrow heartily, and Dorothy added that she would be pleased to have his company. So the Tin Woodman shouldered his axe and they all passed through the forest until they came to the road that was paved with yellow brick.

## Ordlista

Entirely = helt, enbart

Tin = plåt

Jointed = sammanfogade

Motionless = orörlig

Scarecrow = fågelskrämman

Stir = röra

Groan = stöna, jämra sig

Inquired = frågade

Joints = leder

Anxiously = beskyrrat

Rusted = rostade

Freely = fritt

Sigh = suck

Comfort = lättnad, bekvämt

Release = frigivning, befrielse

Grateful = tacksam

Cottage = stuga

Brains = vett, förstånd

Heartily = hjärtligt

Shouldered = axlade, lade upp på axeln

Paved = belagt

**Har du förstått texten?**

Varför får hunden Toto ont i tänderna?

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Hur länge har Plåtmannen stått i samma position?

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Vad vill Plåtmannen ha hjälp med av Dorothy?

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Varför vill Plåtmannen följa med till Emerald City?

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