

Narrator: Once upon a time in Matchport, England, there was a castle. Now this castle wasn't an ordinary castle. This one was magical. What made it magical was each and every room in the castle was different. Each room had its own theme. For example, there was an Opposite Room. No, it wasn't a room with opposite colors or anything like that. Whoever entered the room would just automatically start walking on their hands and not on their feet. How did this castle become magical? It was more of a mistake than on purpose. Well, if you really want to know, it all started long ago when King Peter announced...

King Peter: (pointing) Look everybody, it's coming. I repeat, it's coming!

Narrator: What's coming, you ask? It was a genie—a Magical Genie!—who came every 100 years to give the richest people in town three wishes. Well, naturally the richest people in town would be the king and queen. So this was a very big day for this little town of Matchport.

Genie: Who here is the richest person in town?

King Peter: (stepping forward among all the people) I am.

Genie: Okay, then I give you three wishes. Talk among yourselves, but please make it fast. I have a very tight schedule.

King Peter: I already have my mind made up. My first request is that I have a bigger kingdom. It's too small right now and will not take care of my needs. My second request is that all war stop, and my enemies love me. The third wish I have is that I have 32 more wishes!

Narrator: Now this surprised the genie very much, but since there was nothing in the Rule Book of Genies about wishing for more wishes, the genie granted all three requests. Now why the King asked for 32 wishes and not 50, I will never know for sure. I guess it was because there were 32 rooms in the castle; thus, there were 32 men guarding each room. So the king gave each of them a wish as long as they used it to improve the castle. King Peter was thinking they would use their wishes for new draperies or more flowers in the garden. Little did he know what the wishes would really be used for. The king's guards wished for a Window Room where there was nothing but windows, a Door Room where there were doors leading to secret compartments, and there was the Sign Room where there was nothing but signs giving directions to here, there, everywhere. The genie granted all of them. Then the genie left to grant more wishes in other countries. When the king heard what was done, he was not a happy man. He knew that if the townspeople heard about this magical castle, they would be begging him to give tours. So the king sent three knights to go out and look for the genie to make him take all 32 of the wishes back. When the king's men heard this, they were puzzled. They thought the castle was cool. But since it was a king's order, they obeyed.

Knight 1: How are we ever going to locate the genie? He's traveling everywhere in the world today. No one in town knows where the genie even lives!

Knight 2: Well, if you ask me, I think the king's just crazy to put us in harm's way, knowing that we will probably come up empty handed. I say we go home.

Knight 3: I think you are just so mean to say that about the king. The king's kind to us and would never harm us.

Narrator: All the King's men went everywhere asking people if they knew where the genie was. Then they got a tip that a man saw the genie go toward Wales. When the knights heard this, they were excited and immediately went to Wales. When they arrived, a big surprise awaited them.

Knight 1: Why are all those people chanting, and what is that big puff of smoke out there?

Knight 2: It looks like the genie, but something is around it.

Knight 3: The genie has been captured. We have to save him.

Knight 1: How are we going to do that?

Knight 2: We will have to go around and kidnap the genie.

Knight 3: On the count of 3, 1...2....3....

Narrator: Right when Knight 3 said 3, the men circled around the people, grabbed the genie, and immediately started running. When the genie realized what was happening, he made an invisible house right around them. The knights put the genie down and started discussing what had just happened.

Knight 1: How did you get kidnapped, and what is happening to you?

Knight 2: Yes, you don't look too good.

Genie: I was giving the King and Queen of Wales their wishes and then all of a sudden out of nowhere a man stabbed a spear in my side. Fortunately, being a genie, it didn't hurt me. Then before I could do anything, they cast a net over my head. Ever since then, they forced me to grant evil wishes. If this keeps up, I won't have any energy left, and I will die.

Narrator: When the knights heard this, they were surprised.

Genie: What are you doing here?

Knight 1: We were looking for you.

Knight 2: Yes, we wanted to tell you that you need to take all 32 wishes back.

Knight 3: If you take all of the wishes back, you can regain energy, and you will not die.

Genie: I'm sorry; I could never do that. It would be against the Genie Code.

Knight 1: But you must; you absolutely must. If we go back and say you wouldn't take back the wishes, the King will be outraged!

Narrator: Since the genie saw that the knights were indeed desperate, he gave in. The knights then traveled back to the castle and told the king what had happened. The king was very happy that his castle was back in order, and he called the knights together to reward them.

King Peter: For your bravery, the genie has given me three more wishes to give you!

Narrator: When the knights heard this, they stared at each other and smiled.

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