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The legend of the Giant's Causeway



This is the legend of the famous Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland.

A long time ago, there was a giant called Finn McCool. He lived in Ireland with his wife, Oonagh. She was a clever woman and she respected Finn very much. Finn was tall and strong, and he protected his town and people. Everyone liked him.



One day, Finn decided to walk down by the sea. Suddenly, a voice shouted, 'Hey, McCool! You aren't cool or strong. Why don't you come over here? I can easily beat you in a fight!'

It was the Scottish giant, Benandonner!





Finn didn't like this, so he picked up a big rock. He wanted to throw the rock over the sea towards Benandonner.

'Did you say I wasn't strong?' he shouted back.

Benandonner just laughed at him.

'Yes, I did! I can't swim, but I'm the strongest giant of them all!'



Finn was so angry that he started to pull rocks off the cliffs and throw them into the water.

'So Benandonner can't swim, eh? Well, I can make a bridge over to Scotland and teach him a lesson.'

Finn worked for a week. When he finished the causeway, he shouted over to Benandonner.

'Now you can walk over here and fight me.'



The next day, Finn was very tired after lifting all the rocks.

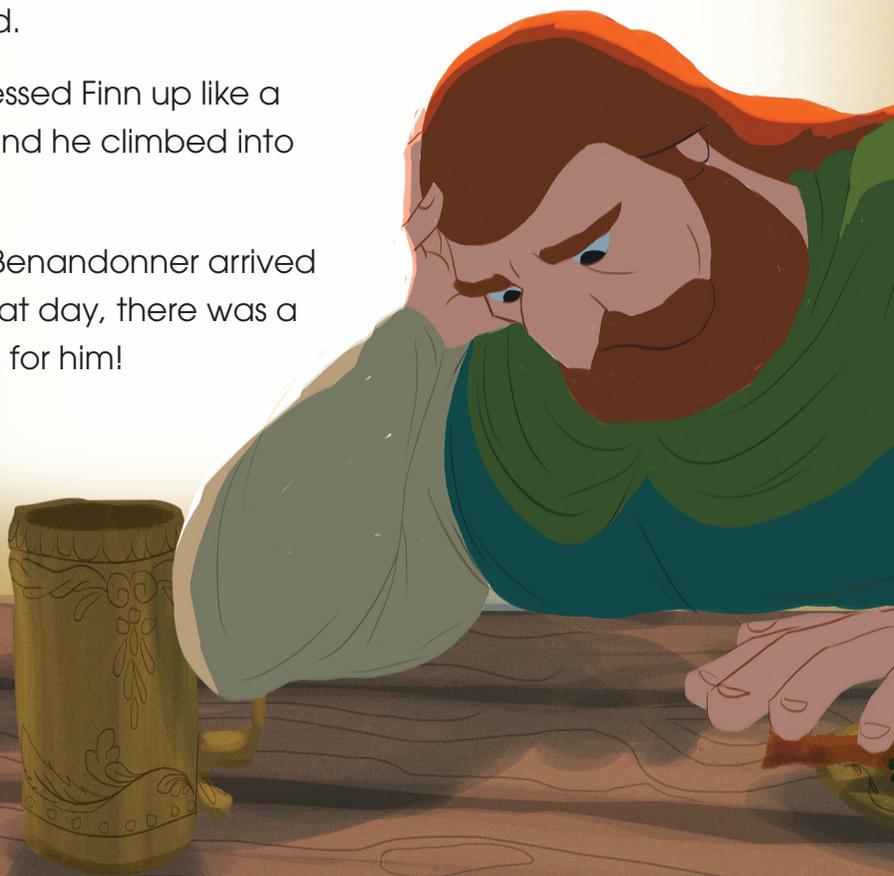
'Oh dear! I'm worried,' he said to his wife, Oonagh. 'Maybe I'm too weak to fight.'

His wife decided to help him.

'Don't worry, my dear. I've got a clever plan,' she said.

She dressed Finn up like a baby and he climbed into a cot.

When Benandonner arrived later that day, there was a surprise for him!



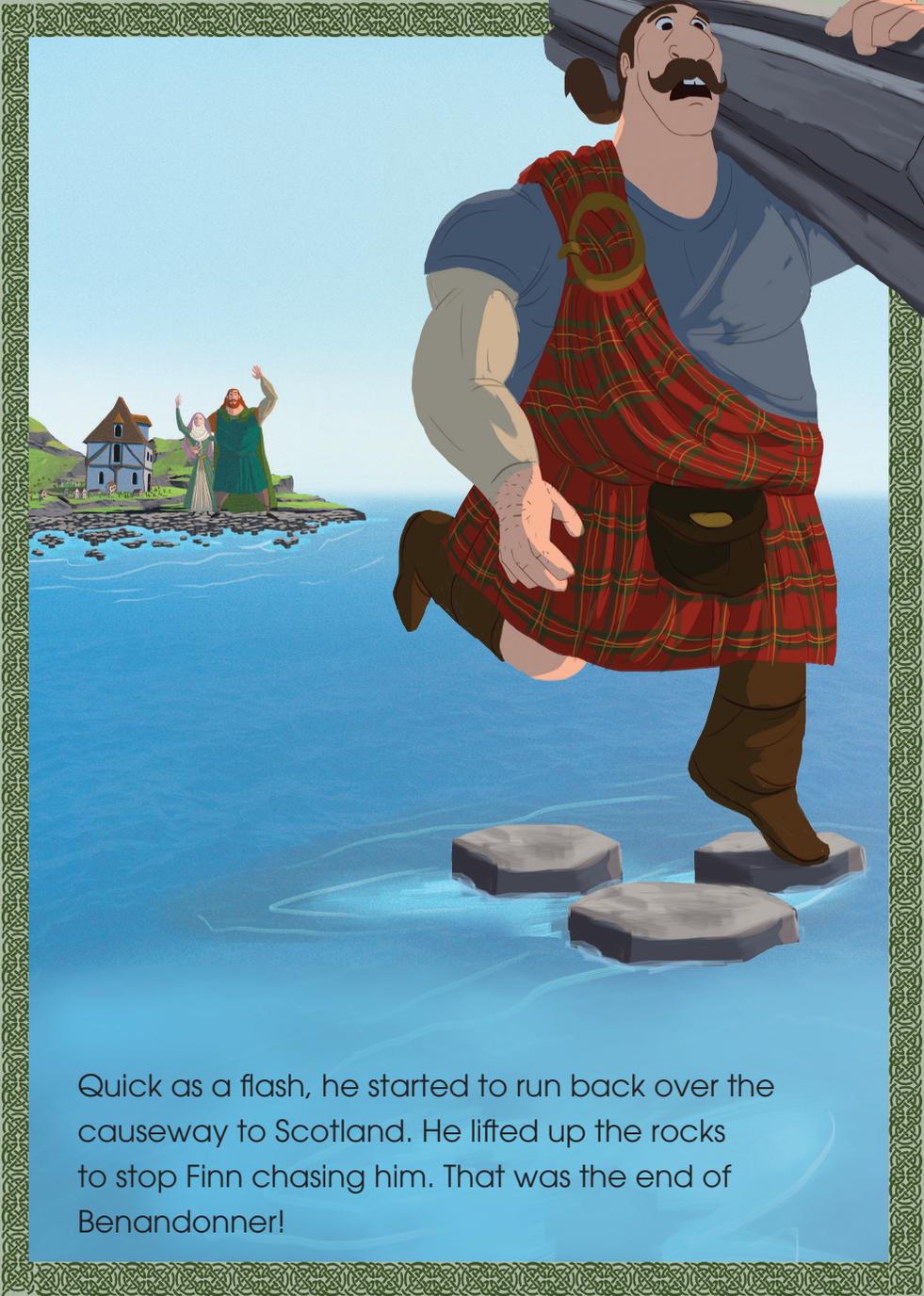




Benandonner looked closely at the baby. The baby opened its mouth and tried to bite his finger.

Benandonner was scared.

'This baby is so big and so strong his father must be ten times bigger!'



Quick as a flash, he started to run back over the causeway to Scotland. He lifted up the rocks to stop Finn chasing him. That was the end of Benandonner!

'What a fantastic plan! You really are a very clever woman!' said Finn.

