



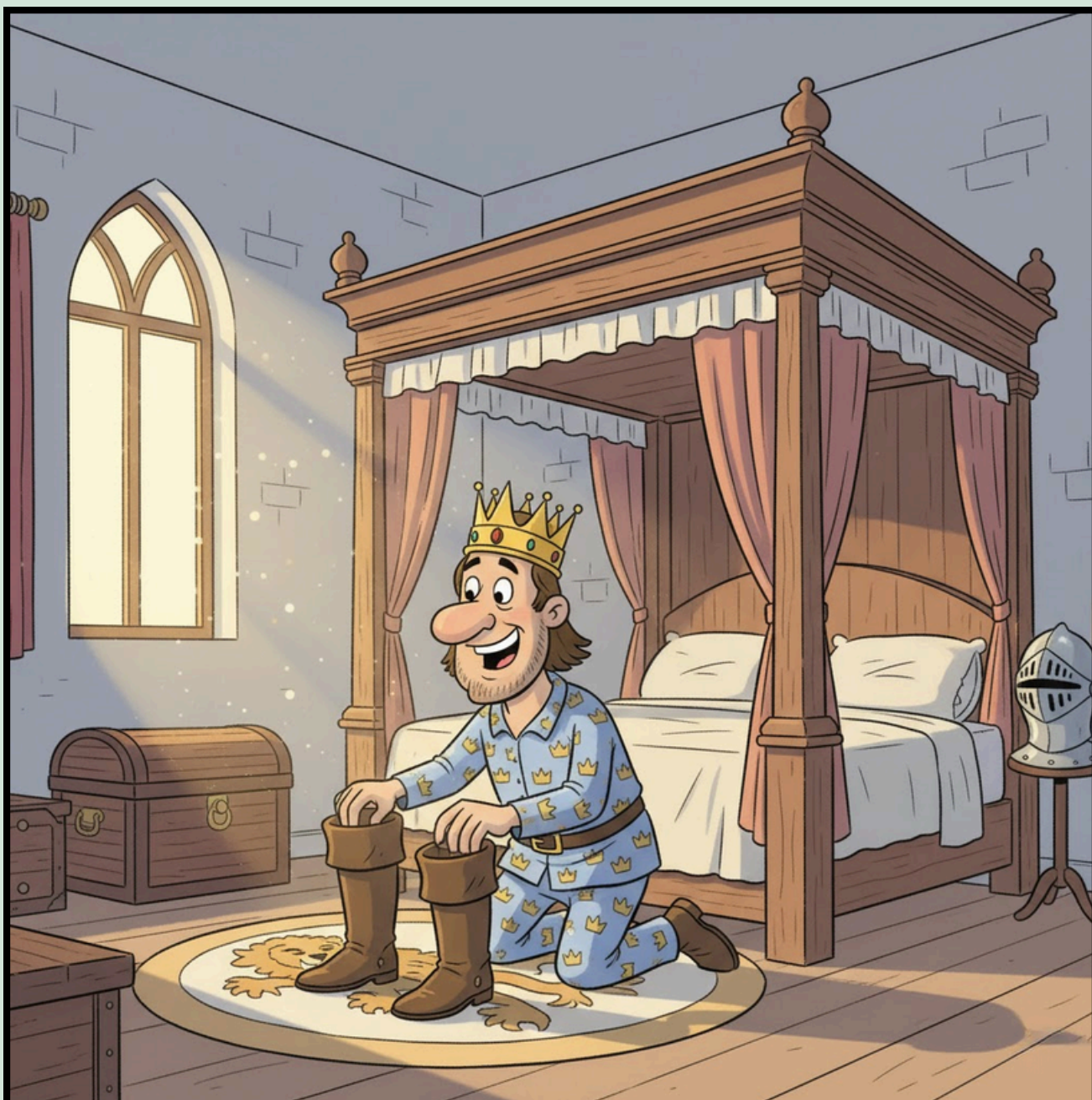
# King Arthur

## Uses GPS To Find Excalibur

A PRESCHOOL STORY IN THE 21ST CENTURY



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**LONG AGO, KING ARTHUR WOKE UP AND COULD NOT FIND HIS MAGIC SWORD, EXCALIBUR! HE LOOKED UNDER HIS BED, BEHIND HIS THRONE, AND EVEN INSIDE HIS BOOTS. "OH NO!" SAID ARTHUR. "WHERE DID MY SWORD GO?"**



**ARTHUR CALLED HIS HELPER, MERLIN THE WIZARD.  
“MERLIN, I CAN’T FIND MY SWORD!” MERLIN  
SMILED AND SAID, “LET’S USE SOMETHING NEW A  
GPS! IT CAN HELP YOU FIND YOUR SWORD  
ANYWHERE!”**



**ARTHUR PRESSED THE GPS BUTTON AND TYPED:  
"FIND EXCALIBUR." THE GPS SAID IN A FRIENDLY  
VOICE, "TURN RIGHT AT THE CASTLE GATE!"  
ARTHUR SMILED. "THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN!"**



**ARTHUR RODE ON HIS HORSE, SPARKLEHOOF. "LET'S FOLLOW THE GPS!" HE SAID. THE DEVICE SAID, "IN 300 STEPS, TURN LEFT AT THE BIG OAK TREE." ARTHUR GIGGLED. "EVEN A KING NEEDS DIRECTIONS!"**



**AT THE BIG OAK TREE, A DEEP VOICE SAID,  
"HELLO, ARTHUR!" IT WAS THE TREE! "HAVE  
YOU SEEN MY SWORD?" ASKED ARTHUR. "NO,"  
SAID THE TREE, "BUT FOLLOW THE RIVER. THE  
GPS KNOWS THE WAY!"**



**ARTHUR FOLLOWED THE RIVER. FISH JUMPED AND FROGS CROAKED. "TURN RIGHT AFTER THE BRIDGE," SAID THE GPS. ARTHUR WAVED TO A FAMILY OF DUCKS AS HE CROSSED.**



**SUDDENLY, A LITTLE GREEN DRAGON POPPED OUT FROM BEHIND A ROCK. "ROAR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?" HE ASKED. "LOOKING FOR MY SWORD!" SAID ARTHUR. "FOLLOW THE MOUNTAIN TRAIL," SAID THE DRAGON KINDLY.**



**ARTHUR CLIMBED UP THE MOUNTAIN SLOWLY. "ALMOST THERE," SAID THE GPS. "KEEP GOING UP!" SPARKLEHOOF HUFFED, "THIS IS A BIG CLIMB!" ARTHUR LAUGHED, "WE CAN DO IT!"**



**AT THE TOP, A FRIENDLY TROLL WAS GUARDING A CAVE. "WHO GOES THERE?" HE SAID. "I'M KING ARTHUR!" SAID ARTHUR. "LOOKING FOR MY SWORD!" THE TROLL SAID, "IT'S NOT HERE, BUT CHECK THE SHINING LAKE."**



**ARTHUR'S GPS BEEPED. "YOU ARE CLOSE TO EXCALIBUR!" ARTHUR'S EYES GREW WIDE. "REALLY?" THE GPS SAID, "WALK STRAIGHT TO THE LAKE AND LOOK UNDER THE WATER."**



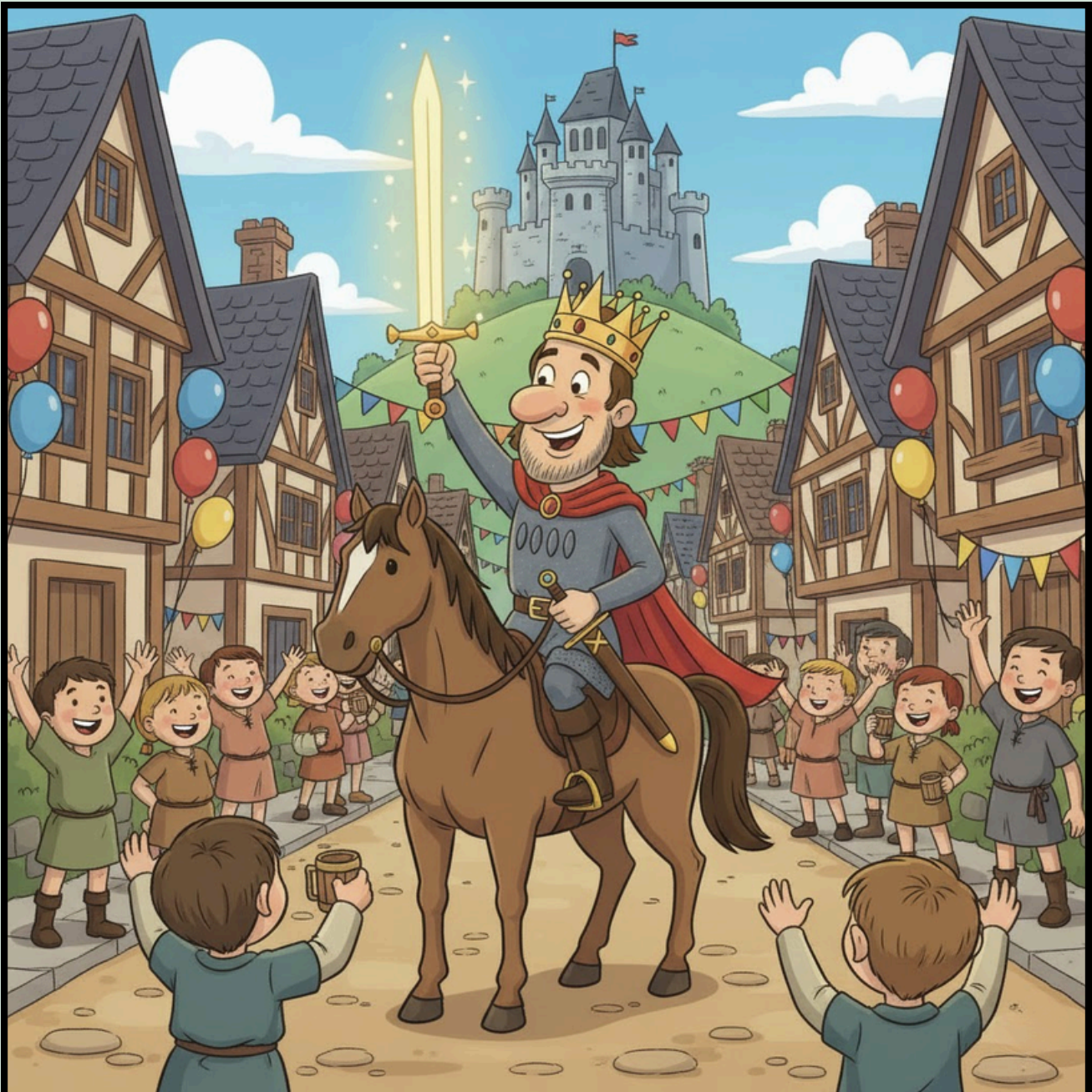
**ARTHUR KNELT BY THE LAKE. THE WATER SHONE LIKE GLASS. "EXCALIBUR, ARE YOU HERE?" HE WHISPERED. SUDDENLY, BUBBLES APPEARED SOMETHING SHINY MOVED UNDER THE WATER!**



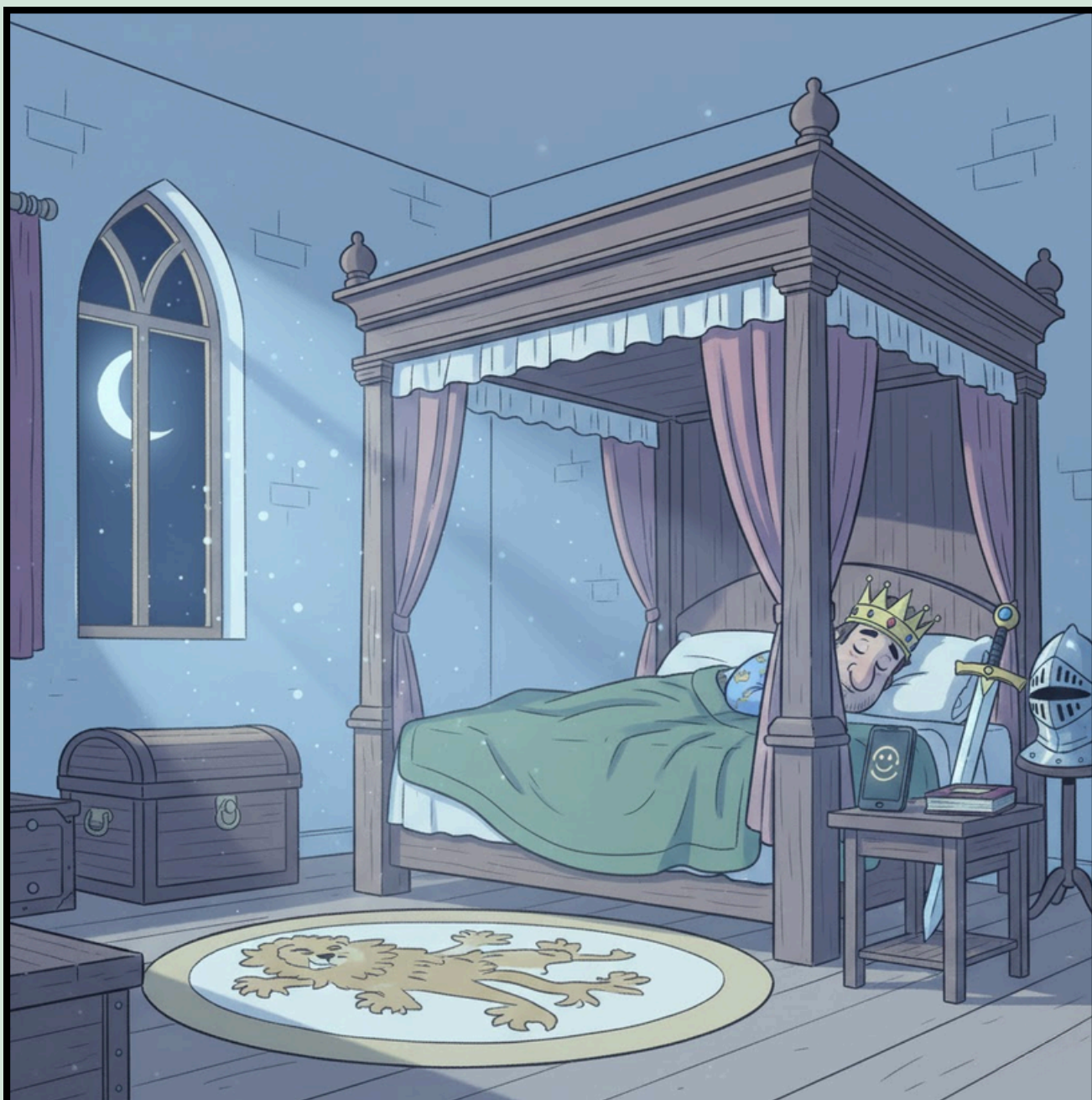
**A MAGICAL LADY ROSE FROM THE WATER,  
HOLDING EXCALIBUR! "HERE IS YOUR  
SWORD, BRAVE KING," SHE SAID KINDLY.  
ARTHUR BOWED. "THANK YOU, MY FRIEND!"**



**THE GPS BEEPED AGAIN: "YOU HAVE REACHED YOUR DESTINATION!" ARTHUR LAUGHED. "THANK YOU, GPS! YOU REALLY ARE MAGICAL TOO!"**



**ARTHUR RODE HOME WITH EXCALIBUR SHINING.  
THE TOWNSPEOPLE CHEERED, "HOORAY FOR  
KING ARTHUR!" ARTHUR WAVED. "NEXT TIME,  
I'LL NEVER LOSE MY SWORD AGAIN!"**



**THAT NIGHT, ARTHUR PUT HIS GPS AND SWORD SAFELY ON HIS TABLE. "TODAY I LEARNED THAT EVEN KINGS CAN USE A LITTLE HELP," HE SAID WITH A SMILE. AND HE SLEPT HAPPILY EVER AFTER.**