

THE STARFRUIT TREE

Once upon a time, there was a rich man living in a village. When he died, he left his two sons a fortune. But the elder brother gave his brother only a starfruit tree. When the fruit was ripe, an eagle came and ate the fruit. The younger brother begged the eagle not to. The eagle promised to repay him in gold and told him to make a bag to carry it. The eagle took him on its back to a place of gold. There, he filled the bag with gold. When he got home he was rich. The elder brother was surprised, so he asked his brother to explain. After hearing the story, he offered to swap his fortune for the starfruit tree, and his kind brother accepted. When the eagle came, the elder brother asked it to take him to the place of gold. The greedy brother filled a very large bag and all his pockets with gold. On the way home, because the load was too heavy, the eagle got tired and dropped him into the sea.

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