The goose that laid the golden egg

Once there was a farmer who lived with his wife on a farm in the country. They had to work hard every day because they were very poor. Often there wasn't any food in the house to eat.

The farmer and his wife had a cow and a goose. The cow gave milk and the goose laid eggs. Every day the farmer went to the barn to get the egg that the goose laid. Sometimes there was no egg in the barn, so the farmer and his wife had to go to bed very hungry.

One night when the farmer went to get the egg, he was very happy to find a goose egg of pure gold in the barn.

The farmer took the egg, hurried to the house, and showed it to his wife saying "Look. Our goose laid a golden egg. We're going to be rich"

"Let me see" said the farmer's wife. She put her hand on the egg and felt it. "It's gold pure gold" she said. "Now we're never going to go to bed hungry again"

The next day the farmer found another beautiful golden egg in the barn. And the next day and the next day the goose laid a golden egg, and the farmer and his wife got very rich. Now they didn't have to work and there was always food in the house to eat.

As the farmer got rich, he began to think more and more of having all the golden eggs at once. One day he said to his wife "Let's kill the goose that lays the golden eggs and then we can have all the eggs at once. I want to be very rich"

"All right" answered his wife. "Go get the goose"

The farmer brought the goose in the house and put her on the table. Then, while his wife helped him, he killed the goose. He cut her open with a knife and found nothing!

They killed the goose that laid the golden egg.

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