

## Story 7: The Adventures of Pandatokyo

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### The Story:

One day, a smart and strong boy named Pandatokyo wanted to go find his brother. He also had two other brothers, but they didn't want to go with him. Pandatokyo also wanted to leave to find a better future for his mother. However, his two brothers didn't like Pandatokyo and refused to join him. That's why Pandatokyo decided to leave the house all by himself. He told his mother, "Mama, I want to go. I need to leave this house to find my brother." And then his mother replied, "Ok, you can go, but be careful."

And so, Pandatokyo set off on his journey. While traveling, he encountered a giant who laughed at him. Pandatokyo, feeling frustrated, asked, "Why are you laughing at me? Are you making fun of me?" The giant, in a deep voice, replied, "Oh, you think you're clever? Don't be so arrogant." They exchanged words, and Pandatokyo, feeling insulted, asked again, "Why are you making fun of me?" The giant responded, "What is this small body of yours compared to me? If I step on you, you'll be crushed like a cockroach."

Pangatokyo, confident and clever, reminded the giant, "Remember, giant, nothing big moves fast." Despite the giant's attempts to stomp on him, Pandatokyo was too quick. Then the giant took a stone, and they both prepared for a fight. The giant threw the stone into the distance, showing off his strength. But Pandatokyo, using his quick wit, said, "That stone took a long time to fall. Look what I can do." Pandatokyo then grabbed a small bird and threw it into the air, demonstrating his skill.

The giant was surprised, but Pandatokyo didn't stop there. They talked, and the giant was impressed by Pandatokyo's strength and intelligence. Pandatokyo continued his journey and eventually reached a place where the King of Giants ruled. He had heard stories about this kingdom and wanted to see it for himself. When he arrived, the King of Giants saw Pandatokyo and gave him a difficult task. The king said, "Before you can marry my daughter, you must defeat two giants."

Pangatokyo climbed a tall tree and waited. When the two giants appeared, he used his slingshot to hit one of them with a stone, tricking them into fighting each other. Thinking that the other giant had attacked him, they began to punch each other until both of them were killed. Pandatokyo had cleverly defeated them without directly fighting them.

The King was impressed but gave Pandatokyo another test. He told him to capture a wild buffalo that roamed the fields. Pandatokyo, small and fast, outwitted the buffalo. After a long chase, the buffalo grew tired and collapsed, and Pandatokyo emerged victorious once again.

Finally, the King gave Pandatokyo one last challenge: to capture a white bear that was terrorizing the city. Pandatokyo tracked down the bear, and after a fierce chase, he lured the bear into a chapel made of iron, trapping it inside. The bear was unable to escape, and the city was saved.



Impressed with Pandatokyo's bravery and intelligence, the King kept his promise and allowed him to marry the Princess, who had also admired his courage. The kingdom celebrated their wedding for an entire month, with plenty of food and drink for everyone. People from different kingdoms attended, and the King crowned Pandatokyo, making him the ruler of the land.

And so, Pandatokyo became the King, living happily ever after with his new queen.

**Story Moral:** *The moral of the story is that courage, intelligence, and perseverance can help overcome even the greatest challenges.*