

## The Stonecutter

1. <sup>①</sup> Once upon a time there was a stonecutter who
2. worked hard all day long, cutting stones with
3. hammer and chisel. <sup>②</sup> These he made into blocks
4. for building <sup>③</sup> houses and roads. <sup>④</sup> It was hard work,
5. but the stonecutter was <sup>⑤</sup> contented until one day
6. when he saw the king ride by.
7. <sup>⑥</sup> The king was sitting in a fine carriage, and
8. <sup>⑦</sup> servants held a sunshade <sup>⑧</sup> of turquoise silk with
9. golden tassels <sup>⑨</sup> over him. <sup>⑩</sup> -cutter  
stonecarver <sup>⑪</sup>
10. <sup>⑫</sup> "Oh," <sup>⑬</sup> breathed the <sup>⑭</sup> stonecutter, "if only I were
11. the king, and servants held <sup>⑮</sup> a silken sunshade over
12. me!"
13. <sup>⑯</sup> Now inside the mountain <sup>⑰</sup> where the stonecutter

① YYN

② YYN

③ YYN

④ YN-

⑤ YN-

14. was working, there lived an old wizard who heard

15. his wish and gave it to him.

⑥ YYN

16. In the next minute the stonecutter was himself

17. the King. He was sitting <sup>comfortable</sup> comfortably in the

⑦ YYN

18. carriage. Servants were holding <sup>him</sup> over his head <sup>the</sup>

⑧ YYN

19. <sup>turquo-</sup>  
turquoise sunshade.

⑨ YYN

20. "Oh," he <sup>RM\*</sup>breathed <sup>hap-</sup> happily. "Now I am the

⑩ YN-

21. greatest of all people alive. I am the King. I shall

⑪ YYN

22. wear a crown. I shall sit on a throne."

⑫ YYN

⑬ YYN

⑭ YYN

23. But one day when he was about to go on a

24. journey, the <sup>s-</sup>servants forgot the sunshade, and

25. the king had to wait in his carriage <sup>until</sup> under the

⑮ YYN

26. hot sun. And he was very uncomfortable.

⑯ YYN

\*repeated miscues are not coded  
for graphic similarity

27. <sup>(R)</sup> "I am not <sup>(17)</sup> after all <sup>(18)</sup> the greatest

28. thing in the world," he said.

(17) YYN

29. <sup>(18)</sup> "The sun is great <sup>(R)</sup> enough to

30. make me uncomfortable. <sup>(19)</sup> He

(18) YYN

31. is greater than I. <sup>(20)</sup> How I wish

(19) YYN

32. I were the sun!"

(20) YYN

33. <sup>(21)</sup> Again the old <sup>(C)</sup> wizard <sup>(R)</sup> gave him

34. his wish. <sup>(22)</sup> The stonecutter became

(21) YYN

35. the sun. <sup>(R)</sup> He <sup>(C)</sup> shone <sup>(C)</sup> down <sup>(S)</sup> strongly over

(22) YYN

36. the land, burning the grasses and drying up the

37. rivers. <sup>(24)</sup> And the people hid from his fierce <sup>(H)</sup> <sup>(C)</sup> beams,

(23) YYN

38. and he was happy in his power.

(24) NN-

39. <sup>(25)</sup> But one day a cloud drifted between him and

40. the earth, and he could not <sup>(C)</sup> shine through it.

(25) YYN

41. <sup>(26)</sup> "The cloud is greater than the sun," said the
42. stonecutter, who was now the sun. <sup>(27)</sup> "Oh, if only 26 YYN
43. I could be that cloud!" 27 YYN
44. <sup>(28)</sup> The old wizard in the mountain <sup>(R)</sup> heard his wish,
45. <sup>(R)</sup> and he <sup>(C)</sup> ate <sup>(H)</sup> at once became the cloud. <sup>(29)</sup> Now he had 28 YYN
46. the power to send down water <sup>(C)</sup> up- upon the earth. 29 YYN
47. <sup>(30)</sup> And this he <sup>(R)</sup> did with such might that soon the
48. <sup>(UC)</sup> river <sup>(H)</sup> washed <sup>(C)</sup> ban- <sup>(H)</sup> its rushed over its banks, carrying with it sheep
49. <sup>(R)</sup> and <sup>(UC (k))</sup> calves <sup>(H)</sup> and donkeys and horses, and even people. 30 NN-
50. <sup>(31)</sup> But one thing the water could not overcome. 31 YYN
51. <sup>(32)</sup> That one thing was a great rock which stood <sup>(R)</sup> fast,
52. and the water had to break and go around it. 32 YYN
53. <sup>(33)</sup> "What!" cried the stonecutter, <sup>(C)</sup> carv- <sup>(R)</sup> who was now
54. the cloud. <sup>(34)</sup> "Is there something more powerful 33 YYN

55. than I? <sup>35</sup> Oh, if only I could be that rock!"

34 YYN

35 YYN

56. <sup>36</sup> In the next second the stonecutter became the

57. rock. <sup>37</sup> He held himself proudly and looked <sup>H</sup> <sup>R</sup> <sup>C</sup> looking f-  
far

36 YYN

58. down upon the people moving <sup>R</sup> below him. <sup>38</sup> Rain <sup>H</sup> \$conted  
con-

37 NN-

59. could not <sup>C</sup> \$wesh <sup>H</sup> wash him away, and he was <sup>UC</sup> contented. <sup>H</sup> \$conted  
con-t-t-  
con-ten-

38 YN-

60. <sup>39</sup> "Now," he said, "I can watch the days and years

61. come and go."

39 YYN

62. <sup>40</sup> But one day <sup>R</sup> <sup>C</sup> <sup>H</sup> \$shevery  
shev-  
a shivery feeling went all through

63. him. <sup>41</sup> A man was hitting <sup>C</sup> <sup>N</sup> <sup>R</sup> a ro-  
the rock with hammer

40 YYN

64. and chisel, and <sup>R</sup> pieces of the rock were being

65. broken off and falling upon the ground.

41 YYN

66. <sup>42</sup> And the stonecutter, who was now the rock,

67. said, "Is there something more powerful than the

42 YYN

68. rock? <sup>43</sup> Oh, if only I could be that man!"

43 YYN

69. <sup>(44)</sup> At once the stonecutter became that man and
70. found himself where he had been <sup>(R)</sup> at the beginning,
71. breaking the rock with hammer and chisel. (44) YYN
72. <sup>(45)</sup> "There is nothing greater than man and the
73. work <sup>in his</sup> <sup>(C)</sup> able to do," said the stonecutter. (45) NN-
74. <sup>(46)</sup> Once again he was <sup>was con-ten-  
continent</sup> <sup>(H)</sup> contented. (46) YN-

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Question 2: No. of Y 37/46 80 % ; No. of N 9/46 20 %

Question 3: No. of N 37/37 100 % ; No. of P 0 0 % ;

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Question 4: No. of H 20/24 83 % ; No. of S 2/24 8 % ;

No. of N 2/24 8 %

Holistic Retelling Score 5/5

## Gary's Retelling

R: OK, Gary, why don't you close the book up and tell me what this story was all about.

Gary: It was about this stonecutter. He always cut rocks into big squares, to build things...to build houses and roads. And once he seen a King that had servants with a sunsheet over him to stop the rays of the sun. And he wished he could be the King. And this wizard in the mountains heard him and so he was the King. And then one day the servants forgot to bring the sunshade and the sun was real hot that day and then he wished that he...how he could...how he wished he could be the sun. And the wizard heard him, in the mountains, and he was...so he was the sun. And he sent down hot rays on the sun, burning up the grass. And the people ran from its...from his fiery rays. And one day a cloud got in between him and the earth and he couldn't shine his rays through it. And he said that he wished he could be the cloud. And then the wizard again heard him and he was the cloud. And he threw storms to overflow the rivers on the earth. And there was rock that was in the water's way that wouldn't move, that

couldn't be moved. And he wished that he could be the rock and he was. And one day he felt that...he felt a person with a hammer and chisel, hitting him and he wished he could be that man. And then...and then he became to be his own self again...where he began.

R: What do you think this story is trying to tell us?

Gary: Well, never...well, you can't be anything else without trying to be whatever you want to be.

R: Why did the stonecutter first want to be the sun, or the King?

Gary: Well, he wanted to be the powerfulest on the earth.

R: And what happened to him when he was the King? Was he the most powerful?

Gary: No, he thought the sun was. And then...then he thought the cloud was, then he thought the rock was. Then he became a man again and then he found out that the man is most powerful.

R: OK. Is he going to always be the most powerful?

Gary: No, because other men can be.

R: Anything else besides men that can be powerful?

Gary: I don't really know.

R: Can you remember one word that you had trouble with? Does one word stick in your mind?

Gary: About little goldlike fringes on the sunshade.