



Shenanigans

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Leprechauns are solitary creatures who prefer to be **LEFT** to their own devices. Some say these mischievous money grubbers spread out because they don't want their gold **LEFT** where another of their kind might find it. In any case, the following story tells of what happened when a couple of these cranky wee folk butted **RIGHT** up against each other.

In the days of old, there were two leprechauns who lived **RIGHT** next to each other, on either side of a grand waterfall. Leon the leprechaun lived in a cottage on the **RIGHT** side of the waterfall, Louie the leprechaun in a cottage on the **LEFT**.

The relationship between these two small fellows **LEFT** a lot to be desired. They didn't like or trust each other, and truth be told, neither one was quite **RIGHT** in the head. They expressed their hostility toward their neighbor in the usual leprechaun way – through all manner of pranks and tomfoolery. These shenanigans would never cease until one or the other **LEFT** the area.

It all started when Leon filled Louie's hat with dust, which **LEFT** him sneezing and scratching his head. Then Louie plucked leaves off of Leon's four-leaf clover until there was only one **LEFT**. Leon retaliated **RIGHT** away by dyeing Louie's bonny green jacket purple. Then Louie got Leon **RIGHT** back by stealing all of his **LEFT** shoes, which **LEFT** him walking around half-barefooted.

On and on these shenanigans went **RIGHT** up until the day Leon marched over to the **LEFT** side of the waterfall to confront Louie. "Now you've gone too far, you finagling fool! What gave you the **RIGHT** to steal me gold?"





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"I've not taken your gold, you insufferable eejit," said Louie. "You probably forgot where you **LEFT** it!"

"I know where I **LEFT** it," Leon said, "**RIGHT** behind the waterfall."

This **LEFT** Louie stunned, for he too, kept his gold behind the waterfall. He hurried to the spot where he **LEFT** his pot of gold and found it emptied out! **RIGHT** away he suspected his rival had falsely accused him to cover his own mischief.

Now the feud had taken a **LEFT** turn. Each leprechaun believed the other had stolen his gold and **LEFT** him penniless. There were no more merry hijinks – the only thing **LEFT** between them were bitter accusations. Finding themselves at an impasse, each one decided there was only one thing **LEFT** to do – leave their beloved cottages and seek to rebuild their fortunes elsewhere. And so they did.

But prime real estate like theirs would not be **LEFT** uninhabited for long. **RIGHT** after Leon and Louie **LEFT**, a new leprechaun took up residence near the waterfall. His name was Lucky the Leprechaun. And he was lucky indeed, for it was rumored that, for reasons best **LEFT** to the imagination, he had three times the gold of the average leprechaun.

(Optional) As for Leon and Louie, some might feel pity for these two miserable wee folk who were forced to roam the Irish countryside without a home. But others believe that for all their shenanigans, it served them **RIGHT**.

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