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## Tall Tales

### Big Mose Saves the Day

Long ago, in the bustling streets of New York City, there lived a firefighter so large and strong that people called him Big Mose. His boots were as big as bathtubs, and when he stomped down the cobblestone streets, the ground seemed to shake. Mose was famous for being able to lift entire wagons out of muddy ruts and for rescuing cats from trees that no one else could climb.



One sunny day, the bell at Mose's firehouse rang loud and clear—there was a fire at the bakery on Elm Street! Mose and his team jumped into their bright red fire wagon. But when they reached the bakery, a big crowd had already gathered. "The fire's spreading!" someone shouted.

Mose sprang into action. First, he grabbed a barrel of water that weighed as much as three grown men. With one great heave, he hurled the water over the flames, and a hiss filled the air. But it wasn't enough. The fire kept climbing higher and higher.

Then Mose had an idea. He ran to the river, which was just a block away, and dipped his enormous fire helmet into the water. He carried the helmet-sloshing and splashing-back to the bakery and poured it over the flames. The crowd cheered as the fire began to shrink. Mose repeated this over and over, faster than anyone thought possible, until the fire was out.

Covered in soot and sweat, Mose turned to the crowd with a grin. "That's how we do it!" he said. The people cheered and clapped for their hero, Big Mose, the firefighter who always saved the day.