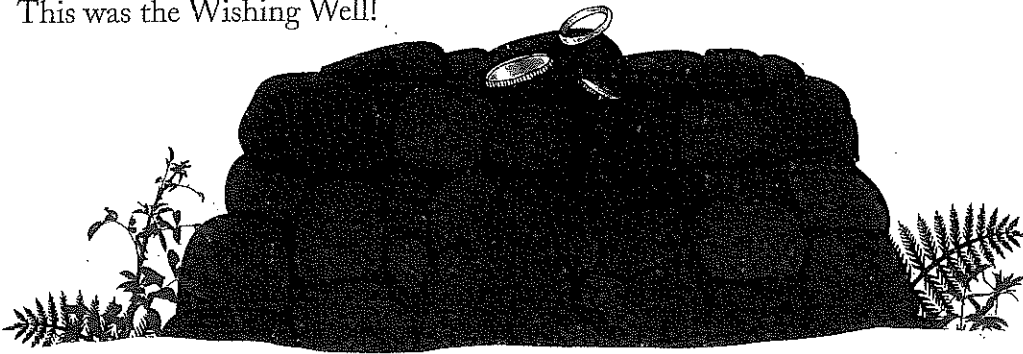


# The Wishing Well

Once upon a time, three 40-year-old men went to find a wishing well.  
People made fun of them but they ignored it.  
If you really want something, you can get it.  
Besides, one of them had a lucky ring to help them.

It took months to find the well. One day, the three friends came to a dark, deep forest. It was windy, foggy and cold. One of them sat down on some stones to get some rest. There, just there, everything suddenly got calm, bright and warm. This was the Wishing Well!



<sup>5</sup> They looked down into the well. It was black inside. They felt nervous. At last it was time. They could only have one wish each, so they took out coins from their pockets and dropped them down into the well. They heard two splashes – then a third. And they made their secret wishes ...

The second man wanted to be happy for the rest of his life. Today he lives with his wife and three children.  
<sup>10</sup> They are all happy and healthy. Even his cows and pigs look fine! Yes, the second man is very, very HAPPY.

Did their wishes come true?  
 Well, the first man wanted to be rich. Now, five years later, he owns six companies, has four  
<sup>5</sup> big cars and expensive houses all over the country. Yes, the first man is very, very RICH.

And what about the third man, the man with the lucky ring?  
 He didn't want to be rich or happy. He wanted to travel in time! He wanted to travel forty years into the future! But he suddenly realized that in forty years, he might even be dead! So he changed his wish. Back instead!  
<sup>5</sup> He kissed his lucky ring. He wished to travel forty years back in time!

"BLURB, BLURB."  
 "Don't cry, darling," the mother whispered to her baby boy.  
 "What's that in your hand?"  
<sup>10</sup> Give it to Mummy. A ring?  
 Where on earth did you get that from?"

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● wishing well	önskebrunn	(page 61)	
● make fun of	göra sig lustig över	● windy	blåsig
● ignore	inte bry sig om, nonchalera	● foggy	dimmig
lucky ring	lyckoring	calm	lugn
● bright	klar, strålande	● wife	fru, hustru
wish	önskan	● healthy	frisk
● take out	ta fram		
coin	mynt	(page 63)	
down	ner i	● in	om (vid tid)
splash	plums, plask	● might	skulle kunna
		dead	död
(page 62)		kiss	kyssa
● come true	gå i uppfyllelse	● wish	önska
rich	rik	cry	gråta
own	äga	● where on earth	var i all världen