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Pud is a lovable little boy who lives with his grandfather. Soon after the accident that had taken away both of Pud's parents, Granny answered the call of Mr. Brink and Gramps and Pud are left alone.

Gramps having written a check for charity Pud tells him that if he does a good deed he can make a wish and it will come true.

PUD: That's what my book says, Gramps.

GRAMPS: Must be so then.

PUD: (Excited) So make a wish, Gramps, make a wish.

GRAMPS: All right boy, soon's I think of a good one.

PUD: Gramps, somebody's stealing the apples again. Look, Gramps!

GRAMPS: I swear I wish that anyone who climbed that tree would have to stay up there until I let him down.

PUD: Gramps, you made a wish! Gee, I bet we can keep one of those bad boys up there for a hundred years. Maybe for a million years. Maybe.

Gramps and Pud reach the apple tree.

PUD: (Excitedly) Gramps, Gramps! Your wish! He can't come down!

GRAMPS: Ssh! (To boy) Now, you come down here as fast as you can.

PUD: Aw, Gramps, you should have kept him up there a million years. Boost me up, Gramps. Boost me up.

GRAMPS: (Boosts) By golly, boy, you're a full-time job.

PUD: (Shakes finger down at Gramps) Now, I can't get down until you let me.--I'm coming down now, Gramps.

GRAMPS: But you can't. You're under my magic spell.

PUD: (Frightened) But, honest, I can't Gramps. Let me down, please!

GRAMPS: (Laughs) Come on, then. Let go, let go, honey. (Pud drops to ground) What's the matter, boy, what's the matter?

PUD: (Wailing) I couldn't let go! My hands wouldn't move!

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