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Quick question: who wrote the story for the movie FROZEN? Obviously it was a Hollywood screenwriter working for Disney, right? Nope!

Jennifer Lee may have written the SCRIPT (she also directed the movie too, becoming the first woman to write/direct a film grossing over ONE BILLION DOLLARS), but the STORY was written in 1844 by Danish writer Hans Christian Andersen. His tale THE SNOW QUEEN enthralled families in Europe --- nearly 100 years before Walt Disney made his first animated movie, and over 125 years before Jennifer Lee was born!

This is just one of the very cool things your curious kid will learn about FAIRY TALES on today's episode, anywhere you get your podcasts including Apple Podcasts, Google, Spotify, Stitcher, OR at our site Who Smarted?.

THEY DIDN'T ALWAYS NEED A BEANSTALK...

Do you know the fairy tale about Jack and the Beanstalk -- where Jack climbs a magical beanstalk and winds up slaying a Giant? Well, the beanstalk is a relatively new edition. At the time of the tale's invention, at least one thousand years ago, it was considered common knowledge that Ogres (aka Giants) lived among us right here on planet earth -- so, no beanstalk was required!

More fun activities:

See how many fairy tales you and your child can remember. There are 100's! Perhaps you'll discover a new one you can enjoy together!

In the episode we talk about the elements of a great fairytale. Spend time with your kids and have them make up their OWN FAIRY TALE with a protagonist who wants something, an obstacle or antagonist stopping them from getting it, a fun adventure where they overcome the obstacle/antagonist and a happy ending in which an important life lesson (or moral) is learned.¹

¹ This activity guide is for the Who Smarted? podcast www.WhoSmarted.com