The Story of Gold

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I am going to tell you a story about a little girl and her troubles in life, through 1677.

**Chapter One**

The crummy ghost town was silent. The chopping of the ax fired sparks of splinters. “Chomp chomp” was as if it was the last sound on earth. The country road whistled with winds, “chomp chomp”.

“Nice grip handle” Matt told Stephan, My shop could sure use this” Matt explained.

“Yup be happy to make more for you” Stephan replied back. Stephan and Matt shook hands again making a deal. Sixteen years of partnership made shaking hands a reflex.

“I better hurry home, dinner is waiting, but thanks again” Matt thanked

“See you bright and early” Stephan replied. Maisie the beautiful white tall hair horses blue eyes matched with Matt, down the road they went.

**Chapter Two**

The cozy warm family house of Matt’s was open with joy. Kit (Matt’s daughter) was walking to the well. The bucket filled Kits hand with the water for the family. “Hello darling” Matt called out,

“Hello Father” Kit replied. Matt Settled off Maisie, down the yard to the old barn, the tall disappeared with his mighty horse.

Kit’s black buckled shoes took one step at a time, kept walking without any harm, and then suddenly Kit’s feet hit a big bump through the air she went. Kit stumbled into the air then hit hard to the ground.

“Ouch!” Kit said startled, Kit’s curious mind needed to know what had tripped her. Kit’s furious hands threw into the dirt, digging into the soil a mini sun almost like real was shining and glistening. Three smallish bright gold rocks were standing out like a white dot with black background. She simply snatched the gold bumpy rocks then was quickly in her satchel. Kit’s mind kept on flashing thinking of the gold rocks, over and over, “the gold rocks”

**Chapter Three**

“Swish” the door flew opens with a click and a dash,

“Splash” the water bucket flew down,

 “Poof” Kit was already in her slot.

“Kit!” Mrs. Parker screamed startled.

Kit’s mouth breathing hard was panting faster than a cheetah. The gold shinning nuggets scrambled to the bottom hiding in Kit’s black box.

Kit calmly then tiptoed silently near the back door to lead to the play area. The sight of gadgets and gizmos filled wooden baskets and shelves. Kit’s blue eyes getting bigger seeing Tommy Kit’s young toddler brother had being a small silly boy stuffing a top in his mouth once more, “ugh not again Tommy!” Kit screamed. Then while she was taking out the saliva top heard the “Thump thump” of her mother heading towards the room, “Thump thump”, the first thing to come to mind was run! Kit sprinted past her mother, past the skinny narrow entrance threw the cooking room and then out the door heading towards the stables “ahh” Kit shouted while her feet went sliding in a line of horse poop. Kit knew it would end badly running away from her mother.

**Chapter Four**

 Kit’s eyes brightened open; Blue sleepy eyes told the Saturday morning she was ready. All clean now, could not smell a thing of poop. Kit’s eyes stared out looking at the dusty road with small trees on farms and yards. Kit new today was going to be a good day.

 The long skirt, apron, cap, petticoat, stockings, shoes, shirt, kerchief, and jacket gave her the ready look for the day. A warm piece of butter with bread filled her mouth. The satchel and her was all she needed, to go out on a new day of adventure. Today was the job of sheering the sheep, but before she could help out this early, she must have more jobs than that.

Dr.Leo was one of Kit’s favorite people in the world. A man with barley any hair on his head, and a fuzzy mustache welcomed her. “Sweetie, welcome back” Dr.Leo dazzled, Kit and Dr.Leo walked down through the cabin as if father and daughter. Dr.Leo had been giving the Parker family eggs for more than nine years; kit came also to churn fresh cream from DrLeo’s cows’ milk into butter. Dr.Leo had been one of Kit’s best friends; also Dr.Leo keeps Maisie the family horse, also the cattle of the Parkers too. Kit enjoyed going to the barn to see all the lovely animals that Dr.Leo kept.

 Later that day Kit was watching with horrible sight of her twin toddler siblings shoving things in their mouths, taking care of the toddlers was an everyday chore for Kit, but Kit was still frightened watching her twin toddlers running around the house, and then crying because of splinters.

The reason Kit was watching them today was because that Mrs. Parker was down getting corn and water, Kit waiting patiently for her mother, Kit also trying to think of something else she decided to think of the pumpkins that had been harvest just newly in the garden. The beautiful colors and everything, she just loved pumpkins. Kit’s eyebrows rose in anger but more annoyed, her face turning red, Kit couldn’t stand it anymore, Kit strapped Molly and Tommy down to chairs with safety rope. She just needed to see the pumpkins. “Swoosh” the flashing of the gold appeared. Kit’s hand had already been unlatching the key to the lock, before she knew it. You could see it even when it was at the bottom. It was shining at her; she wondered what she could use it for. She must take it to Dr.leo, but not now Kit thought, she had the toddlers to worry about. Then turning back to check on them, Kit was totally blanked out, she did not hear anything, so she did not realize that….

**Chapter Five**

 Kit then found Tommy with a pot on his head and Molly sitting on the bed warmer going “horsy horsy”. Kit then remembered she tied Molly and Tommy as grownups, when Tommy and Molly were free nothing went good, before Kit could feed them, Kit’s hand was in Molly’s mouth searching for sticks or any sort of anything, then Tommy, nothing, “thank you lord” Kit said out loud. Watching them today was another bad day.

**Chapter Six**

The sun was setting, Matt finally arrived. “Good day father” Kit said nervously.

“Where is mother” Matt questioned

“Washing the dishes,” Kit replied

“May you bring Maisie up to the barn?” Matt questioned

“Yes Matt – I----I mean father” Kit stumbled nervously

Kit had always been having a rough time with her Father. She did not know why, but she felt her father was usually disappointed in her. She felt that kit and Matt did not belong as father and daughter. She did have some feelings for Matt but not as much as the rest of her family. He did not like how Kit had been usually at Dr.Leo’s not at home, helping with mother.

***Dear Diary***

***I have never gotten along with my father,, I’ve have always wished that he would come around. I do not know how he can mean and so disappointed in me without saying it to my face. Well the only good thing my father did or I should say gave me was a new racquet ball set. You may not know what a racquet ball set is but now, where I live it is a very interesting game with one hoop then you use a stick that we find of the branches of a tree. He made it for me and my friend Mary Jane; she is a good friend of mine. Well I should not keep you waiting from your lives.***

***Good wishes***

***~Kit ~***

 Kit’s eyes followed her father stomp away to outside. Kit then headed toward Dr.leo’s cabin.

Kit saw Dr.Leo singing some native songs outside on his porch. Dr.Leo always told crazy stories about how he spent two weeks with the Native Americans how they taught him all kind of dances and songs, prays, everything, Dr.Leo went into festivals with his Pilgrim friends and met the Native Americans many times. Kit thought of the stories as fairy tales, but she did have a pinch of belief.

Kit’s blue eyes showed the happiness, “Dr.Leo?” Kit spoke

“Sweetie, you putting Maisie away?” Dr.Leo smiled

“Yes, and also I have something to tell you.”

“Ok, I will be right here” Dr.leo answered

Kit saw Maisie’s face turn almost like saying goodbye. Kit finished, but really shaky told Dr.Leo “Okay I’m ready,”

**Chapter Six**

“Dr.Leo I have something really important that I have to tell you” Kit told slowly

“Go ahead darling”

Kit kept on repeating the words “I Can trust, I can trust him”

“I found Gold” Kit shouted

Kit finally told somebody, if she didn’t tell anybody she was going to explode.

“Shhh! We must talk somewhere no one will hear us” Dr.Leo

The puzzled look on Kit’s making her whole body shake. “I am the only person you told” Dr.Leo answered

“Yes” Kit trembled

“Okay good now don’t tell anyone else” Dr.leo said frantically. Dr.leo grasped Kit’s hand so tight while leading Kit down five old rotting stairs,

“Where are we going” Kit frightened, There they were the final step, Kit had told Dr.Leo everything.

**Chapter Eight**

 “Sweetie wake up, Dr.Leo is expecting you darling, you promised to him” Mrs. Parker said gently

“Oh okay mom, good night” Kit said sleepy, in a mumble

“Sweetie it is late, the sun has risen a long time ago

Realizing did not take long, the words came straight back to her mind. Poof Kit was heading outside, “Hello Dr.Leo what do you want to play today?” Dr.Leo and Kit played on and on. Kit and Dr.Leo were (built-in-best-friends) Nothing would break that, until the news came…….

**Chapter Nine**

“There’s a twister coming, we have to get out Kit!” Mrs. Parker exclaimed, “So get some clothes, your special things, and let’s go!”

“Okay I am coming, where we are heading” Kit frightened

“Dr.Leo’s get a move on, this is serious” Mrs. Parker yelled quickly.

“Ugh huh” Kit panted nervous scared, frightened there was nothing she could do, nothing Kit got all the belongings that had many memories, she was going to miss that house, (she thought), nothing. Molly and Tommy were in the back of the wagon with Mrs. Parker hooked up to Maisie, with the luggage in the back, Kit and Matt rode on Maisie up in the front. In the ride Kit started to think about the gold she remembered it right, she had to, she did, and Kit kept on thinking trying to convince her that she did. The Twister had already been getting bad. If she did have the gold where could she keep it, what if her parents found out, Kit’s whole family would have to move, to another rich place, would the idea of moving to Jamestown come to mine to her father? So they can get more, will people move here and dig up the land? The loud bold voice of her father yelled to everyone to getting into the house. Everything was going downhill, everything.

**Chapter Ten**

Kit woke up the next morning in a daze; Kit’s eyes fell upon her mother, crying. “Mother, Father I am awake, are you okay why are you crying?”

“She is okay Kit, we lost our house and lots of our belongings and my ax shop, my ax shop had all the money of ours, so we might need to settle somewhere else on the street.”

“yes but why can we not stay here, with Dr.Leo here at his home, he has plenty of egg’s and so on, everything he has money, doesn’t he, doesn’t he?”

“Yes but most of the money he gets is from us, we are his number one customer, so if we can’t pay him then, he can’t live the way he is living now. Tons of the neighbors houses are gone to we are lucky none of us are hurt.”

“We must stay we must! We cannot leave Dr.Leo here, he is all alone, you don’t understand I love it here” I do! Kit then stormed of in one of the rooms in Dr.Leo’s giant house.

**Chapter Eleven**

Kit had not been worrying about moving because of the gold she did not want to move where nothing lived but dirty old insects, kit then remembered to check her satchel for the gold if she had it. Yes there it shined in her satchel. Kit did not know what to do with the stupid nuggets, then the think came on, this whole day kit had been pacing back and fourth of the thought of moving away to nowhere, when then she realized that the nuggets did not have to make kit move or the loss of Kit’s far way neighbors house’s the same situation they had been in right there. The gold can help!

“Dr.Leo where are you! I need your good advice!” then there Kit’s eyes saw the old bags packed up for her family, Kit needed to move quicker. Instead of skipping now sprinting around the house she looked for Dr.Leo “Dr.Leo I am not trying to make this a funny game” The silence of Kit’s toes turned around the corner to see… Molly and Tommy wrestling each other to the ground, the crying of the toddlers came to a big headache. “I can’t fuss with you guys anymore,”

“Kit but he gave me a big booboo”

“I can’t deal with you right now, I must find Dr.Leo have you seen him anywhere?”

“I got a booboo!” the pool started filling in Molly’s eyes, “whaaaah”

“It’s okay Molly, don’t cry, here I will give tommy a time out okay, but I must head out alright you find mother” Kit said gentle. Tommy was in a time-out now, and Molly went running off as if nothing had happened. There Dr.Leo was sitting on one of the stack in the salt marsh. Kit sprinted out to Dr.Leo.

**Chapter Twelve**

“Dr.Leo I need much of your advice, also have you been out here the whole time?” Kit said very quickly

“Indeed I have, I have been thinking of things of how you are going away and the danger of my business, I do not want you to leave also, but it is up to your parents where you go.” Dr.Leo said very quire

The warm hand reached down for Kit’s hand, they clenched together, a puzzle piece put together with another, perfectly. There kit and Dr.Leo sat on the stack in the middle of the marsh. “Well let’s have some fun, my brother’s and I used to always do this,”

“Do what?” Kit questioned

“Well you slide of many of times”

“Off what?”

“Off the stack like this” Dr.Leo’s old body slipped down the stack and onto the bouncy marsh,

“Oh my dear! Are you okay Dr.Leo?”

“I’m fine dear just regular old me, it gets to me sometimes but the second time is always fun!”

“Umm I’m okay, I can do this, right?”

“Yes dear you can come on to get dirty is for your apron, so come down”. There kit’s apron was all dark with muddy grass, salt stones, and full of dark brown mud.

“Oh my! That was so great, I want to do it over again but mother dear needs plenty of help with making sweaters, to be prepared to move away.

“Bear with me, Kit one last slide; I did say the second time is the best”

“Kit, you must help with me, Tommy and Molly are trying to get the chickens!” Mrs. Parker called

“Mother why are the toddlers going after them, where are the chickens,” Kit yelled back

“The Chickens have gotten loose around the land we have only caught two, you must come now, I am not asking”

“One moment mother” Kit called back “Dr.Leo you see that my mother needs help, I will do this with you once more but not known”

“I won’t be here long, when I do it once I only have the tiniest bit of courage right now, I might not be able to do so sometime else”

“I guess I could do it before I get the chickens, and the toddlers and start knitting, and wildling” Kit started to think while speaking

“Once more before your mother comes out here, or we will be both in big trouble” Dr.Leo answered. Down they slid once again, having that memory forever.

**Chapter Thirteen**

Kit had done all her chores and helping with her mother. Tommy and Molly had bonked heads during chasing the chickens there was still one chicken missing when that happened, but then was found pecking at Tommy and Molly for chasing them. The chicken was put into its cage, and the happy family carried on. Kit then remembered she still did not have the talk with Dr.Leo about the gold. Kit had been waiting several minutes to see if Dr.Leo had gone back to the stack. No sign was found but Dr.Leo’s torn shoes by the door; Kit did not know if that was a sign of him in the house or had gone for a walk barefoot. But that did not stop her from asking her parents where he had gone, asking her mother was not a problem, but asking her father was very much different. Kit knew when the words fell out it was a mistake, he sat her down and talked and talked about how she should help her mother, when her mother needs help, about all these different things of working and the decision that they made of moving; kit wanted to blurt out the words of how she had gold and she could help, but Kit knew that her father would take it just for the family or just for him, she couldn’t take risks, so she did the courageous thing of saying “I do my best and you do not realize that I do more than you!” Well most people would predict either that Kit would cry right there on the spot, or run out but kit then… Kicked her father in the shins and while he bent down bonked him on the head the slowly skipped away.

**Chapter Fourteen**

The talk came to tell Dr.Leo everything went fine, but the thought of her father coming back to teach her a lesson, and how he was her father was a more devastating subject. All Kit wanted to do was to help her neighbor her family and live a normal life once again, but ever since the gold and storm nothing went together as a puzzle anymore.

The thought of helping always cheered up Dr.Leo, but with her father as the big bolder in the way made a giant difference of happiness. The shriek of the wooden floor was the happiness that was left, in the barn with all the animals saying goodbye could be forever, the puzzle pieces were getting lost just as much as Kit.

“Dr.Leo I do not know how to help anymore, nothing can help.” Kit was silent so was Dr.Leo. The tears both filled in their eyes.

“Kit, come inside Dr.Leo won’t keep you dry from the rain” Matt called out

Kit could not fight anymore, Kit was done with her father, no one would tell her different, she loved Dr.Leo one hundred times more.

“Sweetie I think you should go try to make friends, I am the bad guy to him, so I do not think that is a good idea”

The story kept coming on and on for Kit, but she did not care, she just wanted the justice, two days were left for Kit to make a difference to stay with her family, and to fix her father problems.

Matt did not disrespect anyone else; kit felt that she was the only one in the world, so since the talk about the gold was finished, but the talk with her father was never started, but her mother tried and tried to fix the puzzle once more.

**Chapter Fifteen**

Kit needed to tell now, but she needed to get trust also she needed to trust her father. So the only way to fix the problem was to break the ice, well that’s what Kit thought.

“Father, I know you are hard at work, but I do think I can help, I just came back from twirling so I’m quite spinning myself, so if I stumble bear with me. I found something that might help, well actually can you tell what gold is worth”

“What size and why?”

“About this size” Kit’s hand turned into the circle that was the size of the nugget that was held in her apron pocket,

“The dinner table is waiting; I must talk to you when we head out for the trip”

“Yes you must listen to me now” the pool started filling in Kit’s eyes again. “I really did find gold I wanted to tell you but you did not listen to me” Kit fell down to the ground hands covering her face, crying more and more each second.

“Darling I will listen don’t worry, I am here for you as your father, I do not want to move either, but we must.” Matt told back, soft and quiet. Matt was settled next to his daughter. Still the red hand was filled into Matt’s.

The story ended like a fairy tale. The Parker’s lived now closer to Dr.Leo than before. The neighbors were now helped. Life was back to normal, but now since the kids were older they had jobs, moved away to the land where they now belonged the ocean side was where Tommy and Molly lived, with their lives. But Kit stayed with her fairy tale ending with Dr.Leo, as a nurse on her own. It wasn’t bad for Kit, it was just perfect, and well that’s what she told me.

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