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The Tale of Sir Knox-a-Lot

Once upon a time, there was a squire named Neville. Neville had very knobby knees. His knees were so very knobby that he knocked his knees into things a lot. Neville was training to be a knight. Nobody thought he would be a good knight because he knocked over so many things with his knees.

Neville also knitted. He loved to knit nightshirts. The knights and other squires laughed at Neville. "Who has ever known a knight who knits?" they laughed. They said he would never become a knight.

One day, a nasty knave rode into the kingdom. He had a knack for being naughty. The knave nabbed the princess and stuffed her in a knapsack. He carried her to the top of a nearby knoll and tied her up with lots of knots.

The knave called out to the king, "None of your knights can beat me. I challenge them all to a joust. If a knight knocks me off my horse, I'll release the princess and never return. If none knock me off, the princess and your kingdom are mine."



The king summoned all his knights. "Whoever knocks the knave off his horse," he said, "shall have my daughter's hand in marriage. He shall be known as my noblest knight."

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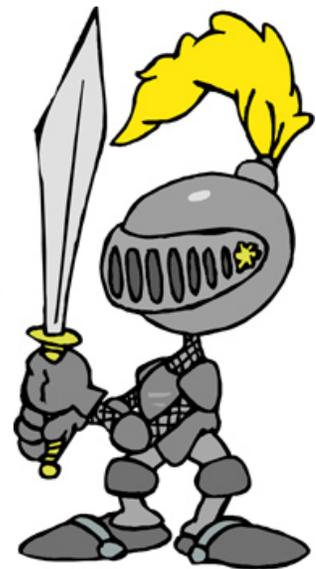
All the knights in the land went after the knave. All of them failed. The knave knocked down each knight. The king cried out, "Is there no one noble enough to save my kingdom?"

Neville answered, "Never fear, I am here! I will defeat the knave!"

Everyone in the castle laughed. Neville ignored them. He mounted his horse. Neville and the knave rode toward each other. They lowered their lances. They both missed! But as Neville rode past the knave, he stuck out his knobby knee. It knocked the knave off his horse!

Neville rode out of the castle as everyone cheered. He rode to the knoll and untied the knots. The princess was free. Neville carried her back to the king.

The king told Neville to kneel. He placed his sword on Neville's shoulder and said, "I knight thee Sir Knox-a-Lot of the Knobby Knees. Arise and take my daughter's hand in marriage." Then the king whispered to Neville, "now that you're a knight, can you knit me one of those keen nightshirts?"



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Answer the questions about the story
The Tale of Sir Knox-a-Lot:

1. Why was Neville different from other knights?
 - a. he had knobby knees
 - b. he was very handsome
 - c. he knitted
 - d. both a and c

2. What does the word *knave* mean?
 - a. a sharp weapon
 - b. a brave knight
 - c. a mean knight
 - d. a dragon

3. What happened to the king's knights when they fought the knave?
 - a. They saved the princess
 - b. They all failed
 - c. They helped Neville become a knight
 - d. They joined the knave

4. What does the word *knoll* mean?
 - a. a small hill
 - b. a monster that lives under bridges
 - c. a bell's ring
 - d. a knight

5. What did the king want after he knighted Neville?
 - a. the knave's lance
 - b. Neville's horse
 - c. a knitted nightshirt
 - d. a new sword