

TALKING TEXTILES—FINN MCCOOL STORY SEGMENTS

Finn McCool was a fearsome warrior giant. He lived in Ireland with his wife in a house on the coast.

Every day Finn would carry out his daily duties, marching along the coast to make sure his country was safe from attack.

One day Finn was carrying out his daily march along the north coast when he spotted his enemy, a Scottish giant called Benandonner.

Benandonner started shouting at Finn, calling him names. Finn was extremely angry!

Finn lifted a lump of earth from the Irish coast and threw it towards Scotland. He wanted to challenge the Scottish giant Benandonner.

The Scottish giant threw a huge rock back at Finn, shouting that if he could get his hands on him he'd make sure Finn would never fight again!

Benandonner shouted that he couldn't swim across the sea between the Scotland and Ireland so Finn wouldn't have to fight him.

Finn hated the idea of being thought a coward and wanted to show Benandonner that he was ready to fight. But what could he do?

Finn worked for a week, tearing pieces from the cliffs and throwing them into the sea. He made a causeway from stepping stones.

Finn shouted "Come on then, do your worst!" at the Scottish giant who was worried about losing his reputation as a brave fighter.

But making the causeway had left Finn very tired. He hadn't slept for a week!

Finn wondered how he could delay the fight and have some time to rest. He came up with a brilliant plan!

Finn made a giant cot, dressed up like a baby and climbed inside. Then he waited for the Scottish giant to arrive.

Benandonner arrived at Finn's house shouting "Where's that coward Finn McCool?"

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Finn's wife told the Scottish giant that he wasn't at home but he should have a cup of tea and wait for him to return. He sat down

Finn's wife gave Benandonner a cup of tea and piece of cake. He bit down on the cake and felt his teeth crack, it was so hard!

Finn's wife had hidden stones in the cake she gave Benandonner. He didn't want to look weak so finished the cake, breaking three teeth altogether!

Benandonner thought 'Finn must be tough to eat a cake like this...it's rock hard!'. 'Yes it is!' thought Finn from his baby cot in the corner of the room and gave a little chuckle.

Benandonner heard a baby laughing in the corner of the room and turned to have a look. He saw a gigantic baby with huge hands and legs.

When he saw the baby, suddenly Benandonner wasn't very confident about fighting the baby's dad!

The Scottish giant reached out to touch the baby and make sure it was real. As he reached slowly into the cot, Finn grabbed Benandonner's finger and took a big bite.

"Owwwwww, my finger!" screamed the giant. Now he really wasn't too sure about fighting Finn when he returned home. In fact, he was terrified!

Benandonner ran so fast out of the house Finn almost didn't notice him go!

As the Scottish giant ran across the causeway he ripped up the stepping stones. He didn't want to leave any way for Finn to get to him!

So, the giant Finn McCool had won the battle with brains, not strength and Benandonner would never trouble him again.

Today thousands of tourists visit the Giant's Causeway in Ireland every year and the legend of Finn McCool carries on.