

How Mr John Became A Millionaire

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Once in a land far, far away there lived an old woman and her husband, they were very poor- Everyday she would milk the only two cows they had and sell the milk to people. Then she would put half the money in a little bag and say to her husband " If you follow my example, one day you will be very, very rich!

After a while his wife died and Mr John decided to sell the cows and move to town. Soon after, he changed his mind and decided to visit the king and ask him to sell him ten cows. The king agreed, and sold him ten cows to Mr John. "'You must pay me in two weeks time said the king."

Mr John went home and fed the cows well. He then milked them and sold the milk as his wife had done. He saved half each time. In one week he went back to the king and paid him.

The king was so surprised that he said to him, " You are the only one who has repaid me so quickly. I want to know how were you able to do that!"

"My wife taught me." Said Mr John. "Save half of your money every day and soon you will be very, very rich." The king was so happy that he put Mr John to work in his treasury and put him in charge of all his money. Mr John continued to save half of his money everyday.

That is how Mr John became a millionaire.