Make Me Laugh!

MAGICAL MISCHIEF

JOKES THAT SHOCK AND AMAZE

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Q: Who had big ears, weighed seven thousand pounds, and married a handsome prince?
A: Cinderelephant.

Q: What did the ringmaster say when the human cannonball was shot out of the circus tent?
A: “That’s going too far!”
Q: Why do trained seals always know what’s happening?
A: Because they’re on the ball.

Q: What do you call the trained seal when she claps her flippers?
A: The seal of approval.

Q: How do you catch a fairy?
A: Grab its fairy tale.

Show me a cowboy on a giraffe—
And I’ll show you someone who is riding high.

Q: When were clocks invented?
A: Once upon a time.

Q: What do you get when the tall man substitutes for the human cannonball?
A: A long shot.
Show me a bumblebee ringing your doorbell—
And I’ll show you a humdinger.

Q: What race could neither the tortoise nor the hare enter?
A: The human race.

Show me a pig in a Porsche—
And I’ll show you a road hog.

Q: Why couldn’t the strong man lift Alexander Graham Bell?
A: Because he could only lift dumbbells.

Q: What do tightrope-walking bears do in the winter?
A: Go into high-bear-nation.

Q: Who does the ringmaster call when someone tries to steal the show?
A: Acro-batman.
Show me a giant—
And I’ll show you someone to look up to.

Q: What do you call the dancing poodle when the elephant sits on him?
A: The underdog.

Q: Did the tortoise win the race by a long distance?
A: No, he won by a hare.
Q: How do you fix a flat pumpkin?
A: With a pumpkin patch.

Show me a girl who rides sunbeams—
And I’ll show you a girl who travels light.

Q: How long was Cinderella’s glass slipper?
A: One foot long.
Q: Why did the ugly stepsister slap the glass slipper?
A: Because the slipper pinched her.

Show me a mamma flea—
And I’ll show you a woman who’s afraid that her children are going to the dogs.

Q: Why does the ringmaster like to have an artist at the circus?
A: Because an artist can draw crowds.

Q: What do you get when you cross the Frog Prince with Cinderella’s footman?
A: Foot Prince.

Show me a flaming arrow—
And I’ll show you a fire fly.

Q: What killed the lion tamer?
A: Cat-nip.
Q: How did the elves stay awake to make shoes all night?
A: They used sole-r energy.

Show me spiders living in your shoes—
And I’ll show you webbed feet.

Clown: Don’t you trust that cat?
Lion Tamer: No, she’s a cheetah.

Mutt: I used to own a flea circus.
Jeff: What happened?
Mutt: All my performers went to the dogs.

Q: How do you call a leopard?
A: “Here Spot!”

Q: What fairy tale tells of a pretty girl who was ordered to clean house for a hundred years?
A: Sweeping Beauty.
Q: Why are giraffes so tall?
A: So they can sing high notes.

Q: Why do circus monkeys know everyone’s secrets?
A: They hear them through the ape-vine.

Q: What do you get when you put a mousetrap in a cannon?
A: A snapshot.
Q: What fairy tale does your foot dream about when it falls asleep?
A: Sleeping Bootee.

Q: What wakes up a dragon in the morning?
A: The fire alarm.

Q: Why do clowns have flat feet?
A: Because they walk too close to the elephants.
Q: What’s a pig’s favorite fairy tale?
A: Slopping Beauty.

Leo: I heard the elephant trainer died from love.
Cleo: Yes, his elephant had a crush on him.

Q: Who is the loveliest lamb in all the fairy tales?
A: Sheeping Beauty.

Show me a sneezing dragon—
And I’ll show you a blowtorch.

Q: Why do circuses have trained horses?
A: Because they’re the mane attraction.

Q: Why did Sleeping Beauty sleep for a hundred years?
A: Because her alarm clock was broken.
Q: How do dragons weigh themselves?
A: On their scales.

Q: Why do ponies make poor ringmasters?
A: Because you can’t shout if you’re a little horse.

Q: Why didn’t the princess sleep well on top of twenty mattresses?
A: Would you sleep well if you could fall that far when you rolled out of bed?

Q: Why did the queen decide to put a pea under the mattresses?
A: Because she was a peanut.

Show me King Kong coming out of a cannon—
And I’ll show you a big shot.

Q: Why did the gorilla eat a banana skin?
A: Because it’s appealing.
Q: How did Rapunzel become queen?
A: She was hair to the throne.

Show me King Kong playing cards with the Jolly Green Giant—
And I’ll show you a big deal.

Q: Why did the elves make all right shoes?
A: Because they didn’t want to make all wrong shoes.
Q: What happened when Puss-in-Boots went to sea?
A: He became Puss-in-Boats.

Q: And what happened when a shark got him?
A: He became Puss-in-Bits.

Q: Why doesn’t the lion eat the clown?
A: Because the lion would get a funny feeling in his stomach.
Q: Why shouldn’t knights wear chain mail to fight a dragon?
A: Because dragons are chain smokers.

Show me a lamb playing a tuba—
And I’ll show you a bighorn sheep.

Q: What happened when the circus lions got loose?
A: A cat-astrophe.

Q: Why couldn’t Tom Thumb play the piano?
A: Because he couldn’t do the fingering.

Q: Why did the prince climb Rapunzel’s hair?
A: Because the elevator was broken.

Show me Dracula’s boat—
And I’ll show you a blood vessel.
Q: Why did the lion eat the tightrope walker?
A: He wanted a well-balanced meal.

Q: What did the lion-tamer do when a giant cockroach swallowed her lion?
A: She let the cat out of the bug.

Q: Why was Rapunzel mad at the witch?
A: Because the witch kept getting in her hair.

Show me a house that has grown legs and started racing off down the street—
And I’ll show you a home run.

Q: Why was the witch mad at Hansel and Gretel?
A: Because they were eating her out of house and home.

Q: Why was the human cannonball fired?
A: She was acting like a big shot.
Show me a messy pirate drinking grape juice—
And I’ll show you Bluebeard.

Q: Why was Little Red Riding Hood suspicious when she saw the wolf’s big nose?
A: Because she knew that something smelled.

Q: What time of year are most trapeze artists hurt?
A: In the fall.
Show me a bald giant—
And I’ll show you a big wig.

Q: Why didn’t the Three Billy Goats Gruff want to pay at the Troll Bridge?
A: Because it cost an arm and a leg.

Show me the skeleton of a genie—
And I’ll show you a wishbone.
Q: Who did the fire-eater date?
A: An old flame.

Q: What do you get when you cross Little Red Riding Hood with a bird?
A: Robin Hood.

Q: Why did the fire-eater marry the stick lady?
A: Because they made a perfect match.

Show me a banquet for skeletons—
And I’ll show you spareribs.

Q: What does a fire-eater eat with his soup?
A: Firecrackers.

Show me Dracula’s safety deposit box—
And I’ll show you a blood bank.
Ringmaster: I hear the fire-eater’s sick. What’s wrong?
Clown: She has heartburn.

Q: What do dragons do on their birthdays?
A: Light the candles and the cake and the presents . . .

Circus Manager: Have you ever been a sword-swallow before?
Job Applicant: No, but I’m willing to take a stab at it.

Q: What dragon disappeared into thin air?
A: “Poof, the Magic Dragon.”

Q: Why is it so difficult to get a job as a sword-swallower?
A: Because of the cutthroat competition.
Q: How do dragons swim?  
A: They do the heatstroke.

**Show me** a pencil that itches—  
**And I’ll show you** scratch paper.

Q: Why was the knife thrower angry?  
A: The sword-swalloweate ate his act.

**Show me** King Kong’s unicycle—  
**And I’ll show you** a big wheel.
Q: How do dentists fix dragons’ teeth?
A: With a fire drill.

Q: What do dragons eat with their soup?
A: Firecrackers.

Q: What do sword-swallowers eat for lunch?
A: Cold cuts.

Show me a boxing banana—
And I’ll show you fruit punch.
Q: Why are boring speeches like dragons?
A: Because boring speeches drag on and on and on . . .

Show me a herd of cows that plays the trombone—
And I’ll show you longhorn cattle.

Q: What do you get when a dragon jumps into the ocean?
A: A heat wave.

Q: What does the glass-swallow eat when she’s on a diet?
A: Lightbulbs.

Q: What happens to a knight when a dragon breathes on him?
A: He ig-knights.
Q: What does the glass-swallow eat when he craves seafood?
A: Fishbowls.

Q: Where do knights buy armor?
A: At a hard-wear store.

Q: What happened when the glass-swallow ate the window?
A: She got a pane in her stomach.

Show me a store owned by primates—And I’ll show you monkey business.

Q: Who are the two most well-respected people in the circus?
A: The tall man, whom everyone looks up to, and the sword-swallow, who’s a cut above the rest.

Q: When do dragons stop eating?
A: Mid-knight.
Q: What do you call a pig who does death-defying feats?
A: A dare-deviled ham.

Q: What do you call a baby knight?
A: A knight crawler.

Q: Why are people more interested in seeing a two-headed man than a one-headed man?
A: Because two heads are better than one.
Q: What dragon ran around with Robin Hood?
A: Fire Tuck.

Q: What do you get when you cross a knight with a clown?
A: A court jouster.

Q: Who is in charge of a marionette circus?
A: The stringmaster.
Q: What kind of knight sings when the wind is blowing hard?
A: A knight-in-gale.

Q: Why is the tightrope nervous?
A: Because it’s high strung.

Q: Why were the Billy Goats Gruff able to fool the troll?
A: Because hungry trolls will swallow anything.

Q: Where do acrobats learn to walk the tightrope?
A: At high school.

Q: When do most knights get hurt?
A: At knight-fall.

Q: What do you call the King of Acrobats?
A: Your Highness.
Q: How do knights see in the dark?
A: They use knight lights.

Q: What do you call a spoiled tightrope walker?
A: An acro-brat.

Q: Why don’t acrobats like to get off the trapeze?
A: Because they feel let down.

Q: What did Jack’s beanstalk grow?
A: Climb-a beans.

Q: What has black-and-white stripes and can swing on a trapeze?
A: A chimpan-zebra.

Q: What kind of locks won’t keep people out of your house?
A: Goldilocks.
Q: What do you call trapeze artists who would rather eat than perform?
A: Snack-robats.

Q: How do snack-robats season their food?
A: With somer-salt.

Q: Where did the giant want to cook Jack?
A: In a jackpot.
Q: Why didn’t the three bears eat their porridge?
A: Because they didn’t have any mushroom.

Q: Which circus performers can see in the dark?
A: The acrobats.

Q: What attracts knights in shining armor even more than fair maidens?
A: Magnets.
Q: Why did the Baby Bear’s chair break when Goldilocks sat on it?
A: Because it couldn’t bear her weight.

Q: Why is the contortionist well liked?
A: Because she’ll bend over backward for you.

Q: What did the first little pig say when the Big Bad Wolf blew down his house?
A: “That’s the last straw!”

Q: Why did the tightrope walker take a duck with him?
A: So he could get down.

Q: Why did the Big Bad Wolf try to blow down the little pig’s house?
A: Because he didn’t have enough dynamite to blow it up.