
The Tale of
Rip Van
Winkle
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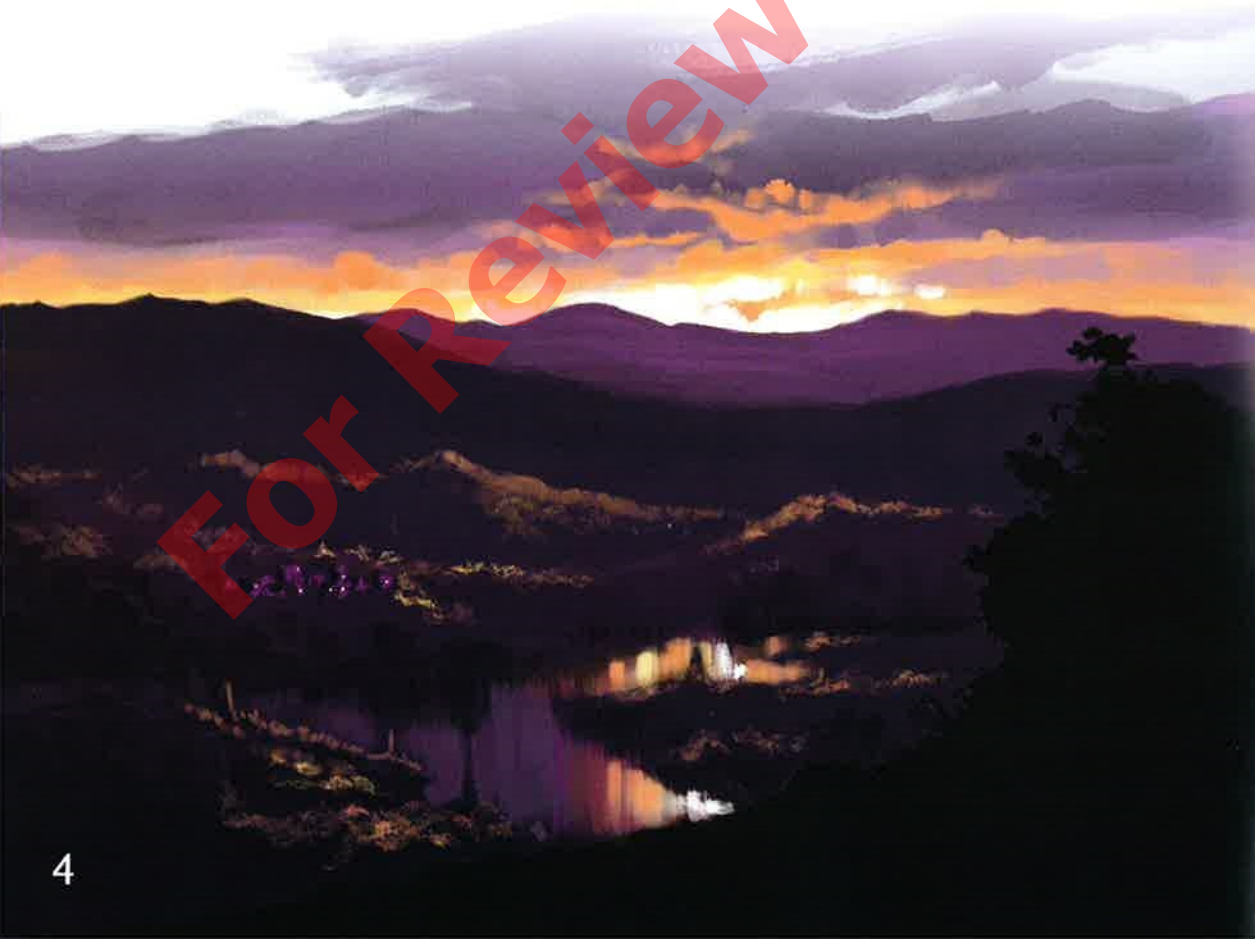


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The Catskill Mountains are beautiful. People say they change color at different times of the day. During the day, they are green. At night, they look blue and purple. Some people say they are magical. There is a town at the bottom of the mountains where many people live.



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A long time ago, this town was only a small village. Rip Van Winkle lived in this village, and everyone liked him. He often came to the center of the village with his dog, Wolf. He sat with his friends Nicolas Vedder and Brom Dutcher. Rip told them wonderful stories. Other people and children often stopped to listen.



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Rip Van Winkle lived in a small house in this village. He lived with his wife, his son, his daughter, and Wolf. Rip would help people in the village, but he didn't like to work at home. His wife yelled at him about this all day. "Do this! Do that!" she would say.



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One day, Rip's wife said, "Do this, Rip! Do that, Rip!"

Rip Van Winkle had had enough. He said, "I'm going for a walk. Come on, Wolf."

They left the house and went for a walk in the Catskill Mountains.

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Rip climbed high into the mountains. He looked at the river and the village below. *Boom! Boom!* He heard thunder, but there wasn't a storm. Rip said, "Wolf, we must go. It's getting dark."

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When Rip started to go, he heard someone call his name. "Rip Van Winkle! Rip Van Winkle!"

Rip saw a man with something heavy on his back. He did not know the man. "Rip Van Winkle," the man said, "please help me." Rip went to help him. He helped the man carry his heavy bags through the trees.

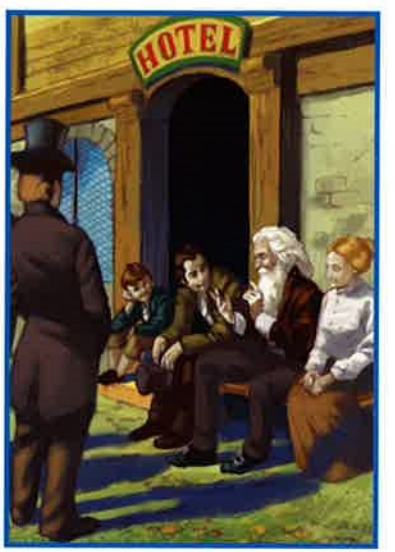


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What happened in this story?





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Make Inferences

How did Rip feel at the beginning of the story?
How did he feel at the end?