

The Blue Cave

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Once there was a cave deep inside a rocky crag. It was a blue cave and it lived quietly within itself.

By and by a green gnome with a red hat found the cave and made it his home. Gnomes are busy little creatures and he couldn't sit still for very long. He gathered his carving tools and began to hammer: tap! tap! tap! Soon a beautiful crystal appeared, with glistening sides and pointy top. Then he carved another one, and another, until the cave was full of shining crystals.

Soon he took out his painting brush and painted them purple, violet and amethyst.

Then he took out his carving tools again, and tap! tap! tap! he carved a window. Now he could see the green trees and hills and yellow sun. He was delighted with what he had done.

One day a lady gnome with a yellow dress and blue cap came walking by. She stuck her head in the window and said, "Will you marry me?"

And he did marry her, and they lived happily ever after in that cave.