

## The Grumpy Fisherman of Polperro

Long ago, before the days of television and iPads, there lived a fisherman called Jago. He lived all by himself in a ramshackle, old cottage in Polperro. After years of living alone, Jago was sad, lonely and grumpy. In fact, he was nicknamed The Grumpy Fisherman of Polperro.

Every day, Jago went to work on his fishing boat The Cornish Rose. Even though he was the best fisherman in Polperro and paid the highest wages, he always worked alone. Nobody else would work with Jago because he was so bad-tempered all the time.

The problem was that Jago was getting older so needed some help on his boat. How would he ever get the help he needed if nobody liked him?

One day while out at sea, Jago was pulling in the nets and feeling sorry for himself. To his surprise there was only one fish in the nets that day. Unusually, it was a huge salmon with glistening eyes. It appeared that the fish was looking straight into Jago's soul. Suddenly, a strange thing happened.

"You know if you were less grumpy, someone might help you," said the salmon.

Jago nearly jumped out of his skin. Although he'd caught thousands of fish in his life, he'd never once heard one speak. Perhaps he was dreaming.

"You heard me Jago," continued the salmon. "You're so grumpy that nobody wants to work with you. Change your ways and you won't be lonely anymore."

Later that afternoon on his way home, Jago thought about what the fish had said. From that day on, he changed his ways. He greeted everyone with a smile. Before long, everyone wanted to work with Jago and he became known as the happiest fisherman in Polperro.