



Sammy and the Mountain King

Once upon a time there was a Lapp and his wife and a son named Sammy. They lived up in the north, near by the lake Teno, a place called Ailigas. Ailigas is a place of bright stars, high hills, very white snow and colorful northern lights. Sammy's family lived in the tent made of reindeer's skin.

Sammy was named after some visitors who stayed in the tent and called him Sammy a Lapp.

Parents were going to baptize Sammy in the summer, but the journey was always cancelled and eventually did not happen.



One day Sammy's mother told her son a story about a mountain called Rastegaise. According to the story there lived a very scary king of the mountain called Hisi. Sammy was interested in Rastegaise and he wanted to see the Hisi himself. But mother and father didn't give him a permission to go there.

One night Sammy woke up and left to Rastegaise without a permission with his little reindeer. He thought:

- I won't go too close to Rastegaise, I'll just ride for a while.



It was very dark at the mountains. There were only bright stars and colorful northern lights. Sammy rode very fast in the dark. Soon he noticed that there were a herd of wolves following him. Sammy wasn't scared because he was counting on his little reindeer's speed. When he looked at the wolves, he didn't notice a little bump. The sledge ran into the bump and fell down. Sammy dropped from the sledge to the snow and the reindeer kept on going without Sammy. Sammy was lying in the snow.



The wolves caught the little boy lying in the snow up. As soon as Sammy came to his senses he noticed the wolves coming closer and closer. They were really scary with sharp teeth and flashing eyes. Sammy stood up very quickly and looked around searching for his little reindeer. After he hadn't seen his reindeer anywhere he turned back and ran towards the forest. He was running and running not looking back. When he got tired, he stopped next to a big tree. The wolves chased him. The little boy didn't have more strength to run away so he hid behind the tree.



However, the wolves noticed him. Sammy was very frightened and didn't know what to do. Suddenly the most fearful wolf said to him:

- Hello. Where are you going? Have you got lost?
- Hello. I am going to Rastegaise because I want to meet Hisi, the king of the mountain but I have lost my way.
- Don't worry I'll help you. I'll show you the way to Rastegaise. Follow me.



The wolf walked with Sammy to the foot of the mountain. On the way there Sammy found his little reindeer waiting for him at the skirts of the forest. He was very happy to meet his reindeer again. When they reached the mountain the little boy gasped in amazement. The mountain was very high. It was covered with thick, white snow and he could hear the voice of Hisi, the scary king of the mountain.

Sammy thanked the wolf for his help and he was glad to get a new friend. The wolf left Sammy at the foot of the mountain and went home. Sammy stayed alone but he didn't want to turn back.



Sammy was thinking about how to go to the top of the mountain. While he was thinking he heard a sound coming from the mountain. It sounded like a monster who was willing to eat him. There was something growling and he heard the sound of a rumbling stomach. He got very scared. But then he heard a voice:

- Don't be afraid, I won't do any harm.... At least, if you want to go on a mission. If you do it well, you can go to the top of the mountain and you will meet the king. If you don't do well, I will lock you down. And if I get hungry.....



Sammy looked around and he was frightened. But he saw nobody and he didn't understand where the sound came from. He screamed as loud as he could and then suddenly he saw a shade near the tree which was a couple of metres away. Slowly he saw the shade coming to him. Sammy thought:

- Maybe this has something to do with the voice I just heard?

Then the shade stood right in front of him. Sammy looked at him very carefully. It was a little troll, which looked bigger and scarier on a distance. But in real life it wasn't so bad. The little troll asked him:

- Did you hear me talk?
- Haha, in fact I did hear you. I was really scared.

- But, will you go up to the top of the mountain or not?
- Yes, I want very badly to go up to the top of the mountain and meet king Hisi. So, which mission do you want to give me?
- The mission is: you have to find for me three different kinds of herbs, which will make sure I will grow. These herbs are: increase flower, liquorice plant and the living-forever-herb. These things you must find before sunrise.



So Sammy went on his way to find the different kind of herbs. For that he was going into the forest again. First he found the liquorice plant. He picked it and put it in his pocket. After that he had to search for the increase flower. He also found that one. Only one more to go. But after a long time of searching he still couldn't find the living-forever-herb. He looked up in the trees, down on the ground and even in the water. But he couldn't find it. Sammy began to worry, because if he didn't find the living-forever-herb he would be locked down. And he was afraid of what was going to happen to him then. The little troll came out of his house and walked up to Sammy, and said:

- The sun is already rising, you only have one more minute to find all the herbs.
- I already found two of them, but I can't find the last one.
- That's too bad. Your time is up, so I have to lock you down.
- Noooooooo!!!

And so Sammy sat there, all alone in the cabin of the little troll, thinking of what would happen to him now.

The troll decided after much thought that he would not eat Sammy because he was very slim.

After a few minutes spent reflecting, the troll thought of fattening the child up.



The next morning, Sammy's parents realised that his son was not at home. They began to look for Sammy but he was nowhere to be seen. After several minutes of searching through the house, they decided to go out to look for him. Suddenly, they heard a sound behind a shrub and a wolf appeared. The very scared parents asked the wolf if he had seen it. The wolf answered affirmatively showed them the way.

After several hours, Sammy's parents and the wolf found the house of the troll. Then they entered the house and saw the very angry troll. The parents, a bit scared, began to speak to the troll. After some minutes of conversation, they asked the troll to release their son.

The troll declined. Having listened to the response, the parents of the child did not surrender and decided to rescue his son.

Sammy's parents went to search for the wolf and found the reindeer on their way. They told the reindeer their plan to rescue Sammy. Then, they all went to look for the wolf.

After studying the plan well they decided to rescue Sammy.

As part of the plan, the wolf began to distract the troll telling him where he could find the plant of life he needed.

Once the troll was distracted, the child's parents went very quietly through the window to his rescue. They quickly ran away with their very happy and cheerful child.

After the incredible race by the reindeer , they were many kilometres away from the house of the troll.

But they suddenly heard a sound and a snake appeared in their way. The snake began to speak with an evil laugh and said it was another test.



*Danish part:*

"Ssss." said the snake. "You have to find a cave in the wood. In the cave, there is a golden sword. Find it and bring it to me!"

Sammy and the wolf started to look for the cave. It was very difficult and Sammy looked so many places without any luck. He searched day and night for a whole week. At the point of almost giving up and being very angry, Sammy suddenly fell down in a whole. The feeling of flying was amazing, but ended with a big bump as he landed on something.

"Ouch", Sammy screamed as he landed on something invisible. It felt like something round and hard. Could it be some kind of a power shield protecting the sword? he wondered. Sammy thought about how he could break the shield, when a man dressed in a jacket made of cards, stood in front of him.



"There is only one way to get the golden sword!" the man whispered. "How" asked Sammy.

“Rock, Paper, scissors”, the man laughed. “If I win, I will kill you for trying to steal the sword, and if you win you can get the sword!”

“Rock, paper, scissors” they said at the same time, and the game had begun.

“Yes!” Sammy yelled. Sammy had won the game!

After 5 minutes of anger, the man had to let Sammy get the sword. Although it was a very heavy sword, it felt like it was lifting him all the way to the top of the cave. When hitting the top he could see the bottom closing under him.

“Look, what I found”, he said to the wolf which had been waiting and wondering where Sammy had been. The wolf stood staring, but nodded and gave him a friendly push, telling him that he was very happy to see him again.

“Now, we have the golden sword, but how do we know which way to go?” Sammy said as he patted the wolf.

Then they decided to just go one way. And they were lucky, because they actually found the way back. But the snake wasn't there!

“What are we going to do now?” the wolf asked with a confused voice!

“SEE....” Sammy said, and was very happy. “There is track of the snake, lets follow it!”

*Cyprus part:*

Sammy followed the track of the snake and found the snake asleep.

“Wake up, snake, I found the golden sword”, said Sammy.

The snake woke up and took the golden sword.

“Well done, Sammy. Now I will go back into my natural form”, said the snake.



Once he held the sword, the snake was transformed into a king. He was the Mountain King and the troll who was a magician, transformed him into a snake. The Mountain King was very happy that Sammy found the golden sword and invited him to his castle.

“I’m so grateful to you and your family, Sammy. I will have a big party for you and your parents”, said the King.

The Mountain King had a daughter and once the boy went to the castle he fell in love with the princess and the princess fell in love with Sammy. The young couple decided to get married. The Mountain King was very happy for their decision because he truly wanted Sammy to become his son.

There was a big wedding in which everybody was invited, the wolf, Sammy’s parents and all the people around the castle, even the troll was invited. The troll then realized his mistake and asked for forgiveness.



"I was just experimenting with some magic", he said and everybody laughed.

"For your punishment, I will keep you in my castle forever", said the King.

As a result the troll was taken in the castle to live there. He became the castle magician. He ever since lives in the castle and he experiments with different herbs in order to discover the living-forever-herb. By the way, he is no longer short, after taking Sammy's increase flower plant and liquorice plant he became tall and beautiful. He sometimes jokes with Sammy telling him that he is planning to eat him one day.

