



# FAIRY TALES

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CHILDREN IN A EUROPE OF  
2020



## PROLOGUE

This book has been developed as one of the main products of the Erasmus + project "Children in a Europe of 2020". We have developed 6 stories along the project which lasted two years, 3 stories per year. The stories have been written by the children involved in the Project. We chose a traditional fairy tale from every country, and we used just the first chapter of it. Afterwards, every country continued the story and wrote its own chapter, so in the end we have an original story made by the children involved in the project. Every country has started a story, has developed several ones and has finished one.

This is a book made in cooperation by children from Finland, Hungary, Cyprus, Holland, Denmark and Spain. It was written by the kids involved in the project, but some of the pictures were drawn by younger children or children with special needs, with the main purpose of involving them in the project.

It has been a very good way of developing the linguistic competence since early ages. Children have understood the importance of their own culture and they have learnt to respect the others. They have cooperated to other partners and they have learnt a lot above them.

The stories have been written in English since it's the universal language, so they have understood the importance of it as second language. They have worked with multi-literacy as part of the teaching and learning process and of course they have improved the ICT skills.

We have used our own stories to do lots of activities in mixed groups of children from every country. We have played performances of our own stories, we have developed a performance with puppets made by the kids, and we also have two digital books. These digital books are also available in the website [www.europeanchildren2020.com](http://www.europeanchildren2020.com) and everyone can hear a recording of all the chapters and have a look on the original pictures. It was really important because all members of the schools communities participated in the recordings, so it had a great impact.

We consider it has been a really good way of promoting the linguistic diversity and intercultural awareness and we hope to help other schools' communities with this idea.



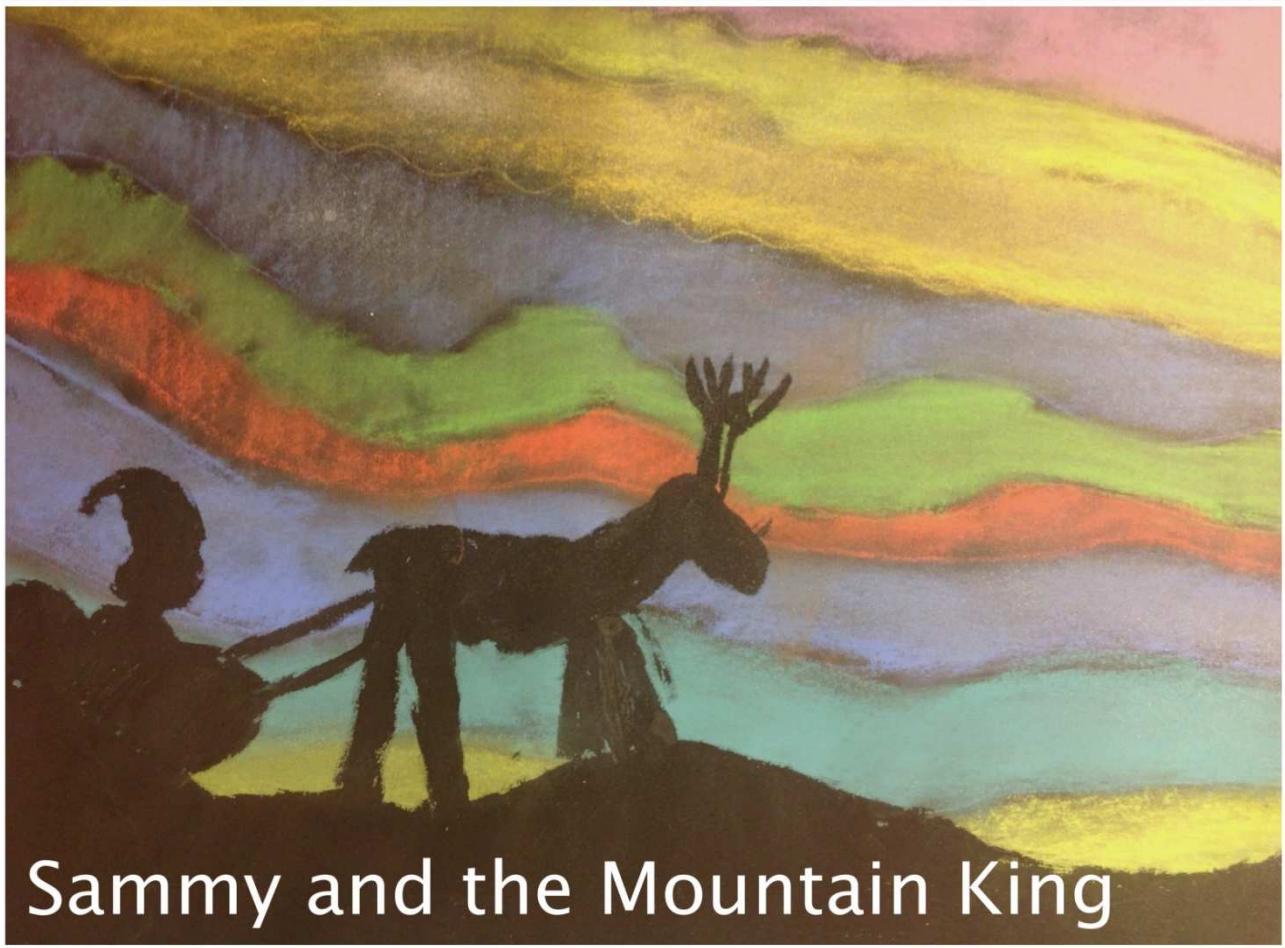
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# **SAMMY AND THE MOUNTAIN KING**

THIS IS AN ORIGINAL STORY FROM  
FINLAND



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.





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# JAKE AND THE DIAMOND DRAGON

THIS IS AN ORIGINAL STORY FROM  
DENMARK

# Jake and the diamond dragon

## Chapter 1:

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jake. His family was very poor. He lived with his mother, father, his eight brothers and a little sister. He was the youngest of the boys. Their house was old and almost falling apart, but the mother and father did everything they could to feed the children and make them happy.

The whole family worked in a diamond-mine owned by a cruel dragon called Sneaky. The dragon never slept, it could hear the wool growing on the sheep, it could catch a scent better than any other animal, but its eyes were week, and therefore the dragon forced the family to go digging for diamonds in the mine every single day. There was no possibility for the family to escape the cruel dragon.

Every night when the parents and the little sister went to bed after an exhausting day in the diamond mine, the nine brothers stayed awake trying to come up with a plan to kill the dragon or to escape from its cruelty. They have tried to make a weapon sharp enough to break the dragon's skin, but nothing could cut through his diamond armoured skin. The eight oldest brothers had tried to get near to Sneaky to spot if it had a weak point in its skin, but every time their smell and sounds gave them away, and the dragon had scared them off with his burning breath and a roar that shook the mountain.

Jake knew that they had to try something new, and they had to do it fast, because every day, it became more and more difficult to find diamonds in the mine and the family had to go deeper and deeper into the mine, trying to avoid the dragons rage when they didn't deliver enough diamonds.

One day when the family went deep, deep down into the mountain searching for diamonds, Jake suddenly saw something that lit up the rough rock wall. Something shinning in red and yellow like fire. It was ...

# Jake and the diamond dragon

## Chapter two

What could it be? Could it be a large shining diamond or a chunk of gold that would help them escape and buy a new house? Could it be a fire ball or a shiny magic sword that would help them become free?

They slowly approached and saw a yellow-red magic hood! Suddenly they all remembered that they had an ancestor who buried the magic hood there before he died. He had shared this secret with his children and they in turn shared it with their own.

This hood was magic because when you wore it you became invisible! The family took the hood home with them. They were contemplating how this magic hood could save them from the dragon.



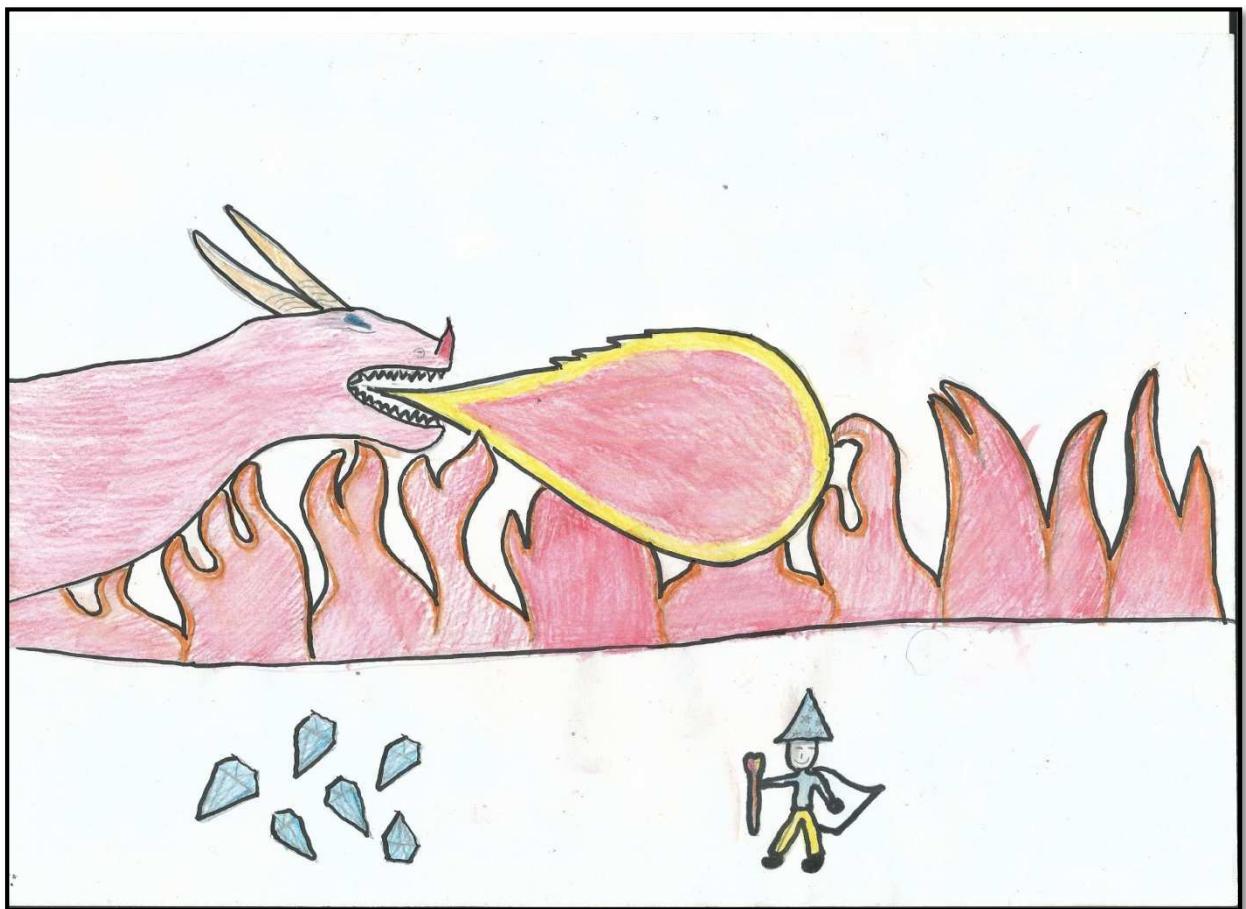
Early next morning, they set off for the mine and they took the hood with them. Jake decided to wear the hood and follow the dragon to his castle when the work day was over. He was going to take his father's sword with him.

As soon as they finished their work, they all returned home. Jake wore his magic hood and took the opposite direction towards the dragon's castle. He entered and approached the dragon who was reading a strange note at that moment! The dragon couldn't see or hear Jake but he could smell him. He blew fire from his mouth and Jake ran fearfully to escape. Invisible as he was, he snatched the note from the dragon's hands and ran home.



He entered the house and called his brothers and sister to help him study the note. It was a magic map! It was a map of the mine and Jake's house. You could see the dragon and the family in the map. It was a love map that showed all of the family's moves but also the dragon's moves!

They had to come up with a plan to escape. The magic hood and the magic map would help them. They thought long and hard and finally their little sister had a great idea. She thought...



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Cyprus

# Jake and the diamond dragon

## Chapter three

Hey, now I know! The dragon can't see or even hear us now when we have the hood. We are able to see all the dragon's movements so we could easily find out its weakest spot and do it in with our father's sword. One of us will distract the dragon while another of us does it in.

They took the sword, the map and the hood and headed for the mine. Jake was chosen to kill the dragon but he felt sorry for the beast. When the time came Jake only wounded the dragon's chest with the sword. The dragon fell and Jake escaped from the cave. After that the dragon magically disappeared-



Jake spoke to his family and said: "Now we own the mine and can look for treasures for ourselves!" Everyone agreed that now they could buy a new house if they just found something valuable in the mines. And then they all headed for the mine.

After several hours the end result was that they had found five pieces of gold and four diamonds. Then they heard a distant sound...

# Jake and the diamond dragon

## Chapter four

They tried to find out where the sound was coming from. Jake's little sister was very scared and she started crying.

'It must be the dragon – she said.

The whole family was shocked when they saw the dragon flying towards them. They were running in utter confusion. But the dragon grabbed Jake with its claws and took him into the castle.



Jake was closed into the prison for long days. He was desperate and didn't know how to escape from the prison.

One day the door of his prison cell opened and Jake could see a beautiful princess who helped him to get out of his cell. The princess had long fair hair, gorgeous blue eyes, a snub nose and a friendly smile.

'Are you kept in prison by the dragon, too?' asked Jake.

'Certainly not' answered the princess.

'Why do you live in the dragon's castle then?' Jake badgered the beauty with his questions.

'The dragon, Sneaky, is my father. A witch has cursed him and he has been living as a dragon since then. Only a brave man can break this curse if he can stand the trial.' said the princess.



Jake was surprised but he promised her to help. The princess took him to her father. Jake shook with fear when the dragon turned towards him. Finally he dared to ask the dragon.

'Why did you want us to work in your mine so hard?' asked Jake.

'Because at the bottom of the mine there is something that I need to break the curse with.' answered the dragon.

'What is it?'

'It's a magic sword which can be touched by only a pure-hearted man.' confessed the dragon.

'What do you need the sword for?' asked Jake.

The dragon did not reply at once.....

Made by Hungary

# Jake and the diamond dragon

## Chapter five

Finally the dragon told that Jake has to chop with his sword in a big rock to abolish the curse. The rock lays on the bottom of the fast flowing river. To get to the river you have to go through the magic forest, full of danger. Beware of the carnivorous plants! Besides carnivorous plants, there are also hidden holes where you can fall in. These holes are covered with twigs and sand. So you can't see them.

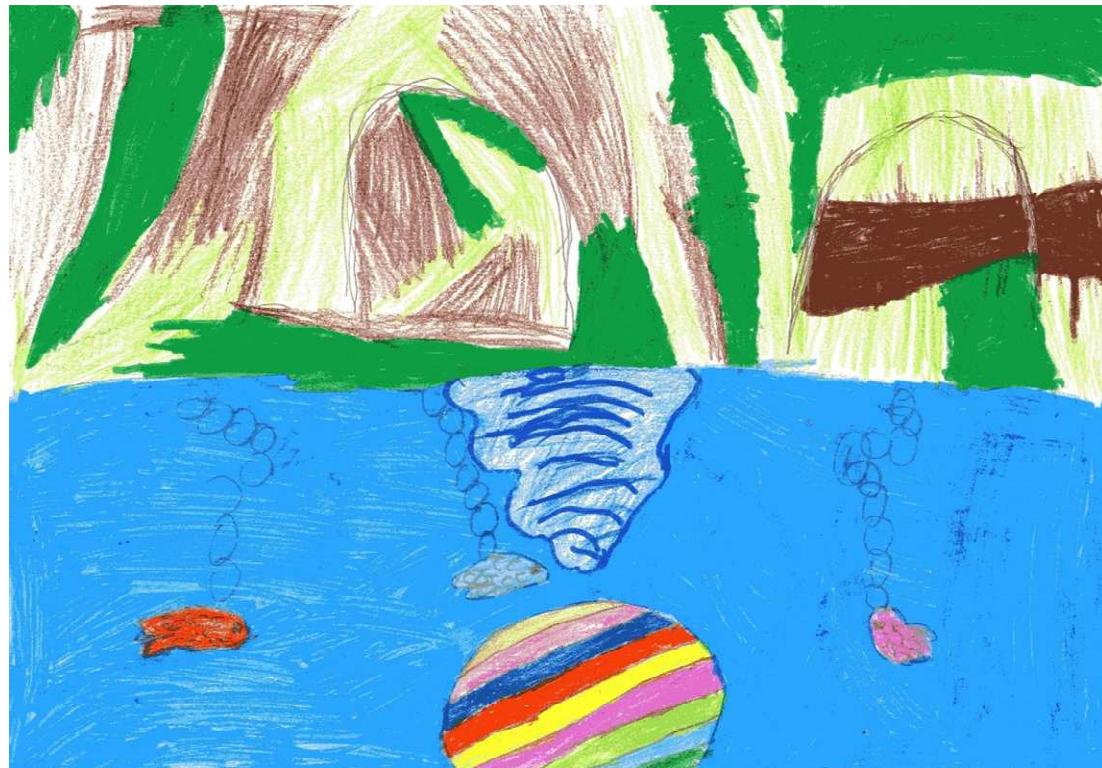
Then the princess said: 'I will come with you. I think you can use some help'.

'That's way too dangerous', said Jake.

'I still want to help you', was the answer of the princess.

Jake thought this was a dangerous adventure. So many things could happen on his way. Fortunately he would have some help from the princess.

The dragon continued his story: 'The big rock on the bottom of the river has a lot of colours. The colours of the rainbow. But be careful in the river! It's very dangerous because of the whirlpools. When you are going to swim, these whirlpools will drag you into the depth. You won't survive!'



When you have finally found the big rock, you have to chop the rock in ten pieces. For each child of your family one piece.

Your family has to complete the big rock again with all those ten pieces together. Be securely, because all the colours have to be in the right place. If you have completed the puzzle, there will be a beautiful rainbow.

If you can do this all: The curse will be abolished and I will be a man again. Good luck!'

A little worried went Jake and the princess to the river. It was a risky journey through the forest. Luckily the carnivorous plants were asleep and they didn't fall into the hidden holes.

They were relieved when they came to the river.

'Where would the big rock be?' Jake asked. The princess answered: 'There! I think next to the whirlpool.'

They dived into the water, searching for the big rock. About five metres underwater they saw the big rock, with the beautiful colours of the rainbow.



Jake took his sword and chopped the rock in ten pieces.

'Now we have to bring all the pieces to the waterfront.' Jake said. And so they did.

When they were finished, they hurried to get home. Home to all Jake's brothers and sisters. Because they all had to come with them, to solve the puzzle of the big rock.

However..... They were so excited and they didn't watch out, so they fell in one of the hidden holes the dragon had warn them of.

'Ouch!' they yelled at the same time.

This is how they ended up in the deep hole. The only thing they could do, was to wait for help to come. So they yelled and shouted as loud as they could.

After two hours of yelling they saw a shadow among the trees. The shadow looked like some kind of witch on a broomstick.



Why was she here.....?

Made by Holland

## CHAPTER 6

As soon as the princess, called Helen, saw her, she screamed: "It's her, the wick witch who cursed my father!" Then, she told the whole family the story.

The witch was who cursed the dragon. Before the curse, the dragon was a powerful and kind prince of the diamond mines; the witch was in love with him but he didn't love her. His father, the king, wanted him to marry her but he was secretly in love with a beautiful princess. The wedding day he didn't appear, he ran away with her to the mines. They were living in the mines for a few years and they had a beautiful baby, princess Helen. Their life was almost perfect until one day the witch found them. She took the princess to a high tower in the Dark Forest, far away from the Diamond-mine Kingdom. She also cursed the prince to live as a dragon with her daughter. The dragon went back to the castle and found that the king turned into a troll. The dragon tried to talk to the troll but he couldn't control his burning breath and burnt the troll. Soon after, he realised that the troll he had killed was his father. From that day on he became evil and made people work hard to find the way to break the curse.

The witch was about to lock them up in the hole forever, when suddenly the Diamond Dragon appeared.



"Release them!"-shouted the dragon. But the witch refused to do it-"I won't never release them unless you give me all your wealth". The dragon finally agreed and helped them to get out, riding on him.

"Let's go to the Dark Forest!;there we will put all the pieces together." Jake said.



In the middle of the forest they found a tower and someone asking for help. They got closer and realized that she was the dragon's wife . They rescued her. Princess Helen ran towards her mother and they hugged each other.

Once the family was together again, the dragon with his breath burnt the Dark Forest to start a new beautiful kingdom to live. After that, they began to put the pieces of the rock together. When the puzzle was done, a very big rainbow appeared. The dragon went under the rainbow and he turned into a man again.

Jake, after his adventure, fell in love with princess Helen. They got married and they had two sons. They lived all together happily ever after in a castle they built in the new forest .

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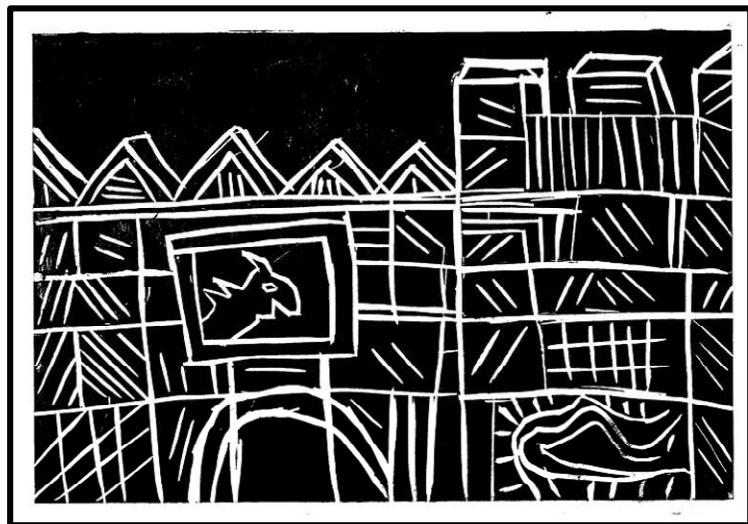


**SPANOS**  
**AND**  
**THE**  
**FORTY**  
**DRAGONS**

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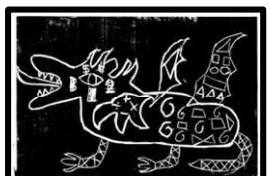
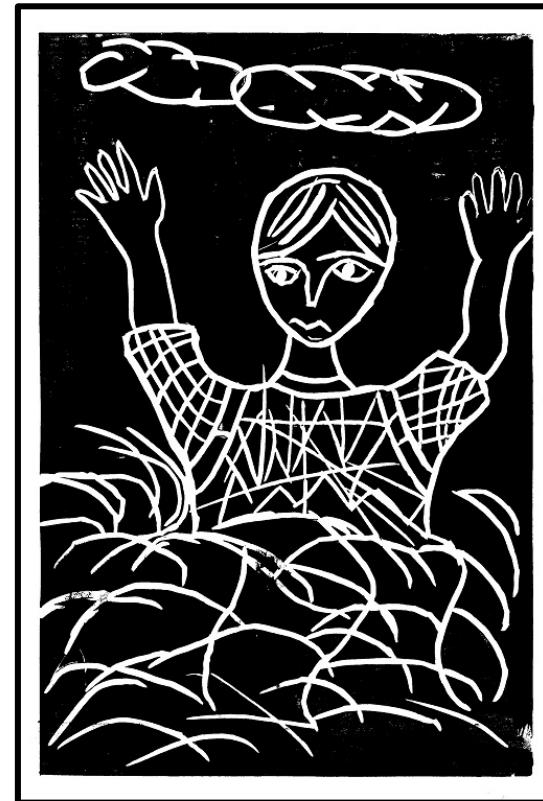
**“Spanos village”**



**“Dragons tower”**

**AGIOS ANTONIOS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**“Spanos and the forty dragons”**



**School Year 2015-2016  
Grade 6**

Once upon a time there was a man who could grow neither a moustache nor a beard, and his name was Spanos, meaning the Beardless One. Spanos however used to boast that there was no-one braver than him in the whole wide world. One day, as he was bragging as usual, his fellow villagers said to him:

"If you go and defeat the forty dragons who've cut off the water coming to our village, we'll finally believe that you're as brave as you say you are."

"Of course I'll go!" Spanos replied. "Me? Afraid of dragons?"

So he grabbed hold of some ashes and a half-dry piece of soft white cheese, and headed off in the direction of the dragons' lair. On the way there, he came across the leader of the dragons and greeted him as one does a king. The dragon however returned the greeting with:

"Wherever you try and hide, I'll eat you!"

To which Spanos replied:

"Let's make a deal. I'll challenge you with two bets, and if you manage them, then go ahead and eat me. Otherwise, you don't lay even a finger on me."

"Okay", said the dragon. "Tell me the bets".

"Can you sit on the ground", Spanos said, "and as you're sitting, give out a puff of smoke?"

"Let me try", the dragon responded, and he sat down with all his strength, so hard that his rump sank down deep into the earth, but no smoke came out. "Ok", he said to Spanos. "Let's see you try".

So Spanos sat down, and he was all but engulfed in a thick cloud of smoke. Of course, he'd put the ashes in his breeches, and as he went to sit down, he shook them a bit and then sat down forcefully, resulting in the ashes filling the air around him. The dragon however believed that Spanos had actually managed to produce smoke by sitting down, and said: "Ah, you're a strong one! Give me the other bet and we'll see."

"So", Spanos retorted. "Can you pick a stone from the ground, squeeze it, and wring out its juices?"

"Let's see", replied the dragon. So he picks up a stone, squeezes and squeezes and squeezes it until it crumples to dust in his fist, but no water has anywhere to be seen.

"You try", the dragon says to Spanos.



"On the way there, he came across the leader of the dragons"

And Spanos grabs the half-dry piece of soft white cheese he brought with him, and with only one squeeze its juices began flowing through his fingers.

"See the water?" he asks the dragon. "Take a good look!"

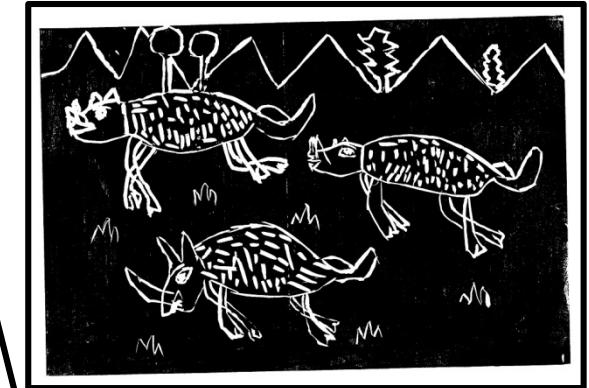
"I admit", conceded the dragon, "that you are stronger than me. You have to come with me and live with me and my brothers, the other dragons, because you are even stronger than their leader".

With that, both headed off towards the tower in which the forty dragons lived. Upon entering, the dragon leader called the other thirty-nine and told them that Spanos was stronger than either himself or any other dragon, and that he'd brought him to live with them.

On hearing this, the other dragons were taken over by fear, and not even a single day went by without them wondering what would happen if Spanos were ever to get angry and kill them all with one fell swoop. They were afraid, and they dared not to speak to him.

One day however they thought of making him do some work, to test his strength and bravery as it were, and they asked him, if he so wished, to go into the woods and kill a boar and bring it back so that they all could feast on its meat. Their thinking of course, was that if Spanos wasn't truly strong and brave, the boar would kill him on the spot.

On hearing their wish, Spanos got the shivers, but what could he do; He headed off towards the forest. Walking in the woods, he sees a pack of wild boars coming straight at him.



"Walking in the woods, he sees a pack of wild boars"

## Part from Finland

Spanos was met by a herd of wild boars. He climbed a tree as fast as he could. But before he did so, he left the pieces of moldy cheese he had in his pocket under the tree. Only the leader of the herd stopped to sniff the pieces of cheese, Spanos jumped on his back. But one dragon flew high in the air and had followed Spanos in order to see how he managed. Spanos rode the wild boar straight into a rock after which boar lost consciousness.





From a bush Spanos had found a dragon's tooth. Now he took it out and drove it straight into the boar's heart.

All along the dragon sat unnoticed in a tree. He wondered how Spanos managed to kill the boar. Spanos looked up and discovered the dragon. "Look, I sure know how to kill a wild boar!," he boasted proudly.

The dragon had called his whole flock along. They had noticed Spanos killed the wild boar with a dragon's tooth, not by his great strength. So, they surrounded him menacingly.



Spanos was so scared that suddenly his beard started growing out of his fear. The dragons thought Spanos had a beard because he had been so brave and wise so they shouldered him. Although Spanos guessed the dragons were going to lock him in the tower.

By the time they got to the tower Spanos was so frightened that his beard had already been two metres long. The dragons put him down and started exulting and celebrating. Spanos didn't understand anything.

"Why are you so happy?" he asked them. "What are you celebrating?" "You" they answered " because you were so brave even you have got a long beard."

"Really?" Spanos wondered then he walked tall.

"We have got only one question. Why couldn't you kill the wild boar only with your strength? Why did you use a dragon's tooth?"

Spanos was thinking over the right answer for a while then he said:

"Because I belong to you. This tooth is the symbol of our strength."

The dragons liked his reply so much that they decided to crown him to be their king.

During the crowning ceremony the oldest dragon asked the others:

"Who is opposed Spanos to be our king?"

"Me" shouted the dragon leader 'I suppose he must manage one last bet. If he can do it we can crown him.'

The other thirty-nine dragons accepted his suggestion and tried to find out what Spanos had to do to be their king. Finally they made their decision.

"You must take the Sun and the Moon captive by the end of the day."

"Okay, said Spanos, however, he didn't know how to do it, "I'll catch them." said full of confidence.

He was sure this needed careful consideration. He had to get a long rope. Finally he found out how to make it. He cut his beard and twisted a long rope. He was so skillful that he took the sun and the Moon captive and fastened them to a big tree.



The dragon king was very angry but he couldn't do anything.  
He had to accept Spanos to be the following king. Spanos  
didn't have a beard again, however, he was really  
glad to manage the new bet.



Part from Holland.

Meanwhile, in the village, the villagers wonder what could have happened to Spanos.

They've heard nothing from him, so they assume he didn't defeat the 40 dragons yet!

And they still can't reach the water supply. They are very thirsty, but still they have to search for water.

The villagers really would like to know why the dragons will not let them get to the water supply.

Besides, they don't understand why it is so dark and they can't see the sun and the moon anymore....

The villagers decide to meet in the village social center.

The mayor opens the meeting. He says: "Dear villagers, we really have to find a solution for our water-problem. We will soon starve from thirst. And there is no word yet from Spanos. Who's got any ideas? What are we supposed to do now?"



Everyone is looking at each other...well, what can we do?

Everyone is silent...

But then, all of a sudden, two children rise from their chairs.

They are twins: a girl called Sammie and a boy called Evert.

Their father took them with him to the meeting.

"We were playing in the woods yesterday" Sammie says. "And then we thought about the dragons. Could be that they are hungry.....and we could bring them some food."

And Evert says: "And then maybe they will talk to us and become our friends!"

Everyone starts talking to each other: Become friends with the dragons? Instead of defeating them? And what kind of food do dragons like? "Meat! Meat!" some villagers shout.

So the villagers decide to prepare sausages, hotdogs and juicy steaks.

But who's got the courage to bring the food to the dragons? "We can go, we are brave and can do this!" the twins shout. But of course their father will go with them.

So the three of them leave for the dragon tower the next morning, with all the meat they can carry.



But arriving in the woods around the tower they suddenly hear someone shout: "Help me, help me!" And they spot a little dragon that has fallen into the a lake and apparently can't swim!

Quickly Sammie and Evert throw him a rope and shout: "Grab the rope little dragon, we'll pull you out!" When the little dragon is out of the water, they hear from him that Spanos is King of the Dragons now.



The little dragon shows them the way to the dragon tower. Arriving there, the little dragon calls out for his dragon-dad and dragon-mum.

He tells them that he is saved by these villagers, that they carry lots of nice juicy meat and that they'd like to talk to the dragons.

When Spanos hears the commotion he quickly steps outside. The twins and their father explain that they would like to talk to the dragons to try and find a solution for the water problem.

When the dragons see all the meat they brought with them, they agree to talk to the twins and their father. And the dragons explain that they've cut off the water supply, because this way a lake developed in their woods and they really love

to look into the water and see their own reflection .The twins have an quick word with each other.

"Oh, but we can solve this problem!" they say, relieved. "We can give you mirrors to see your own reflection, won't we dad?" "Of course, no problem" their father replies. "And you dragons can restore the streaming of the water to our village!" And all the dragons, Spanos, the twins and their father shout for joy.



And so this was done, but....the problem with the moon and the sun wasn't solved yet. And what about Spanos, will he still be King of the dragons?

## Part from Spain

The twins, their father, people from the village and the dragons are very worried about the moon and the sun. All together they go to look for Spanos to release them. It is very difficult because of the lack of light, so they use the dragons' fire to help them.

Eventually they find Spanos, but he is very angry because the dragons, and the villagers are friends now. He says 'you have betrayed me, so he runs away and hides the moon and the sun far away

They spend 7 days and 7 nights looking for them, but Spanos has hidden them in a cave on the top of the highest mountain in the country. A green big strong ugly ogre takes care of them because Spanos gives him his favourite food: baby dragon's teeth.

Spanos says 'take care of the moon and sun and I will give you your food every day' and the ogre says ' baby dragon's teeth, Mmmm delicious'

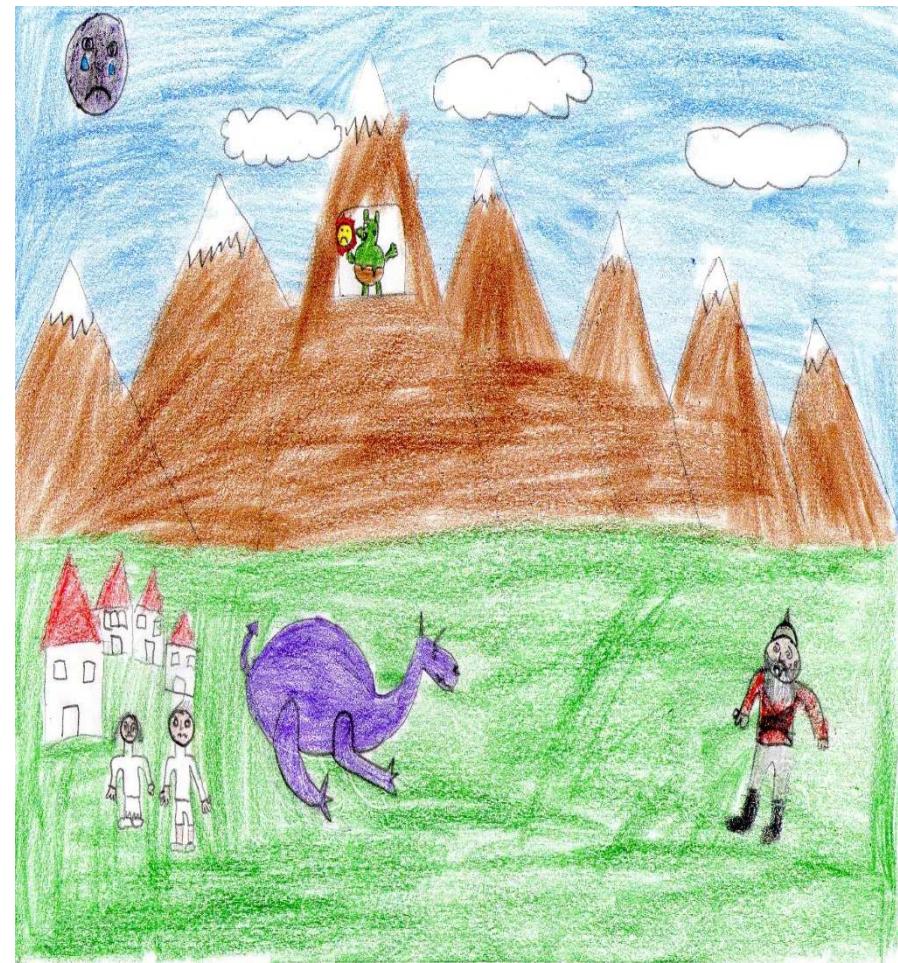


Spanos captures the only baby dragon in the country and he gives the ogre a tooth every day. A baby dragon has only 50 teeth, so after 50 days, the baby dragon loses all their teeth and he is adult. Now the ogre is very angry with Spanos and he releases only the moon.



By then Spanos, the villagers and the dragons are very weak because they need the light of the sun. Then Spanos also need the Sun, so he goes to look for the people and the dragons, then he says 'we have a big problem, I am very sorry but we have to release the sun' 'The strongest ogre in the country has the sun in the cave which is on the top the mountain' 'he is very angry because he needs baby dragon's teeth and there are no baby dragons' ' the ogre says that if he hasn't some teeth in three days he will put out the sun for ever'

They have a big problem, they need the sun, they don't have baby dragon's teeth and the ogre is the strongest in the world. Will Spanos, the villagers and the dragons united to solve the problem? What will happen if they don't release the sun?



*Part from Denmark*

The lack of sunlight quickly made both dragons, villagers and Spanos very weak. They had to come up with a good plan how to beat the ogre and release the sun.



The forest and all the plants in the fields and all the flowers were dead. There was water now, but without the sun, nothing could live.



Suddenly the little dragon, which the twins had saved from drowning, said: "What if we made a fake baby-dragon-tooth with poison in it? Then the ogre will die when he eats it."

"What a great idea!" Spanos shouted out, "but how do we get some poison?"

There was silent for a while, then the old dragonleader said: "What if we contacted our old friends, the snakes?"

"And what if we ask the stars and the moon too light up the sky to find the snakes?" another dragon suggested.

Then Spanos said: "I could find the snakes. It's my fault that this happened. Hopefully I can get some poison from the snakes."

All the dragons and villagers thought that it was a good idea.

Then the twins and their dad said: "We could made the fake tooth while you get the poison."

Spanos went to the snakes. The moon and the stars lit up the way to the cave where the snakes lived.

When he went into the cave, suddenly a big snake came out and crawled around his neck. The snake hissed to Spanos: "What are you doing here?" Spanos said: "I come with greetings from the dragons. We desperately need your help. A big ogre has hidden the sun in his cave and we need some poison to kill him." "What is in it for us?" said the big snake. "What do you want in return of the poison?" Spanos asked. "I want some big fat rats." "It's a deal!" Spanos said."

Then Spanos took a little bottle and all the snakes came out and delivered the poison.



Then Spanos picked up the bottle went home to the dragons and the villagers.

Meanwhile the twins and there dad had made the fake dragon-tooth out of clay. When Spanos arrived he poured the poison into the fake tooth.

In the darkness he tiptoed to the ogre's cave and placed the tooth outside the cave.

When the ogre woke up he immediately saw the tooth and swallowed it whole. In a second he was dead.



Spanos ran to the cave and released the sun. It went to the sky and shined all over the earth.

As soon as the sun went to the sky all the villagers and dragons shouted with joy. They celebrated for seven days and nights. There was water and food for everyone. All the flowers and trees went back to live and everybody was happy.

From that day on villagers and dragons lived side by side in peace and harmony. When the twins grew up they became leaders for both man and dragons and they all lived happily ever after.





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# THE GIANTS' FASHION FACTORY

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## The Giants' Fashion Factory

Once upon a time there was a tiny town, Hocydesphufi near a beautiful magic forest. In this town many smart and hardworking people lived, who considered the nature is very important for their children's future. They worked a lot, loved each other and helped everybody who needed. They always cared about their forest and river to keep them clean.

In Hocydesphufi there was a big, modern primary school, where funny, cheerful, clever and diligent students studied. They always did their homework, and they competed who did the most for the environment. They had a huge playground on a lawn in the forest where they often spent their freetime after school and they played together with the animals who were really good friends with them. On this playground there were some spouts, swings, jungle gyms, a football pitch, a basketball ground, a ping-pong table and a climbing wall too. The children loved playing there, the forest was always full of their laughter.



Near this tiny, beautiful town bad and selfish giants lived in a dark, scary cave. They were crazy about fashion. They madly loved trendy clothes, especially the king's

teenage daughter, the little princess, Luella. Oh, what am I saying? She wasn't little at all! She was huge. She had brown hair, blue eyes and in her wardrobe there were many fashionable clothes.



On a beautiful sunny day Joseph, Bob and Jessica were walking through the path to the playground singing, because they wanted to meet their friends Lia and Ralph. They suddenly saw Luella talking to her father. She had a hissy fit, because she wanted a new party outfit, but she couldn't find any in her size. The leaves were thrilling with fear in the trees, she was yelling so loudly:

'I waaant a new dress right nooow! I waaant the trendiest little black dress from Milan in my size NOW!' She was stamping and her tears were as big as a pond.

'You know my dear, you are the apple of your daddy's eyes. I will do anything for you. I order my sevants to build a fashion clothes factory here. They will destroy this forest and on its place they'll build my own factory where the best designers will work on your dress. Just calm down, dear.' the king soothed his furious daughter. He was the greatest of all the giants, he had messy light hair and beard.



Hearing these words, poor Joseph, Bob and Jessica hid behind a big tree. They were very frightened. What could they do now?

'Destroy the forest and the playground!' said the giant king.

'Yes, Your Majesty. We will start it tomorrow morning.'

It was the last the children heard. They ran back to their friends and told them everything then cried and cried.

'Ok, enough of the tears now. We must find out something to save the forest and our playground. We still have time until tomorrow morning.' said the smartest, bravest girl, Lia.

'I am sure, the people and the animals will help us.' continued Ralph.

So finally the children decided to send a delegation - Lia, Jessica, Ralph and Bob - to the giants to beg them not to destroy their beloved forest and playground. After they had been arguing long hours, the giants offered a deal because they had no doubt the children can't pass their tests.

'We promise you if you pass the seven tests, we will let you keep the forest and your playground as well.' roared the giant king. 'But if you fail, you will sew my daughter's dress for her 16th birthday party in my factory.'

The children agreed but they were suspicious, so they made a contract with the giants.

The first test was to collect those 500 plastic bottles that the giants dropped everywhere in the forest and recycle them to produce eyelashes for Luella. The people, children and the poor animals searched for the bottles all over the forest. The wise owl counted the bottles. They found 499 but the last one was nowhere and they had only one hour left. It started getting dark and the parents were waiting for the children for dinner. They were afraid they would get punishment for being late. As they couldn't find the last bottle, the wise owl knew the giant king cheated and hid it in his pocket. He flew to him and found the bottle there. As the king was sleeping like a log after dinner, the wise owl took it from his pocket easily and flew desperately to the factory where the people were waiting for him to have enough plastic to produce the eyelashes for Luella on time. In the very last moment they handed the false eyelashes to the king. They passed the first test.



## The second test

The next day they received the second test. The giants already waited for Joseph, Lia, Jessica, Ralph and Bob at the playground. The giant king said: "We have a wonderful new job for you. You guys love recycling so much? Well, you can create new shoes for Luella. Shoes with a pointed front. But.... you have to use leftover leather. And it has to fit properly! Not too big and not too small! And the shoes have to be ready tomorrow! "

Laughing out loud the giants left: they thought it would be impossible for the kids to pass this test.

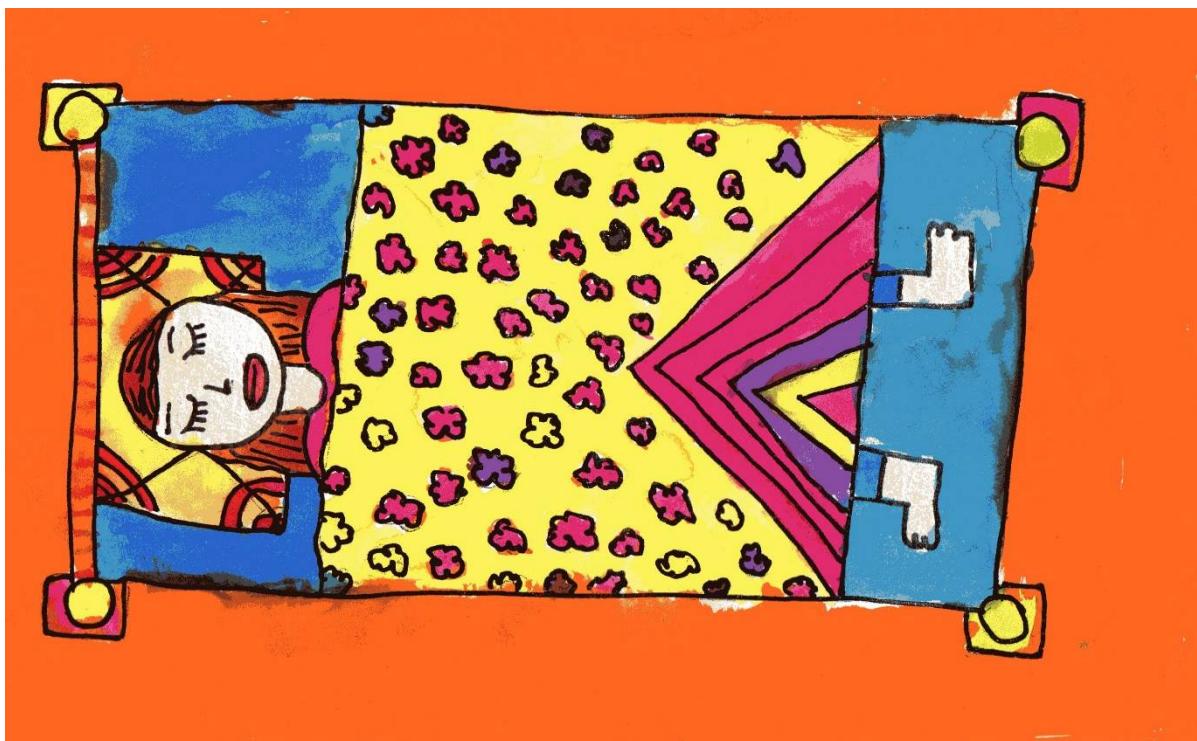
What a disaster. Where could the children find big pieces of leftover leather? And an even bigger problem was, how to measure Luella's feet. There was only one way .... They needed to go Luella's room and when she was sound asleep at night, if they were very quiet, they could measure her feet!

So late at night the children went to the giant cave. Until it was pitch-dark, they stayed hidden behind a tree near the back entrance of the cave. Then they walked to the entrance, but they saw there they could not enter the cave. A lazy, stupid, fat dragon was blocking their way with his big belly. What to do now?

Joseph and Lia had a good idea. They gave the dragon one of their delicious sandwiches with chocolate spread. Dragons like chocolate very much, and it makes them fall asleep. So that's what this dragon did. After a few moments he slept like a baby-dragon.



Now the kids could climb all over him and slide off its tail, inside the cave. They were walking in the cave. Where was Luella's room? Then Joseph saw a name tag: "Luella". They entered the room quietly. Who snored there so loudly? Luella! Her feet were not covered with the blanket.



They didn't smell so good, but Bob dared to climb on the bed. But Luella suddenly turned around in her sleep and Bob fell in a corner on the floor. Jessica tried, and fortunately she managed to measure one foot. That was enough!

Meanwhile Bob looked at the floor in the corner. He had fallen on something soft: an old bag. An old leather bag. The bag was very dirty. He looked inside. There were smelly sneakers, cookie crumbs and old pieces of gum in the bag. "I have everything we need to make a pair of shoes!", he whispered.

Then they noticed Luella moving. She was awake! The children ran fast back to the back entrance. They carried the huge bag above their heads. The fat stupid lazy dragon was still sleeping happy. They were just passing him, when they heard Luella scream; " I saw a mouse! A mouse! A lot of mice!!! They have my beautiful bag! " The giant queen soothed her, " I told you, all that stuff in your room, that attracts mice! But we buy it new, Luella! And much, much nicer than your old stuff! You are, after all, dad's dearest princess! "

Soon the children were back in the village. Quickly they went to the shoemaker who wanted to help them, for making good shoes is not easy! They cleaned the leather and washed the sneakers. And fortunately, the next day they were dry enough to

start making the shoes.

They used the sole of the sneaker and put some beautiful heels of twisted tree roots beneath. For the top of the shoe they used the leather pieces of the bag. The shoes were tightly sewn. It was wonderful! But very large ...

They had to hurry, because the shoes had to be finished before midnight. Brown is not a good color for giant party shoes, so they painted the shoes in bright colors. And then the shoes were beautifully decorated with gemstones, ribbons, bows and beautiful feathers, brought by the birds of the woods.

Quarter to twelve ... they had to hurry to the giant king! They had to go by horse and carriage, the shoes were too heavy to carry. The children quickly drove to the playground, where they should meet the king. Just in time they arrived. Luella waited for them, standing next to the king.

Luella saw the beautiful shoes in the carriage, and clapped in her hands. "I've never seen such a beautiful pair of shoes!"



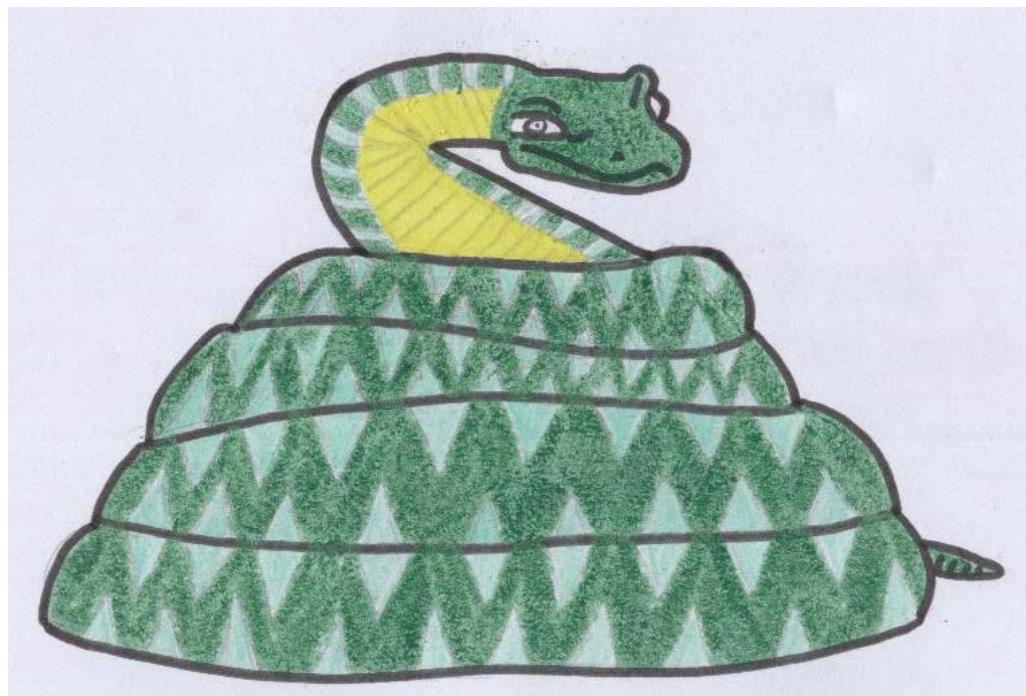
The king, who had planned to tell the children that they didn't pass the test, now had to say that the shoes were approved. They passed the test! They went home, to sleep the rest of the night. The next day they had to be fit and rested for the next test!

### The third test

Princess Luella wants a new belt for her new birthday dress. She wants a super fashionable belt and she thinks that a snakeskin belt is a fabulous choice. She also thinks that she needs a very big snake because her waist is really large.

The dressmaker told Luella that there is not such a big snake in the world to make that belt. He said, "The biggest snake in the world is the Enunectes murinos, also known as anaconda, it's very large, it can eat even a horse, but it's only 8 meters long, and your waist, your majesty, is 9 meters long."

Luella replied, "It doesn't matter. I can breed and feed a baby snake and it'll reach nine meters. I'll feed the baby snake the animals in the forest. There are many animals in the forest."



The king called the kids and told them that the third test was to bring a baby anaconda snake from the Amazon rainforest to make a belt for his daughter. "And you only have two days, guys." He said. The king thought that it was impossible to bring an animal from the other side of the world in just two days.



The children went to talk to the wise owl and they told him everything. They hopelessly asked, "How can we get a baby anaconda snake from the Amazon rainforest in two days?"

"It's possible. It really is", said the wise owl, "the peregrine falcon is the fastest bird in the world. If it makes an effort, it can bring the baby anaconda here in two days". However, we can't bring the snake here. If we take an anaconda into our forest, we can create a natural disaster because it'll eat a lot of animals as frogs, mice, fares, foxes or deer. And that's not all, the poor anaconda will be killed to become a belt. It's horrible! Would you like to be a belt, kids?" asked the wise owl.

"No we don't." Replied the scared children.

Antonio, the old watchmaker of Hocydesphufi was listening to the group while sitting on a bench in the playground. "I can help you, kids". "I can make such a robot in the shape of a snake that the giants won't realize. I just need some materials as cork and a piece of wire to make the body, and something to make the head. I can use some mechanisms from old watches that I have. It'll be the best fake ever", He said.

The children were excited. "We can get corks from empty bottle caps, and a piece of wire from an old fridge in the recycling center," Lia said. "What can we use to make the head of the snake?" She asked.

Everyone was thinking about it when Ralph yelled, "I can't think with that noise!"

"What noise?" Bob asked

"The sheep bells. They're annoying". Answered Ralph. "But I've got it! A sheep bell is a good thing to pretend a head of a snake. Isn't it?" He said

"Yes, it is". The watchmaker replied. "Bring the materials to my repair-shop and I will make the robot snake".

Two days later, Antonio had a fantastic fake anaconda that could move as a real one and with the same skin colours. The children went with that robot snake to the giant king's cave and showed it to the king and Luella. Luella was very happy looking at his new pet moving, but the king was staring at the snake. "I think you cheat." The King said.

The children were very frightened because they thought the king realised the snake was a toy.

The king shouts, "How?" "How could you bring a snake from so far away in two days? It's impossible! You must be cheating!"

"No, we are not." Shouted Jessica. "The peregrine falcon can do it and did us the favour of bringing the baby anaconda. It is the fastest bird in the world." Jessica tricked the bad giant king.

No giant knows why the snake never eat any animal even though Luella takes it for a walk across the forest every day. Anyway, the children passed a new test.

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## The fourth quest

The next day the children went to the playground to hear about their new quest. When they arrived, the giants waited for them and the king said, "For her birthday my dear daughter wants a new necklace made from the giant cave spider's web with Qwerty corals on it, and you have 3 days to make it." The kids gaped it was an impossible quest.

At home the kids discussed with the clever owl, "What is a Qwerty coral and a giant cave spider?" Bob asked. "The Qwerty is a very angry and rare coral which lives deep down the ocean, below 5000 meters," the owl answered. "And about the cave spider, uuuuhhhmm I don't know anything about that, apart from the fact that it lives in giants' caves," the owl said. "That is better than nothing, but it's still a problem," Jessica said, "what if Ralph, Joseph and Bob go for the web, and Lia and I go for the Qwerty?" The others agreed to that.

One hour later the kids were ready for the quest. One mile away there was a very deep ocean. Lia and Jessica wore diving suits and oxygen cylinders, when they jumped into the water.

Meanwhile the boys were walking up to the giants' cave. The boys stepped carefully over the sleeping dragon. Bob turned his flashlight on. The cave was wet and creepy, and there were spiders' webs everywhere. The boys had no idea where to look for the spider.

**Boom boom boom!** Then a yellow, ugly duck with a green beak, red eyes and pink feet showed up and said, "Hello, my name is Mogens Marleyson, but you can call me M&M's, can I help you?" "We are looking for the giant cave spider, can you help us?" "YES! She attacks me every time I try to eat her web." "Can you lead us there?" "Yes of course, follow me."



Back to the girls.

The girls dived deeper and deeper down into the ocean. There were corals everywhere, but none of them seemed to be the Qwerty. Jessica signaled Lia to swim over to her. She had found a deep ledge.

"Shall we dive down there? I think it's the only chance we have to find the Qwerty coral," Lia said.

So the girls dived down into the ledge. Then they saw a glowing thing deep down the ledge, it was only a tiny spot. "Look down there!" Jessica said. "I think it's a Qwerty coral," Lia said. "That was very easy, too easy," Jessica said. They swam down to the coral. It was beautiful. The outer of it was a shiny white, the bottom was red and between the tentacles it was fluorescent green.

"Take it," Jessica said. "Take it easy you idiots, I'm actually a living thing, and I will bite you if you come any closer." "Can corals bite?" Lia asked. "No, not really, but I am dangerous." "You are?" "No, but I am poisonous." "No, you aren't." "How do you know that?"

"Just a hunch, but there's a rotten thing there, can we take that before it spreads?"

"If you want one of my tentacles, you have to answer this question: What is  $2+2$ ?"

"Fou... wait!" Lia said, "it's certainly a trick question." "I think it's fish or five, let's vote." "Fish or five should vote now." Lia and the coral raised their hand and tentacle. "But the answer IS four," Jessica said.

The coral looked crestfallen, if a coral even could look crestfallen.

"Correct answer," the coral said. The rotten tentacle broke off the Qwerty coral. Lia exulted, "Hooray, high five Jessica."

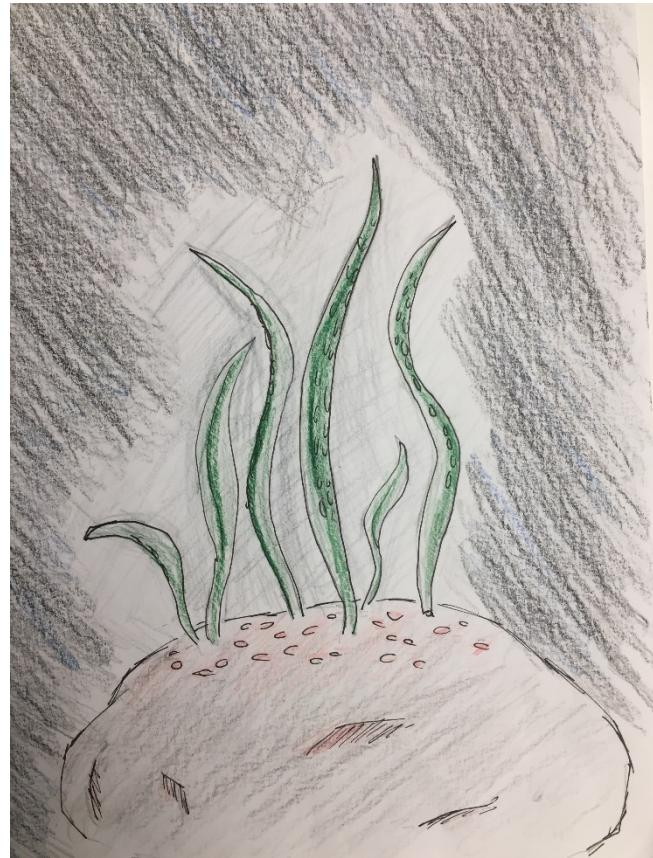
The boys had been following the duck for about an hour, they sent each other worried glances. Finally the duck turned around and pointed at the end of the tunnel. "Down there," he whispered.

"Come on guys, we have to do this and thanks ... M&M," Bob said. "You are welcome. Nobody has come down here

since the giants moved in." "If you want, you can wait for us here and then you can come

with us to Hocydesphuf," Ralph said. "Hocy what?" M&M asked. "The town we live in."

"Thanks buddies, see you later."



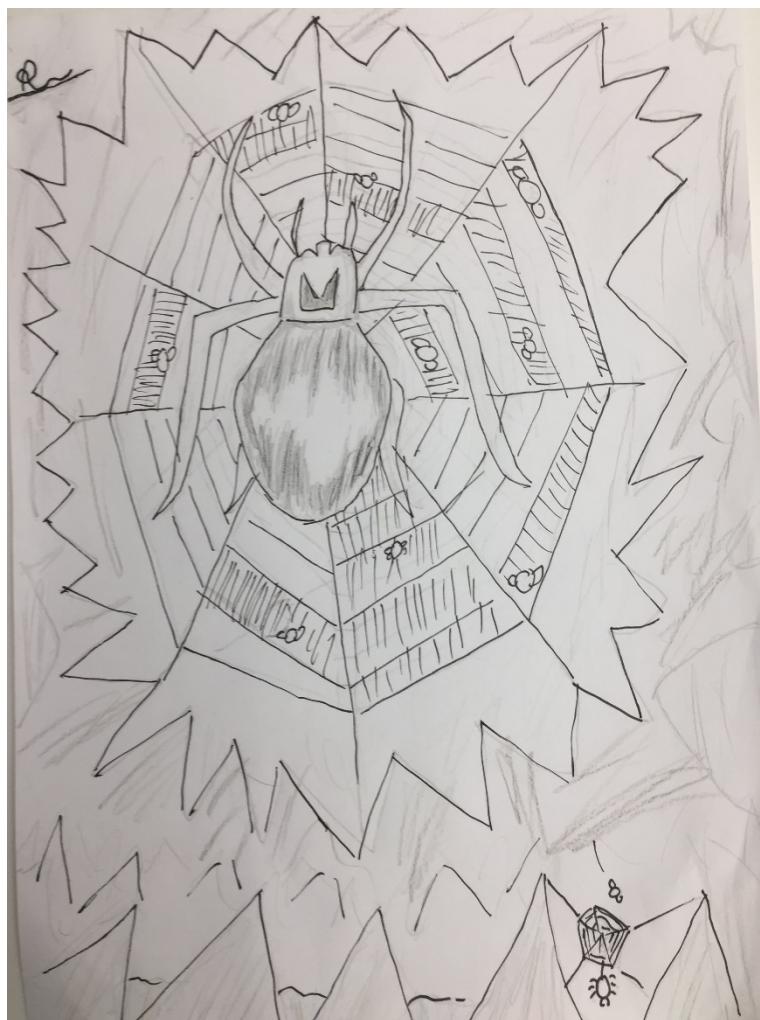
The three boys sneaked down to the giant cave spider's web. They gaped because the web was so big. 30 meters high and 30 meters wide, and in one of the corners a giant spider slept.

"I will do it," Ralph whispered, and he then sneaked the last bit, cut a bit off the web and sneaked back to the boys. Bob got so excited that he shouted, "Well done, Ralph!" and that woke up the cave spider. The three boys started to run away. "Where is the web, Ralph?" Bob inquired. "Oh no, I've lost it." "It's okay, I have it," Joseph said. "That was lucky," Bob and Ralph said. "Hallo my friends, do you want to get out now?" M&M asked. "Yes, we do."

M&M now pulled a lever and they were all catapulted out through an opening in the ceiling. They flew 3 meters out of the cave, and when they met up with the girls, they found out that 2 days had past while they were inside the cave. No wonder they were so very tired. The girls began to make the necklace and after two hours they were done.

At midnight the kids went to the playground and the giants were already there. "What a fine necklace," Luella shouted.

"How did you get the tentacle from the Qwerty?" the king asked angrily. "We were just clever." "Fine you did it, so see you tomorrow for the next quest."



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## Chapter five

So then, the children proudly presented themselves to the mighty King. Confidently and with great ease they requested the next challenge!



The infuriated King started feeling anxious with the children's success and started realizing that he needed to make things a little more difficult. He thought things over and...came up with a really difficult challenge:

- So you think you will succeed, don't you?

Wait and see what I am preparing for you! I want you to make a brooch for my precious, only daughter. Not just a simple brooch but a shiny, sparkling one made of rare diamonds collected from the Black Mountain! You have two days or else....

The children left the King frightened and sat outside of the cave discussing and trying to decide how to reach the Black Mountain and achieve their goal. Just when they started despairing, their friend, the wise owl heard them and flew purposefully towards them aiming to help out.

- If I understand correctly, you need help to reach the Black Mountain?

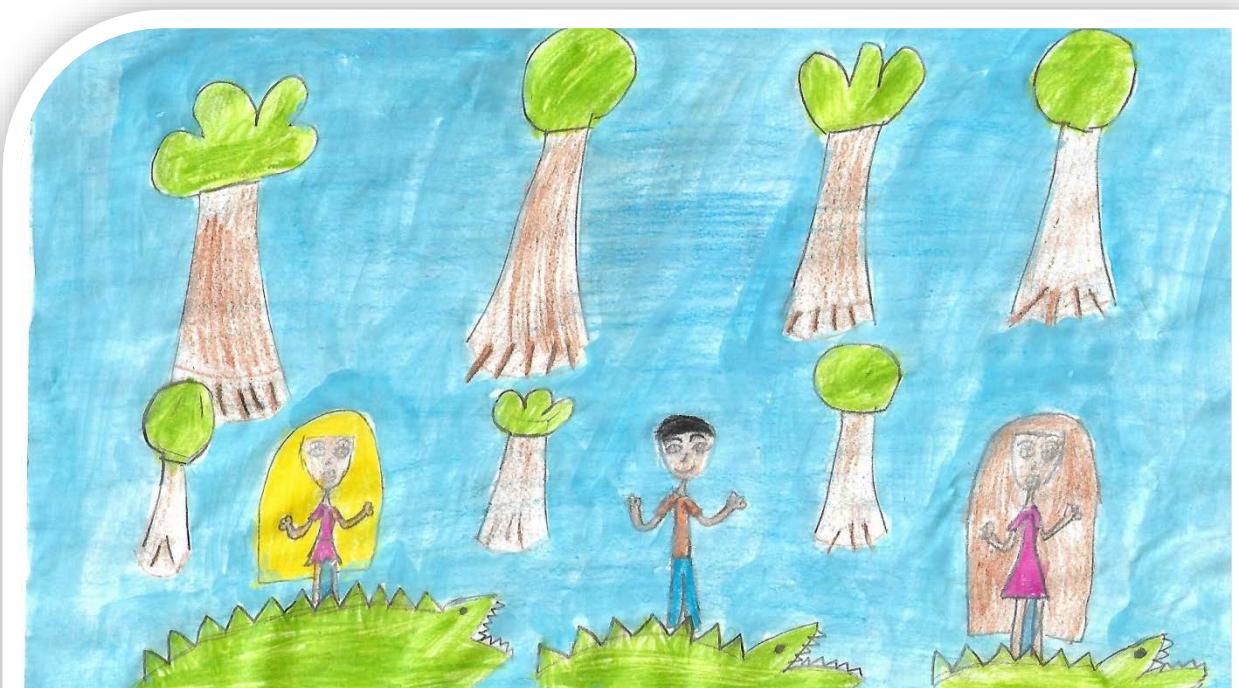
It is not very far away but the problem is that you need to pass by the hungry crocodiles that guard and protect the Black Mountain and its diamonds. You also need to walk through the lava emitted from the volcano in order to reach the precious cave with the diamonds.

You must take a flashlight with you as well as a fairly long piece of rope along with your climbing equipment. "You will need these things" the wise owl said and flew far away.

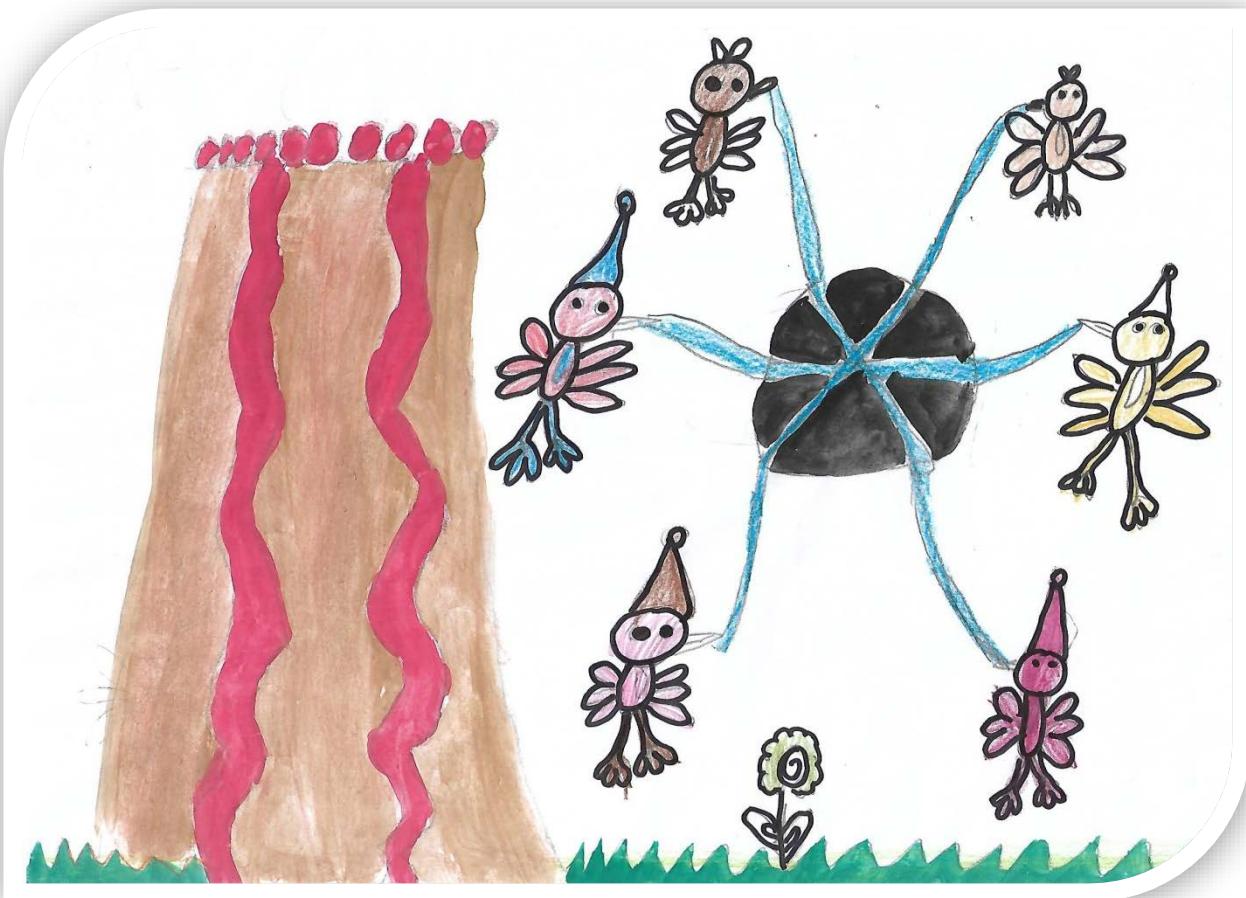
The children did not get discouraged. They knew that they had very good friends, the birds and animals, who would be ready to do anything it takes for their forest. They immediately sent a message with their flashlight to Henry the eagle. He has the power to scan the whole forest with his vision within seconds. At once he appeared to offer his help.

- Henry, we need your help. Could you ask the crocodiles to hold their appetites and let us pass and proceed towards the Black Mountain for the benefit of the forest? We will fetch the best fish from the lake Hocydesphufi as a reward!

Henry instantly and with great pleasure gave way to the children. The crocodiles were so touched by the children's effort to save their forest that not only did they let them pass but they brought their bodies together and formed a bridge with their backs for the children to walk on.



As soon as Lia came across the scorching Black Mountain with the lava trickling from it, she immediately understood the owl's advice. She whistled a signaling tune and she invited the forest birds to appear. By the time the birds appeared and filled the sky with beautifully colored wings, the children had found a huge rock. It was really gigantic!



They tied it with their rope and they managed to make 267 strings out of it, one for each bird who was going to pull it up to the sky. The birds lowered the rock and placed it on the boiling open top of the Black Mountain.

Within seconds the lava stopped oozing out of the mountain and the mountain had already cooled down. The children run and climbed the mountain where they managed to collect the diamonds they needed in order to adorn the brooch for Louella.

In the meantime, Ralph had returned from the village where he went to request the help of Mr. Ben the technician to help them prepare the frame for the brooch. The children managed to prepare the frame in time, however time was running out and their anxiety grew...would they be able to complete the challenge in time?

- We are not going to make it, said Ralph. I am worried. How are my friends going to manage to go through so many difficulties and be back in time?

Just at that moment a voice sounded from far away.

- Raaaalph....is the frame ready? Put some glue on it and we are arriving!

The children arrived to the dark cave hastily, astonishing all the giants with the shine and sparkle of the diamond. The giants were impressed at their persistence and perseverance that brought them to the conclusion of yet another difficult but not impossible challenge!

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### The sixth test:

The giants were kind of skeptical about all the completed tests and they started to be pretty worried about the future of their fashion factory.

- Luella..,the king started.
- What is it dad?
- Have you ever been thinking how the children could pass all of our difficult tests?
- Well...no I haven't.
- I think we should watch their backs during the upcoming test.
- I think you are just being paranoid.
- No I'm not. I just don't trust them.

The giants called the kids to hear about the next test.



- So it's time for the next test, the king started.

- All right, what would Luella like to have?
- Uhm...she has almost everything...
- I WANT NEW TIGHTS FROM LEOPARD'S LEATHER!!!! Luella shouted.
- Okey, if you want so your royalty, Joseph said a bit unsurely.
- Fine. Bring me the tights tomorrow at the same time here.

The children nodded, and left the cave immediately. The king waited for a moment and started:

-Fast, Luella, bring me the binoculars from your room! We can't let the go far!

-Okey, dad...?

The children were just going to ask for advice from the owl because they had no idea where to get some leopard's leather.

- Where can we get leopard's leather? Tell it to us oh big smart owl. The children said.
- There is a flea market in the corner of this town, the owl said. I think you should go and search there. It's pretty hard to get a leopard's leather and I know you don't want to kill any of your animal friends.
- I knew it! The king shouted. He was watching what the children did. They cheated. The king send guards to bring the owl to him.
- Now they have to survive only with their own brain and team work! I'm quite sure they can't do it! The king laughed.



After a long hour of searching, the kids started to be pretty frustrated, because they hadn't found any peace on leather.

-Phew...I think this is quite impossible. Maybe we should find another way to make the giants happy, Lisa figured.

-Yes, that's true, but also a big risk, Jessica answered.

-Well, we have a lot of some cool ingredients here, and with these we could create something awesome for Luella, Joseph envisaged.

Luella had almost everything, except for the dress for her party. The children collected all of the coolest stuff they could find and tried to turn them into a dress. The children worked on the dress for about five hours until it was finally ready.

-Ok guys, We nailed it. this dress is awesome! Ralph said confidently.

-Yes, I'm so proud of us, Bob admired.



The children left to return the dress to the giants. They were scared of the reaction of the giants but the same time really happy about their work.

-Your royalty. We're so sorry, that we couldn't pass the test. It was impossible to find the right materials for the tights, but we did a dress instead. We hope that's okay, the children said.

-HAH! I knew it! You guys are nothing without your smart owl! The king shouted.

-What?!? What are you talking about? The children said in a panic.

-HAHHHAA! I caged the owl, so you couldn't get any help anymore, the king laughed.

- You did what? Did you just cage our friend? He didn't do anything wrong!

-What ever, you didn't pass the test, so it's the time for your punishment. Your friend is going to die!!! The king laughed evilly.

-DADDY WAITE! I love this dress! What if we could just let them go and forget this whole thing?

-No way, We've gotten this far and I can't give up now!

-But dad, You're too evil I want my birthday parties but I just can't be happy if you destroy this all! Luella shouted and started to cry.

- But Luella, all I want is for you to be happy. And if you are not happy this way, let's forget all of this, the king said a tear on his cheek.

Everyone cried for happiness.

-Thank you so much! The people in our town will be so happy! But what about the seventh test? Joseph asked.

-Brufh...Forget it!



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# THE SHOEMAKER OF SEVILLE

THIS IS AN ORIGINAL STORY FROM  
SPAIN

# The Shoemaker of Seville



## CHAPTER 1

Once upon a time, there was a stubborn shoemaker in the famous city of Seville. He lived and worked in the city center opposite the "Tower of Gold".

His neighbour, the tailor, owed him 1€, but the tailor owed a lot of money and he could not pay. There were a lot of people waiting to collect their money every day, the milkman, the butcher, the baker, etc.

Then the tailor and his wife had an idea and he pretended to be dead. Next day, when the baker asked for his money, the tailor's wife started to cry. He's dead!! All people went to offer their condolences to the widow and forgave the tailor's debt, except the stubborn shoemaker.



I want my money, said the shoemaker

So, the milkman gave the shoemaker an idea. "You can spend the night with the body and repair several shoes, so you will save money in candles". After the night you will have your money back.

You are right "said the shoemaker" and he did it.

At midnight the shoemaker took his tools and went to the church to work next to the tailor's

body. After a few minutes, he heard the shoemaker snoring. He had realised that it was a trick and he started an argument with the tailor.

Suddenly they heard some people coming in to the church, the shoemaker hid behind the curtain, and the tailor laid in the coffin.



They heard 5 men talking about a hidden treasure in the church. They had stolen a lot of money from a bank and they were very angry because they couldn't find it. One of the thieves went mad, drew his new sword and shouted "I'm killing you all, but first I'm trying my new sword with the body"

The shoemaker were terrified when he heard his words, but he was worried about his money not for the tailor's life.

## CHAPTER 2

The shoemaker panicked and took the first thing he could find and threw it in the head of the thief who had the sword. He found out that it was one of the shoes he was repairing.



The thief turned the white out of his eyes and fell down on the floor. All the other thieves turned around and looked at him. The shoemaker slowly tried to back out of the church, but the thieves were faster, and they quickly formed a circle around him.

"Shall we kill him?" the most silly looking thief asked.

"No, please don't kill me," the shoemaker said.

"Why shouldn't we kill you"?

"Because maybe we can help each other."

"Can you do something special?"

".....uhhm..... I can read and make shoes, that's all, I guess?"

"The one you knocked out with the shoe is the only one in our gang who can read, so you're in!"

"Thanks, but if we find the treasure we'll share?"

"Okay."

After hours of searching one of the thieves found the treasure deep inside the church.

"Over here guys," he shouted.

The shoemaker ran over to see. It was a big brown chest with a huge lock.

"What now, we don't have the key?" the shoemaker said.

"Let me take care of that," one of the thieves said.

He took a clip from his pocket and started to pick the lock.

After a while he could open the chest and they all looked into it. They all expected to see gold and jewels but instead it was empty. One muscular thief got upset and threw the chest down onto the floor where it crashed with a big bang. The thieves went mad and began to destroy everything in the church, but the shoemaker was smarter. He looked closer at the rest of the chest and found a small note.

"Hey guys, look what I found," the shoemaker said.

But they didn't hear him as they were busy destroying things, and they did that really well.

"Guys!" he shouted again.

Now they heard him.

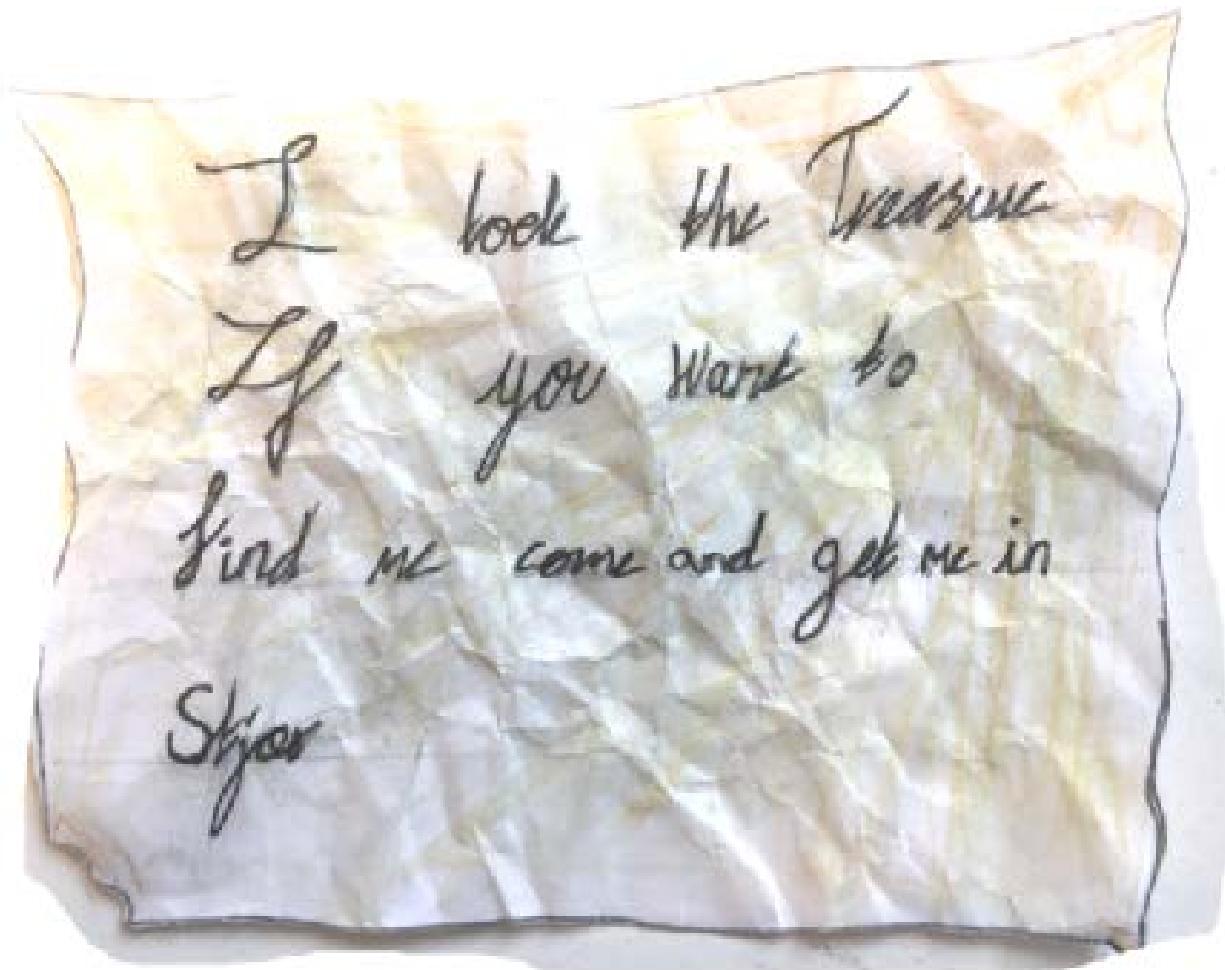
"I found a note in the chest. Come and see!"

All the thieves turned around and looked at him. One of the thieves took the note.

"What does it say?" another thief asked.

"Let me read it," the shoemaker said.

"Okay."



"Where the heck is Stjaer!" "I know where Stjaer is.

"I have a cousin who lives there," the tailor said while standing up in the coffin.

## Chapter 3

The thieves were taken by surprise. They turned towards the tailor and asked him, «Who are you?»

The man replied, «I am the tailor. I have been to the 'Other Side' and now I am back to help you. I will lead you to Stjaer»

The shoemaker said, «We have no time to waste. We must hurry»

They left right away. The tailor led the way, with the shoemaker right behind and the thieves following them. In order to reach the city, they had to go through a huge dark scary forest.



While walking through the forest, they were easily scared by the strange sounds of the forest. They could hear the howls of the wolves, the roars of the lions and tigers, and also hoots of the owls.

They also saw the scary red eyes of a bat! They were really frightened. Suddenly, they noticed a bush moving. But it was only a small cute squirrel. The thieves were afraid, and run away. They were never seen again. So the tailor and shoemaker decided to continue on their own.



As they continued on their journey, a terrible storm began. The lightening lit up the sky and the rain poured down on their faces. They ran to find shelter... but they were unlucky. They found themselves in a swamp, getting swallowed by quicksand. To free themselves, they grabbed hold of a nearby tree branch. They struggled a bit, but they were finally able to free themselves.



They had to hurry because the storm was picking up. They saw a cave deep in the forest carved into the mountains. They entered, relieved that they were able to find shelter. But a surprise was waiting for them. In the darkness, they stared to hear a growl of a bear. And then ...

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## Chapter 4

When they heard the bear's growl they turned around immediately and started running into the direction of the swamp. When they reached the swamp the cobbler and the tailor hid behind a bush and the bear who ran after them and tried to find them stepped right into the swamp. First a splash of water was heard, then it was followed by silence.



The cobbler and the tailor resumed their journey towards the cave, from which the bear had come to attack them. At the entrance of the cave the men hesitated for a moment, but then walked into the cave.

After their eyes had adjusted to the dark they could see pictures painted on the walls of the cave, pictures of hunting and fighting. From deep inside the cave was heard sneaking steps and before long a fox with brown fur appeared in front of them.



To the amazement of the cobbler and the tailor the fox could speak! It spoke:

-'What are you two doing here?'

-'Well, we are looking for a treasure', they answered.

-'I can help you', the fox promised, 'as I know this cave like the back of my paws'.



So the treasure hunters continued their journey. After a while they saw a very bright light, which...

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## Chapter 5

It was getting lighter and lighter as they were going towards it. As soon as they had reached there they realized that the lightning point was a fairy.

- Could you help us to get to Stjaer? – they asked the fairy for help.
- I could but you must find my magic torch because I have lost it in the heart of the forest.
- All right. We will find it. – they promised.

They continued their way through the forest. The forest was very dark. As they were wandering among the trees the tailor crashed into a tree. He didn't notice the beehive on it. The bees became angry and attacked the tailor and the cobbler. They ran away but the bees were chasing them.

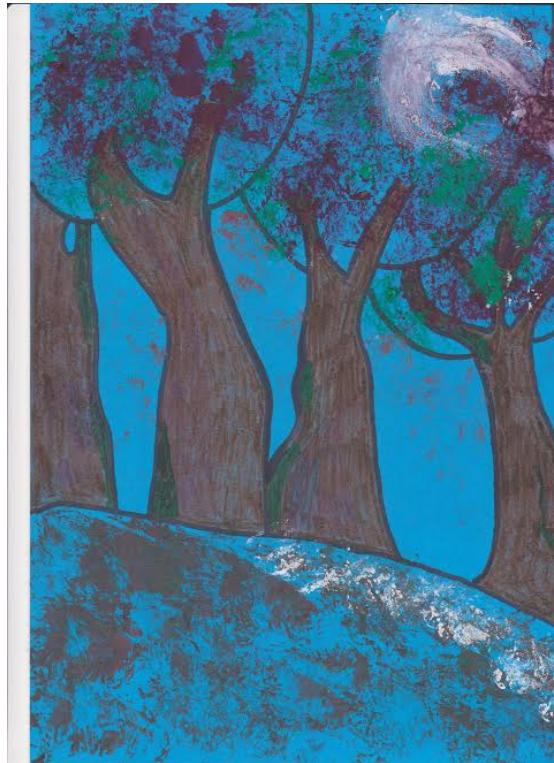


Luckily the fairy helped them again. She changed the bees into butterflies. The tailor and the cobbler were relieved and thanked for the fairy's help. They promised her to get her torch back as soon as possible.

They followed the fox who led them through the dark forest. They met a dwarf in the heart of the forest.

- What are you doing here? – asked the dwarf.
- We are looking for the fairy's magic torch. Have you seen it?
- Yes, I have got the torch but I won't give it to you until you answer my three questions.

The tailor and the cobbler could answer each questions so they got the magic torch back. They continued their way out of the forests to find the fairy and to give her the torch when a big storm broke out again. The tailor and the cobbler were scared but the fairy appeared in a sudden and changed the storm into a rainbow. She got her torch back and showed them the way to Stjaer as she had promised.



The tailor and the cobbler got out of the forest soon they said goodbye to the fox and thanked for his help. Then they continued their way towards the town.

After half-day walk they could see the gate of the town, Stjaer and arrived at the town market where.....

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## Chapter 6

They had to walk half a day before they arrived at the citygate of Stjaer. "Welcome in Stjaer" was written above the gate, so they walked into the city and arrived on the marketplace.

"Look, a bulletin board", said the shoemaker. "That's strange, there's a note like the first one", remarked the tailor. He quickly grabs the note.

The shoemaker reads: Surprise! A riddle: go quickly to AvleuH. If you find this place, you will find what you seek!

They looked at each other flabbergasted. What to do? What means "AvleuH?!".

Then the tailor said: "There's a little shop overthere: "For all your pots, pans, witchcraft and riddles". Lets ask there what our riddle means.

So they went to the shop.



In the shop an old lady was sitting on a chair.

"Welcome, tailor and shoemaker of Sevilla, I have expected you", the old lady said. "You have a riddle. Well, go to the southwest and you find it. Here is a compass."

At the same moment she gave them the compass, the shoemaker and the tailor heard a noise. Just that moment they saw the fairy, who flew away through the window.

The shoemaker looked at the compass and said, "That direction is to the southwest, let's follow that path." They arrived at a lake with lots of trees around it. And there they saw a sign: Huelva 10 miles.



They shouted: "Huelva! That's the solution of the riddle! Let's go!"

They walked the way that was shown by the signpost and arrived at a large gate with "Welcome in Huelva" above it. But... it was closed. What could they do?? And then someone behind them said: "Good! You have found it!".....



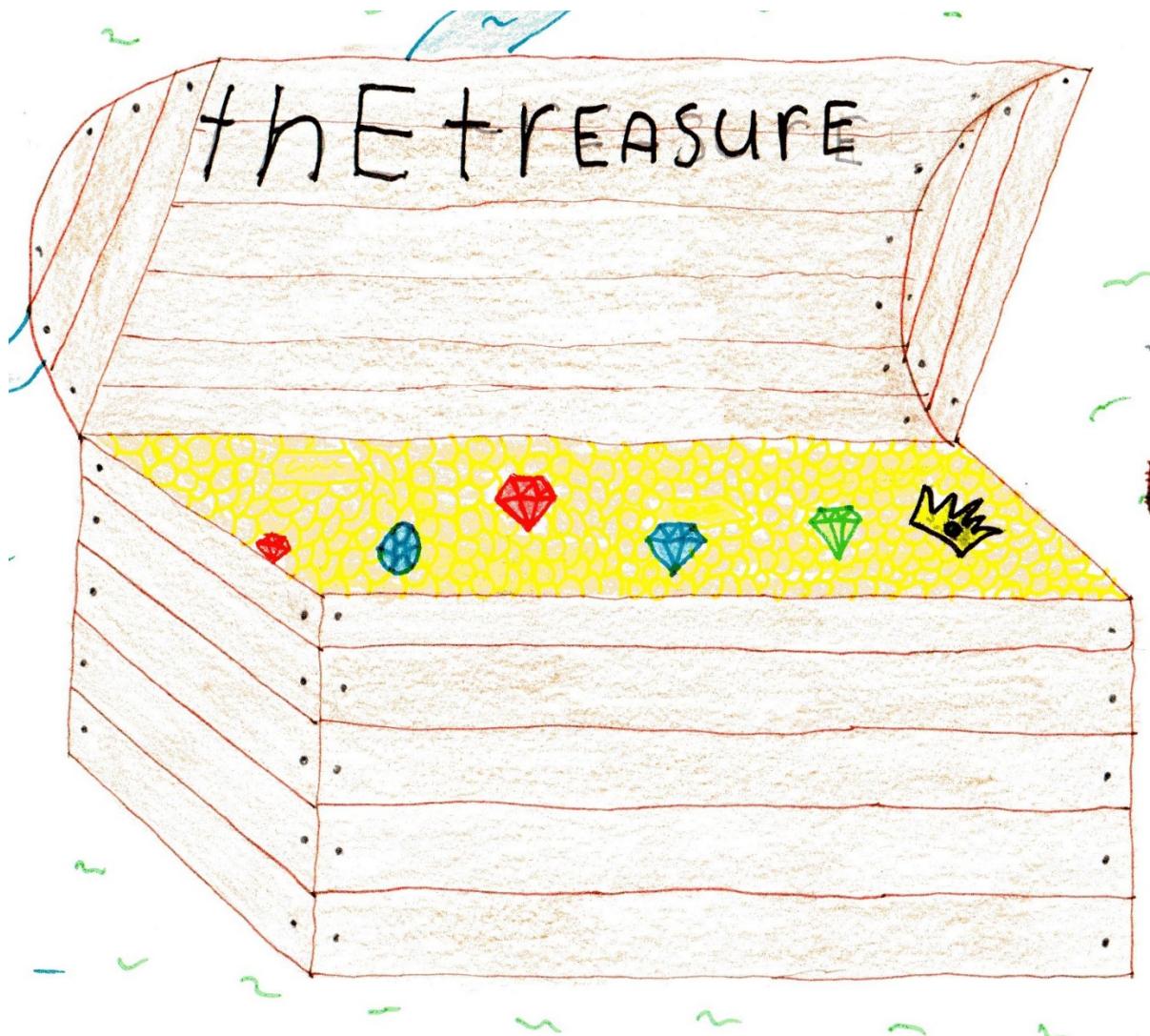
The fairy, the fox and the dwarf, they were all there. The fairy smiled and said: "We wanted to teach you a lesson. You, shoemaker, were just thinking about money. And you, tailor, you have cheated the people in an awful way. If you are good friends now, you will get your treasure.

Together they walked to a place where the fairy gave them each a shovel.



They started digging and they found a big wooden box. When they opened the box....

Wow!!! Their eyes were almost blinded by all the gold.



It was enough to pay all their debts. They gave a lot to the poor people. And with the rest of the gold they built a shop together, in their beloved Sevilla: "Tailormade shoes and clothes".

And they lived happily ever after!

HAPPY END!!!!

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THE  
LADY  
OF  
STAVOREN

THIS IS AN ORIGINAL STORY FROM  
HOLLAND



# THE LADY OF STAVOREN

## Chapter 1

Once upon a time there was a small town in the northwest of the Netherlands. It was named Stavoren. The town was an important trading city. There were many merchants, who were doing good business in their own country and abroad.



The merchants earned a lot of money. So much money that they were very, very rich. They were so rich that they did not know what to do with all their money. They even made their front door from gold and they placed goldengarden fences. Wealth made that the people behave differently. That was also the case with the merchants of Stavoren. They were very stubborn.

The worst was a woman, a widow of a merchant. She was so rich that she lived in a beautiful palace with gold plated floors, ceilings and walls, all trimmed with sparkling gems.

She was the owner of a large fleet of ships that sailed around the world. She had so much money and possessions, she did not know exactly how wealthy she was. The woman felt that everyone should have lots of respect for her and now everyone had to address her as "Lady of Stavoren".

Even though she was very rich, she remained dissatisfied. She wanted more and more. And... she wanted to find the most precious thing in the world. She did not know what that was, but she desperately wanted to have it.

One day she called the most experienced captain of the best ship of her fleet, and ordered him to load his ship full of gold. "Why, Lady", he asked. "and what's my destination?"

"That your own choice, "said the lady. "As long as you come back with the most precious thing there is in the whole world. Then I am richer and more important than all the kings and emperors in the world."



The captain went to sea. He came in many ports in many countries. He saw wonderful things, but nothing was special enough.

After a few months he arrived in a small town, and he went to a small store. He asked a owner if he could show him the most precious object he possessed. He would pay with gold. The man walked into a stockroom behind the shop and came back with...

## **Chapter 2**

..... a goldfinch.



The captain was very surprised because it was only an insignificant bird.

The man told him that the goldfinch belonged to his granddaughter but she was very ill and she could not take care of it.



- What a pity!- exclaimed the captain. But I do not think that a bird is the most precious thing there is in the whole world.

- I don't think so – answered the old man. This goldfinch not only is the most important thing to my granddaughter, but also it is a special bird because of its singing. It's wonderful because it's able to change the hardest heart into the most merciful person.

The captain was thinking about that and asked:

- If this bird is so wonderful, why do you want to sell it?
- Because I could pay the best doctors in the world and she got better – answered the old man.



The captain gave him the gold and took the small bird cage thinking about.....

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## Chapter 3

He was not sure if the bird was good enough for her. He therefore decided to head for Uganda in the hope of finding the biggest and most precious diamond in the world.

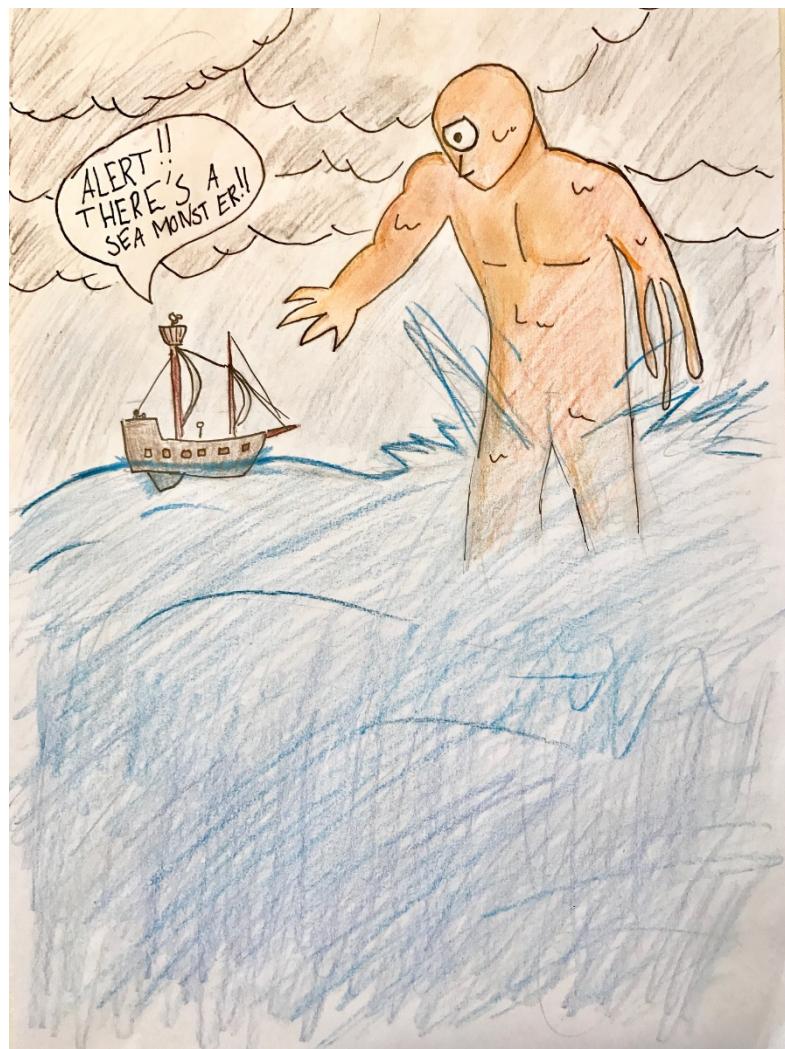
He never made it to Uganda, though.

When his ship sailed into the dangerous Bermuda triangle a huge slimy sea monster with only one eye, a big nose, two arms, and a bold head appeared from the sea.

It took the ship deep under the water and crushed it with its arms.

The captain was lucky enough to end on a floating piece of wood.

The goldfinch flew until the captain appeared and then it landed on his shoulder.



They floated until the next morning when the captain spotted an island and swam towards it.

Of course the goldfinch didn't swim, but flew instead.



Together they ended up on the shore of the island.

They were very thirsty and worked their way deep into the island looking for water.

After a while the captain saw a native girl on the ground.

He walked closer to the girl, who was about to wake up from her sleep.

She was very beautiful. He asked where she had come from.

"I come from a tribe nearby and they sent me away because I did something **very** bad", the girl replied.

The captain wondered what the girl had done since she was send away.

The girl saw the bird and thought about stealing it, but she knew that in order to do that, she would first have to kill the captain.



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## Chapter 4

At the moment the captain decided to take a nap after an exhausting day, the girl grabbed the goldfinch and she was ready to leave the island. Then suddenly, something happened that she never expected, the goldfinch began to sing sweetly. It softened the girl's heart and she regretted fooling the captain in such a devious way. The captain, who was in a deep sleep, woke up when he heard the goldfinch singing. Seeing the girl in the sea with the goldfinch on her shoulder, he started to call them back.



captain understood why initially her heart was so cruel. Then he remembered what the old man told him about the goldfinch, and smiled satisfied about the choice he had made. The goldfinch might have been worth more than he thought.

“All you told me got me upset and I decided to help you. You are coming with me,” the captain told the girl.

“But I am so scared. I think my life is in danger, if I go back to Stavoren,” the girl answered.

“Don’t worry at all, you will always be safe with me. You won’t have to worry about putting yourself in danger.”

With the girl’s help the captain made a boat using logs of trees in the

The girl was already on her way back, and when she got out of the water, she approached to the captain crying. She told him in detail about how her tribe wrongly accused her and exiled her to this desert island. Far away from her family. The



island. Soon after a few days, the boat was ready for the great return back. As soon as they arrived, the captain went straight to see the Lady of Stravoren, having the goldfinch and the girl with him.

"At last, I have been longing to see you! Who is with you?" asked the lady.

"You can't imagine the adventure I had. I came across a sea monster that ruined my ship and I landed on an island with his girl."

"Your adventures don't interest me. Did you bring what I asked you to?"

"Yes, Madame. I brought what you asked."

"Where is it then?"

The captain nodded to the goldfinch to come to the lady.

"What is that?!" she shouted.

"It is the most valuable thing I found during my journey," said the captain.

"What is so special about this bird? You fooled me! You spent all my money on one little bird! I trusted you. I don't need you anymore in my fleet!"

But then suddenly, the goldfinch started singing. The song was so beautiful and sweet. As the goldfinch was singing the lady's heart softened. She called the captain back. She took the girl and the captain, who became a couple, under her protection. Every time the goldfinch sang the lady became more and more gentle and she helped everyone in need. She



allowed the girl and the captain to stay with her, and they were the most valuable things she had because the girl and the captain were her only friends. Their friendship was more valuable than all the riches in the world.

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## Five years later

January 25th.



The captain and the girl ran hand in hand towards the palace of the Lady.

"How are you, Lady?" the captain exclaimed while entering the palace. "I'm fine, thank you", the Lady answered. "We have splendid news for you", the girl continued, "We're going to get married next Wednesday!"

"Holy sausage! Well, congratulations!" the Lady answered and kissed them on the cheek. But in her mind she thought of taking revenge on the girl, because she was deeply in love with the captain. She would like to poison the girl, but didn't know how to. And before she could get an idea the captain interrupted her thoughts and asked: "You will come to our wedding, won't you?" "Of course, I will", she answered.



## **The next day**

"I just got an idea! I will put rat poison in the bottle of expensive champagne I bought for them!", she cried out loud. But unfortunately for her one maid servant heard it.

## **The Wedding Day**

Just before the wedding ceremony started the maid servant found the girl and tried to tell her what the Lady had said: "Wedding.... Lady .... poison" she stammered. The girl didn't understand any of this and walked towards the church altar. When the captain and the girl had pronounced their wedding vows, the Lady approached the altar and proclaimed: "Drink from these cups as a celebration of love." She gave the captain a cup without poison, but the girl a cup with rat poison. But just at the same moment as the girl wanted to drink from it, suddenly appeared a .....



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## Chapter 6

...the goldfinch

The girl drank the poison, but right then the goldfinch started singing. And what a wonder! Nothing happened to the girl. The lady couldn't believe her eyes and was very nervous. Suddenly she wanted to attack the girl, but the goldfinch started singing again. Then suddenly the lady's arm stopped and the sword fell down. Surprisingly the lady apologised for all her mistakes and cruelty. The guards wanted to catch the lady but the goldfinch stopped them and told the guards:

-The lady has changed for all her life. She will be good forever.

The guards let her go, but if she doesn't stand three trials, she will have to go to the desert island for the rest of her life.

According to the first trial she had to help the poorest people in the city. She arrived in the city and found a lot of people who didn't have home, food, money or anything. And as you already know, in Stavoren they had so much money that they didn't even know what to do with it. So the lady remembered it and she gave them money, food and built houses for them. It made people very happy. They were grateful for it because they weren't cold any more, they didn't starve because they had houses to live in and they had enough food to eat. So they lived happily from that time.

She stood the first trial. Then the captain told her the second trial. She had to clean the city, because it was very dirty and polluted. With the help of her crew and people of Stavoren she cleaned the city. In the city there was a lot of trash, there were oil spills on seas, lakes and rivers and plastic bottles were thrown everywhere in the city. They took all the trash to the dump. And they had a good time, meanwhile they were very happy because the city was clean and beautiful again. It was a hard work but she did it.

The third trial was the most difficult as she had to catch all the pirates of the world because they stole a lot of money from people everywhere in the world. She built a fleet of ships with the captain and with the help of those people who were grateful to her for their homes in Stavoren. They knew she was their good lady of Stavoren now. They got on board and started their cruise and fought against the cruel pirates. They caught lots of pirates, but most of them ran away from the fleet. But they won by the force of numbers and the oceans were free in the end. The pirates became outlaws on the desert island. She could stand the third trial.

The girl gave the goldfinch to the lady. She lived in her palace and became the best empress ever so everybody lived happily ever after in Stavoren ...often listening to the goldfinch singing.



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