

The Flying Prince (空とぶ王子)(1)

- 1) Long, long ago... Two villagers sit by the castle talking. “The Princess was taken away today – how sad, isn’t it?” (remarks the man). “Indeed, a man-eating dragon, she’ll be its sacrifice. I wonder if someone will come and vanquish the dragon for us?” (replies the other).
- 2) In the bedroom of the castle, Princess Flora is sitting, crying alone. “I’ll be taken away tonight by the man-eating dragon. Oh, I’ll be leaving the castle,” (she weeps). Just then...
- 3) ...her father The King enters the room. “Flora, quick, hide yourself away somewhere,” (says The King). “No, if I do that the dragon will destroy the castle and kill you and mother. I will go with the dragon,” (says a teary Flora).
- 4) At that moment. “ZIP, VROOSH” – an uncomfortably warm wind begins to blow. The sun sets. This is because the man-eating dragon from the mountain is coming to do his yearly snatching of a young girl. “VROOSH, ZIP!”
- 5) “It seems as if the dragon is on his way (says the The King dejectedly). “Father, I’m ready! Please, try to be happy,” (says Flora reassuringly). “GRRR, ROAR!”
- 6) “Oh father!” (cries Flora). “Flora!” (cries The King). The Princess and The King cry tears of regret. Still, the dragon grabs The Princess with his hand - there is no way of helping her.
- 7) The man-eating dragon reaches into the window and grabs Princess Flora. The dragon spreads its mighty wings and flaps off towards the mountain.
- 8) It is not long before the dragon sits once again perched atop the mountain. “ROAR, SCREECH, SCREECH, ROAR!” (roars the dragon). Finally...

9) The dragon is now going to eat Princess Flora. At this moment a young man is climbing up the mountain.

10) “Oh, I haven’t seen that monster before. I’ve traveled the various countries to forge my skills - now the time has come to test my mettle! Right! Let me confront this monster, and see!” (says the young man to himself with much conviction).

And then...