

The Flying Prince (空とふ王子)(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...