

The Flying Prince (空とふ王子)(3)

- 1) Prince Athenee in vanquishing the monster also took a beating – he collapses. A dwarf arrives. “Hello, hello – strong prince, don’t give up,” (says the little man).
- 2) “Eh, ah... who are you...?” (asks The Prince). “I am a dwarf from the forest. I saw you fight and vanquish the monster. Thanks to you, all of us forest dwellers can now live in peace. By the way...,” (says The Dwarf).
- 3) “Please, come with me,” (beckoned The Dwarf). The Dwarf climbs onto The Prince’s hand. “Go and bathe in that lake please...,” (says the dwarf).
- 4) The Prince washes his body in the lake, as it has become soaked with the monster’s blood. (The Dwarf says), “Prince, you have not died because you washed your body of the monster’s blood in this lake.” “Oh, really?!...Hmmm,” (says The Prince in amazement).
- 5) After The Prince and The Dwarf depart the lake, a lone man arrives. “Oh! The path is slippery. This seems to be some sort of flowing blood... strange!” (says the man).
- 6) “Ah, there’s a girl lying over there. And, the dragon has died... I see, somebody must have vanquished the dragon. Well, I’ll make it look like I saved the girl!” (declares the man cunningly to himself).
- 7) “Hello, hello, have you come back around?” (asks the man). “Y, you...” (says a dazed Flora). “I’m the travelling rider who killed the dragon and saved you – I’m Stephan. Well, shall we be heading back?” (says Stephan).

- 8) A blackbird descends from the high tower. “Where is your home? Oh, you say you’re The Princess from the castle?!” (remarks the bird). Dastardly Stephan is glad to learn that he has saved a princess.
- 9) “Dear father, this man saved me!” (declares Flora). “Oh! I thought because you were snatched away by the monster you were dead. I’m so happy, I’m so happy!” (says the joyful King). Stephan, I want to give you something as a sign of my gratitude, what do your desire?” (asks The King).
- 10) “King, The Princess owes her life to me. Please, let me take her as my bride, and make me the inheritor of this castle,” (demands Stephan). “Ah, th, that’s...” (sputters The King). The King and Princess are dumbfounded by his impudent words.

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