

The Flying Prince (空とふ王子)(6)

- 1) “Oi, you’re laughing at us aren’t you? Come and show us what you’ve got!”
(growl the scoundrels - who have now become Stephan’s vassals). Prince Athenee strides over, with a smile on his face, “Aah, I’m here, take me on!”
“Let’s get it on!” (yells the head of the ruffians).
- 2) The vassals pour out in quick succession. Stephan, watching the departing rabble, remarks, “That impudent young fellow will get a good whipping!” Stephan stands up. “Well, let’s have a look...”
- 3) Stephan heads outside. In the distance he hears a big racket, “EEEH, AAAH!”
“Ah, looks like my vassals are taking a beating,” (says Stephan worriedly to himself).
- 4) “That was to be expected...” Stephan’s rabble of ruffian vassals, who thought they could easily win the fight, lay soundly beaten, flat on the ground. “Ah, it’s that impudent youngster!”
- 5) “You, looks like you got the better of my vassals, didn’t you?” (remarks Stephan). “Your vassals? Wa,ha,ha,ha,ha. You who said he vanquished the dragon when he didn’t, you’re their owner?” (says Prince Athenee sarcastically).
“What! Impudent! Well, I’ll show you!” (yells Stephan).
- 6) “Eeei!” (yells Stephan). “ZIP! BANG!” Stephan slashes at Prince Athenee. However, the boy, bathed in dragon’s blood, has become impervious to death. He repells the blow. “Yipes!” (sputters a surprised Stephan).
- 7) “You idiot! Eeei!” “Wah!” (yells Stephan). Prince Athenee draws his sword, and with one seamless motion, knocks Stephan’s sword from his hands.

- 8) The Prince walks calmly off. Being so dumbfounded, neither Stephan nor his pack of scoundrels can do anything to interfere. “Hmmm, what a surprise. He’s so strong,” (Stephan moans). “Te,he,he,he, he, is far beyond my abilities...,” (laments the vassal).
- 9) “He knows I did not kill the dragon. I wonder if he was the one who did it?” (ponders Stephan to himself).
- 10) “DU, DU, DU-N!” “Wait...” A cloud of smoke begins to rise before Stephan. A hand appears from within. “Oh!” (remarks a surprised Stephan).

And then...