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“The Story of Princess Dalida”

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Grandma: *(Sitting on a chair on the side of the scene)* Hello everybody! My name is Grandma. I am here to tell you a fairy tale. I know you probably don't like it but when I was your age I was listening to old people when they were telling tales. When I was your age, children were good. Well, I better start. *(Open a large book)* This is how it goes. Once upon a time, in a small village lived a king and queen. They had a beautiful daughter named Dalida. Everyone in the village was happy of their life. Everyone, except one person, the witch. She was extremely jealous of the princess and decided Dalida should pay for being more beautiful than her. One day, when the princess was alone in the castle, brushing her hair before to show up at her window, the witch put a spell on her. She put the princess into a deep, deep sleep.

Witch: Abracabrababra! In your castle, for ever shall you stay, but maybe will come the day when a prince will deliver you, but until then, dear princess, asleep shall you stay.

(The princess fell asleep on her bed and the witch started laughing. Then she sat in front of the castle)

Grandma: The princess was asleep, the only thing that could save her was a true gift, and a true kiss from a courageous man. When the king and the queen went back to the castle, they saw the witch, sitting in front of the door, triumphant. They understood what happened and decided to speak to the villagers.

(King and queen go to stand higher than the villagers. They are crying, sneezing....)

King: *(Loud but sad voice)* A terrible incident has happened. *(Crying a little, then stops)* my beautiful daughter.... *(Queen gives King a mean look)* I mean our beautiful daughter was put in a sleep forever. The witch had what she wanted. *(Starts crying again)*

Queen: Only a courageous man can save her. The castle is guarded by the witch, but I beg all the brave men to try. We will give you the most precious gift in the world, the possibility to marry my daughter. *(King gives her a mean look)* I mean our daughter.

(King and queen both sit down and cry in silence. Prince 2 and Prince 3 are talking together, others are talking and passing comments.)

#1: Did you hear that?

Charlie: Of course I did!

#3: That is so terrible!

#2: The witch is too strong!

#3: No one can save her.

#2: Who would be smart enough to confront the witch?

#1: I am! *(Everyone starts laughing)*

Charlie: You?

#1: Are you making fun of us?

Charlie: Of course he is!

#1: I am going to defy the witch. With my intelligence I can not lose! *(Everyone laughs again)*

#2: How are you going to do that?

Charlie: He will kill her with a calculator!

#3: Don't make fun of him. He is so lonely. Look at him.

Charlie: I know he is lonely. He is a nerd!

#2: Nobody cares about this idiot!

#1: I will show you what I can do. My plan is all ready. It simply cannot fail! *(Goes in the castle's direction. Villagers do something else)*

Grandma: The first prince was on his way to the castle. Sure of himself. His sword in one hand and a calculator in the other. Before he challenges the witch he revised his plan for the last time. Then, he walked toward the scary witch.

#1: Witch! I am here to challenge you!

Witch: What makes you think you can beat me?

#1: Well, you see, if I calculate the number of steps you will make towards me,

subtract by the ones you will make in the opposite direction when I point my sword at you, divide by the quantity of wind there is and by taking notice of the direction of the wind, you will hurt that stick and if I calculate the time of your fall I can predict that you will hurt your head on the rock and die! Easy isn't it?

Witch: Yes, really easy. when you are a nerd. *(Laughs a little)*

#1: Mam, I am not a nerd! You see, if I calculate the

Witch: *(Angry)* Enough! Enough of your calculations! Say good-bye to the world because you are gonna die. Easy to understand?

#1: Of course, but I don't think so because...

Witch: Quiet!!! Abracadabra, turn this man, this nerd into a frog. *(First prince starts acting like a frog and exits. Witch laughs)*

Grandma: The prince was no longer human. You know, when I was your age, girls would kiss a frog each time they would see one. When I was your age, boys wouldn't laugh at them, boys would kiss little girls each time they would see one sleeping. Well, let's get back to the story. The prince was a frog, the witch was very proud of herself and the Princess Dalida was still sleeping. Everyone in the village was talking about the prince, uhm, well, the frog.

(King, Queen and Charming Prince are talking. The rest are talking loud)

#3: This is so sad. Poor little nerd!

#2: Yes, poor little nerd. He was so pitiable!

Charlie: So pitiable, same as a frog!

#1: What are we gonna do? What are we gonna do?

Charlie: We could dance.

#3: Charlie, this is no time for that.

Charlie: What did I say?

#3: You know what you said. Don't take me for a fool.

#2: Yeah! Don't take him for a fool!

#1: Who is gonna save the princess? Who is brave enough?

#2: Did you ask for a brave man? You just found it! I am here. I am brave, strong, and good-looking. I am the best. I will save the Princess Dalida and marry her! Do you know why I will be able to do it?

(1, 2, 3 and Charlie are looking at each other, puzzled)

#2: No!

#1: Why?

#2: Because I am the best. Well, I have work to do! See you!

Charlie: Sure! We will see you soon...as a frog!

(Everyone starts arguing, then just talk or exit)

Grandma: Here we go again. Another innocent prince is going to try to save the princess. What is in their minds? It is romantic, of course, but stupid. Anyway, it is the story and I can't change it. Okay, where were we? Oh, the second prince went to find the witch and challenge her.

Witch: Well, well. Who do we have here? Hello dear prince.

#2: No time for salutations. I am here to challenge you. I am gonna win this one. You are not going to transform me into a frog.

Witch: I can't wait to see that! It seems that I will have a lot of fun with you.

#2: This is what you think witch!

Witch: Of course it is!

#2: It isn't gonna happen. I am the strongest man in this country and the bravest and the best looking guy, obviously. I don't want to make you mad. I am just telling the truth. Look at my muscles and my pretty face!

Witch: *(To audience pointing at #2)* Show off! Enough of your foolishness! Time to battle!

#2: Oh yeah! I had almost forgot! Give me your best shot, witch.

Witch: You asked for it! Abracadabra. Turn this showy man into a chicken.

(#2 starts acting like a chicken and exits. Witch laughs and sits down)

Grandma: See what I told you! Innocent, stupid young man. They should listen to their grandparents. Kids are all the same! As always the villagers start talking and arguing about past events. I told you it was a small village. Everyone knows everything in less than a minute. Let's go back to them. They probably have a lot to say.

#1: Majesty, what should we do?

#2: It's the end of the world.

King: Come down people. As long as I am here nothing can happen. I know my daughter.

Queen: You mean our daughter!

King: Of course I do. Well our daughter is still asleep. But there must be someone who can save her.

Queen: If you think you can defy the witch, speak up!

#3: I will.

Queen: Thank you prince. It's so kind of you.

#2: I agree your majesty! He is so kind.

Queen: I wasn't asking you.

#2: Sorry.

#1: Hey, Prince, what are you going to do?

#3: My plan is simple. I will simply enter the castle when the witch is sleeping.

King: You are a brave man.

#3: Thank you sir. It will be a pleasure to deliver your beautiful daughter.

#2: oh my God. Another frog or chicken is coming. Poor Prince! This world is so cruel. I can't believe it.

Charlie: Stop dramatizing everything! If he wants to be turned into a chicken, that is his problem.

#3: You are right Charlie, for once. But sorry to disappoint you. I swear I will not be turned into a chicken. I got to go now. I am going to save my future wife!

King: Good bye!

Queen: Good luck!

Grandma: This is the best part of the story. The charming prince is gonna save the princess. Isn't that romantic? The prince waited until the witch fell asleep to go into the castle. He wanted to marry the princess but he wasn't dumb. There is a limit between being brave and being killed. I should stop talking if we want that story done.

(Witch is sleeping beside the castle door)

#3: *(To audience)* I will save the princess. I am the charming prince in this story and charming princes always get the princess in fairy tales. I have my true gift, a rose and the true kiss will come! Watch that! *(Enter in princess' room, put the rose on her then kiss her on the lips. He waits, then gets up. Witch wakes up)* It isn't working. Do you hear that? It isn't working. What did I do wrong? Well I'm tired! I'm out of here!

Witch: Well dear prince!

#3: Uh, uhm, hi! *(Nervous)*

Witch: What are you doing here?

#3: Not..not...nothing!

Witch: Aren't you trying to wake up the princess? I thought you were.

#3: Yes mam, I mean no mam.

Witch: You liar! You can't fool me. I know exactly what you were doing here. Don't take me for an idiot! You will pay for that! Abracadabra. Turn this liar into stone! For ever! *(Prince stops moving)* I'll better get him out of here. *(Pushes him out of*

(the scene) Here we go. The garbage man will pick him up tomorrow morning.
(She laughs)

- Grandma:** How is that? No more princes to save Princess Dalida. I am sure the witch is proud of herself. The king and queen are depressed. Especially the king. He cried for forty days and forty nights. Wait. It doesn't make sense. Oh sorry, wrong page. Okay. The king was crying all day long. The queen tried to help him.
- Queen:** Don't worry my dear. We will find someone.
- King:** Who would be dumb enough to try to beat the witch?
- Charlie:** Did you call me sir?
- King:** Charlie! Charlie!
- Charlie:** Yes, your majesty, that's my name.
- King:** Are you thinking what I'm thinking?
- Queen:** I think so, but I am not sure that's a good idea. *(Charlie is mixed up and doesn't understand what they are saying)*
- #1:** King, are you thinking what I think you are?
- King:** I am , I sure am.
- #2:** That's impossible! Are you really thinking this?
- Queen:** He is, he sure is!
- #3:** It couldn't get worse.
- #2:** You took the words right out of my mouth.
- King:** He's dumb enough isn't he?
- Queen:** Of course!
- #1:** What if he's successful?
- King:** Well, at least she will be delivered of that spell. Charlie!

Charlie: Yes sir?

King: I want you to challenge the witch and bring my daughter, our daughter back! It is an order!

Charlie: Okay your majesty! I am on my way! *(Exits)*

King: I told you he would do it.

#3: I feel trouble!

#2: You always feel trouble. *(Talk together make conversation)*

Grandma: Charlie was on his way, confident! He knew exactly what he was going to do. Take the witch by surprise. He breathed deeply and walked behind the witch as quietly as he could. I wonder what will happen next. Do you? Well you should. It is one of the best parts of the story. Listen and watch carefully.

Charlie: *(Takes witch by surprise)* Ah ah!

Witch: AAAAH! You scared me!

Charlie: That's the point! *(He starts tickling her. She falls on the floor)* Ha ha ha. That's so funny. I should do that more often. Hey, that's garbage day tomorrow. The garbage man will pick her up. Dust is dust! I almost forgot the princess. I must save her. *(Picks up a branch with some leaves)* I am coming to save you, my future wife! *(Enters, puts the branch on her, gives her a kiss on the cheek, then waits. Princess wakes up)*

Princess: AAAH! Who are you? What are you doing here in my bedroom? Get out of here! HELP!

Charlie: Come down, my beautiful future wife.

Princess: What did you say?

Charlie: Come down!

Princess: No! After that! These words! I can't believe it! I won't marry you. Did you look in the mirror lately? I am sorry. What am I saying? I am not sorry! I just won't marry you. That's all! Now get out of my room.

Charlie: I am sorry, my lovely princess but your parents asked me to deliver you. I will be

your husband, aren't you happy?

Princess: *(Screams)* Father! Mother!

King: My little girl. Daddy is so happy to see you!

Queen: My darling, we missed you so much!

Princess: Who is that dummy? What did you ask him? I think we need to talk.

King: I am sorry Dalida. I didn't have a choice. He was the only man left who wanted to battle the witch.

Princess: Didn't have a choice? There were three princes in this village, where were they?

Queen: Look there. *(Pointing at frog and chicken)*

Princess: Yes, I see a frog and a chicken.

Queen: That's the princes.

Princess: They are only two. Where is the other one?

King: Look at that rock on the side of the road. Well, that's the third.

Princess: These are no excuses. I demand to fall asleep again.

King: I can't. I didn't want you to marry him but I gave my word. I promised it. The wedding will take place before sunset. *(To queen)* Can you believe that? The future king will be as dumb as a chicken! What did I do?

Queen: Yes. I am asking you the same question. Let's go get the priest. It will change our minds.

King: Good idea. *(They exit. Charlie and princess are arguing)*

#1: Did you hear what the king said?

#2: It's unbelievable. Charlie??

#1: Who would have thought about that?

#3: I knew troubles were coming.

#2: This time you were right.

#3: I am always right.

#1: *(Pointing at Charlie and princess)* Do you think they'll live happily ever after?

#2: I don't think so. Look at the princess!

#3: She looks so depressed. Well it's easy to understand why she feels that way. I wouldn't wish for anyone to marry Charlie.

#1: When does the wedding start?

#2: Pretty soon I guess. Look, the king and queen are coming with the priest!

King: People! Let's get this wedding started. The sooner we start, the sooner we will be done.

(Music of wedding. Princess walks with King. Princess suddenly stops)

Princess: Father, I don't want to marry him.

King: I know, I know. Keep walking. *(Walks then stops)*

Princess: But Father, look at him. He can't be my husband.

King: I swore to the villagers that the one who would save you would be your husband.

Princess: Why did you do that? Didn't you think before you talked?

King: I did that for you! Keep walking I said, let's get this wedding done. *(Walks, then stops in front of priest)*

Priest: We are here today to unite two persons.

Charlie: Excuse me sir!

Priest: yes?

Charlie: Can you go faster? All this talking makes me sleepy.

Priest: Sure! Charlie, do you want Princess Dalida as your wife?

Charlie: Sure I do!!

Priest: Princess Dalida, do you take Charlie as your husband?

Princess: I..I can't!

Queen: You have to!

King: Listen to your mother!

Princess: Okay! I do!.Not have a choice!

Priest: I now pronounce you man and wife! *(To king)* Can I go home now?

King: Uhm! Of course, go home if you want to.

Charlie: I am married! I am married! *(Happy)*

Princess: I am married. *(Sad)*

King/Queen: She's married!

#2: Yes, she's married. Poor girl!

#3: That is the saddest thing I've ever seen.

#1: Do you think the princess will survive?

#2: I guess so! She will have to accept it any way.

Princess: *(To audience)* What are you looking at? Stop staring at me. I am married okay? That 's the biggest deception of my life. Are you happy? Well, at least he is!
(Pointing at Charlie)

Charlie: Darling, didn't you forget something? We didn't kiss yet.

(Charlie starts running after princess, followed by king, queen villagers)

Grandma: They lived happily ever after, no, Charlie lived happily ever after and the princess spent the rest of her life wishing to fall asleep again. And that's the end of the story. Thank you for listening to me. Good bye children.