

WICKED WITCH

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On the wall of the castle was a large painting of an important man.

“This is my grandfather’s brother who disappeared years ago. Somebody said that he was last seen on the way to the Mystical Purple lands,” said king Réymön of the Blue Kingdom. Then he showed pictures in his castle to Princess Nastia.

“Why did he go there?” asked Nastia. “I heard that the Mystical Purple lands are so dangerous.”

“I don’t know. I think it is only a fairy tale,” Réymön answered. “some people from the village near my castle told me about it. If you are interested, you can ask them about it.”

Nastia went to the village. Since she lived there now, she met a good and kind old woman. She liked talking about things with this woman because she knew so much.

Nastia asked her, “What do you know about the the king’s grandfather’s brother who disappeared many years ago?”

“Yes, I know. I knew him when he lived here. I think he was not a very good person unlike his brother. He didn’t think about the villages near the blue kingdom and he only thought about himself. He only wanted more and more money to fight. He was always fighting with other knights. He went to competitions and he needed a lot of money to pay for his travels. The competitions were very pompous.

“At one tournament he saw a beautiful woman and fell in love, but he didn’t know what kind of person she was. She was like a dark magic, but she really loved him. She had a dream to find a dream gem, a gem of desire. The prince agreed to

help her look for it. All people believe that this is just a fairy tale, but it really true.

“Why are you interested in this story?” the old woman asked.

Nastia replied, “Because when I lived with the wicked witch in the pink castle I heard her speaking with somebody about the Blue Kingdom and how they to return to it, and the spoke about magic.”

“Okay,” said the old woman. “I have an old book somebody wrote, but I don’t know why. You can read it.”

The old woman went to her cupboard, took out the book, and gave it to Nastia.

From the moment she accepted the book the story started.

Near the library was a statue of a dog.

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It was a long time ago before King Réymön and Princess Nastia were born. The witch was named Gwünnelda. She lived in a village among the fields, which was near the kingdom of the king. It was the Blue Kingdom.

From a very early age she was interested in magic. She became interested in magic because she was ambitious. She read many books about magic. A merchant who was traveling through her village sold her a black book with a silver star on the front.

The book was from the Mystical Purple lands on the far side of mountains. She read the book and found many interesting spells. One day she said a spell and it turned her into a beautiful woman, but she had a dark heart. The only problem was she had a long nose which no one understood. They teased her all the time, but she didn’t care about the teasing because she knew she could send them away if she wanted to. She learned about the gem of desires. It was in the Mysterious Purple lands. It was a long journey from where she lived. She didn’t have much money. She

was a new witch, so her powers were not very strong yet.

A long a time ago. she met a prince named Âlconn at a knight's competition at the Blue Kingdom. He was a distant relative of King Réymön.

An odd old book Nastia read that prince went to the magical kingdom.
Colorful holes

All sorts of animals

Huge glass buildings and strange and unusual things. Flying in the air above the ground.

The prince wanted to know about all these wonders, but Gwünnelda went to a mysterious cave. It was a very big cave, but in a moment, they found a big gem behind a waterfall. It was very colorful and shining all the colors of the rainbow. They went to the gem and Gwünnelda took it, but prince Âlconn suddenly screamed and said, "I want the gem!"

Gwünnelda answered yelling, "Go away stupid frog!"

Suddenly Prince Âlconn turn into a frog.

"Ribbet" was all he could say.

"I don't want it. Turn him back into a man," Gwünnelda screamed, but nothing happened, he was still a frog because this gem had stronger magic, and nobody can undo this magic. Still, the witch she was looking for a way to by-pass the spell.

This is the end of the book.

Nastia asked the librarian, "This is all? This is the end?"

"Yes, there is no more," answered the librarian. "This is all. This fairy tale is popular because you can finish the story as you like."

All the people thought it was a fairy tale, but it is so real. The witch who stole me is named Gwünnelda and she told me about the frog. But why is she still alive?"

"I'm only a librarian," she answered.

"I want to know the whole truth," said Nastia.