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BLACK UNICORN

“Grandma, tell me a story”.

“Which one would you like to hear”?

“One I have never heard before”.

“I must think “ ... “When we were children our grandmas and grandpas were telling us about a black unicorn.

“Grandma, who is this”?

“It is a ghost, who helps poor people and punishes the bad.”

“And then he said to the hunter that he should give the stones into the wolf’s stomach?” ...

“Maybe, I don’t know”.

Long time ago there was a very old oak in the forest.

This oak served as an entrance to the world of dwarves and fairies. And there lived a black unicorn. It is said that the unicorn was the ghost of sir Bedwyn, the one from the album of the knights. One day on a very special evening he got a very special duty. He had to save a village girl from the bad Dark knight. Her father wanted her to marry the Dark knight.

The black unicorn did a very daring thing. He challenged the Dark Knight to a duel. They fought all night. Till the first dawn it looked like the Dark Knight would win. But Black Unicorn was a ghost, and he couldn’t die. So in the morning he defeated the Dark Knight.

To prove everyone that the knight was really dead he carried his head to the family. The girl didn’t have to marry the bad knight. And the Black Unicorn also brought the family a sack full of gold, so they never had to live in poverty again.

“What a beautiful story.”

“Of course the family wanted to find the man who helped them. The news about the black unicorn spread around very quickly; it reached the court too. At first the king was thrilled about the news, but then he heard that the dark knight was killed. He became very angry and he wanted to punish the black unicorn. To establish peace, dwarves and fairies decided to offer the princes of the fairies to become the king’s wife. But the princess was in love with the black unicorn, and he was in love with her. So the princess didn’t want to marry the evil king. So she made a plan.” So she and the Black Unicorn made a plan.”

“I hope everything will end well and they will get married.”

“The king and the princess?”

“No, Black Unicorn and the princess.”

“The king of the dwarves and the king of the elves went to the king of people to offer him truce. The princess was very beautiful, so she agreed to the marriage. The kings went home to tell the news to the princess. But after the marriage the princess was not to use her magic powers anymore. This made her very sad. But even more was her heart in pain because of her love for Black Unicorn.



On the day she was to leave the country of dwarves and fairies, she and Black Unicorn cast a spell. Immediately they found themselves in the land where there were no quarrels and evil. Love ruled there. And maybe they live there now, among their children."

"How beautiful, I'd like to live in such a land, too."

"Oh, you will go there."

"Really? How? When?"

"Right now, you will fall asleep and your dreams will take you there."

"But tell me another story about a knight, grandma."

"Not today, tomorrow. Good night and sleep well."

"Good night, grandma."



Domenika, 13

THE KNIGHT BEDWYN AND DEMON DERLITH

Once upon a time there was a fearless knight apprentice named Bedwyn. He liked adventures, so he was attending the special Knight University in the forest. There he met many friends and fell in love with Anita, daughter of the king.

One day a famous magician came to the University. He foretold the future destiny to young knight students.

When it was Bedwyn's turn, the magician looked into the magic ball and he was very upset. He saw Bedwyn standing in the middle of the forest with remarkable strong sword in his hands.

"You are fighting a big... oh, my God!" exclaimed the magician.

"What is wrong and who am I fighting?" asked Bedwyn.

"Derlith! Derlith is baaack!" yelled the magician and swooned.

Bedwyn had never heard about Derlith before, so the king who was also there explained that he was a mean demon. He attacked their forest one hundred years ago, at which occasion he destroyed and killed everything he saw on his way. Only the courageous knight John succeeded to defeat this evil creature with his sword Silverlight.

"This is a story of my grand-grandfather. I thought it was only a legend, but obviously the story is true," said the king.

"Our magician saw the demon is back and only you can stop it!"

"And where can I find this Silverlight sword?" asked Bedwyn.

"You will have to ask Sir Prysir. He's the only one who knows the secret."

Bedwyn went to his room and took the necessary things for his great adventure. He walked all day and looked for Sir Prysir. Finally he found him lying under the biggest oak in the forest.

"You must be young Bedwyn," said Prysir. "I have been waiting for you."



"But ... how did you know that I was coming?"

"You are the knight John's grandson, so only you can beat the demon again!"

"But I was told that I'm an orphan."

"Of course, nobody expected that evil Derlith will be back, so it was better for you not to know about this."

"Do you think I'm ready for the fight? I'm just an apprentice and need to learn more," meant Bedwyn.

"Sorry, my dear, but there's no time. The sword Silverlight is hidden in the bear cave. I will force the bear out and you have to take the sword as soon as you can."



When Bedwyn got the sword, he started to look after the demon. He was walking three days long and suddenly, in the middle of the day, it became as dark as in a black hole. Derlith covered the sky with his magic power. But Bedwyn wasn't afraid! He was a fearless descendant of brave John and held the Silverlight strongly in his hands. The sword showed him the way and soon he found the demon. The fight was not easy and Derlith was using all his evil spells to defeat young Bedwyn. Still, the sword protected the young knight and finally he defeated the evil Derlith. Derlith was angry and left the forest for another one hundred years or maybe even forever.

Bedwyn came back to the Knight University as a hero and everybody congratulated him for his victory. People of the forest kingdom were happy that there was no fear of the bad demon anymore.

The king announced that Bedwyn was allowed to marry his daughter, so everybody was even happier. Bedwyn kissed Anita and they both were happy, too.

"But first you have to finish this University, because without the Silverlight sword you're just an apprentice knight!"

"Of course" said Bedwyn. He rendered the sword to the bear cave. Who knows, maybe some of Bedwyn's grandsons would need it again after 100 years.

Tomi, 11

MAKE MY DAY

It was a normal day. The knight was sleeping under a tree, wearing his heavy armour. He didn't have any equipment; the evil creature stole it from him yesterday, so he didn't want to lose it (again). Yesterday King Henry the VIII ordered him to kill that evil creature. But the creature was a cute little thing with small green eyes, with 4 legs and one arm in the middle of his head. He couldn't kill it. Knights have feelings, too! But the creature was not very nice. She attacked him and stole his equipment.

When the knight woke up, he saw the king standing in front of him and eating an apple from the tree. He was looking very angry. He said: »You screwed up everything yesterday. I'm giving you another chance. If you don't kill that creature today, I'll kill you and your parents«!

»But I don't have any parents. You killed them all already«.

»OK, then I'll cut down your tree and you'll not be able to sleep anywhere«!



» I'm living in a forest! There are thousands of trees«.

» OK, OK ... just kill that creature«.

» OK, I will. But I need new equipment«.

» I won't give you any equipment. Kill it the way you know! Bye bye«. And he walked away.

» OK, let's go to work«.

The monster's cave was one mile away from his tree. There was also a dangerous shortcut, but he never walked that way. When he found the cave, he entered it. It was very dark and he couldn't see anything. All of a sudden the light turned on and the knight saw the evil creature. It was standing in front of his legs holding a sword. The knight jumped away and grabbed the first thing he saw and picked it up. It was a rock. He threw it at the monster's head and the monster fell on the floor. He picked up the sword. The creature screamed: » Don't kill me! Please don't kill me! Let's make a deal... You don't kill me and I give you my magic power«.

» Sounds good«.

» Magic power is called the Zhuzhu's power. Use it well and please don't kill me«.

» I didn't want to kill you. You're too cute.«

» Thank you, good human. Here's your power. It's inside the ball«.

» What do I have to do to make it work«?



» Just say: Make my day«.

» That's it«?

» No, you have to throw it into the air and then say it«.

» OK, thank you. And what's going to happen«?

» It will make a huge twister and it will blow away everything but you«!

» I like that. But I have to go now. Bye«!

» Bye«!

When he walked out, he saw part of king's army. It counted over 100 soldiers. They were armed well. The knight asked the king: » Why are you here?«

» We saw you.... you didn't kill that monster... you didn't do anything!!! So, I decided to kill you and that damn monster«.

» Dream about it. Hahahaha«! And the knight threw the ball 20 meters high. And he said: » Make my day«.

Jure, 14



THE MONSTER OF THE SAVERNAKE FOREST

Once there was a king who had a daughter named Mary Ann. Mary Ann liked spending time in nature, she liked going for walks and she admired animals very much.

One day she went for a walk to the strange forest. There was a very long passage which was 10 kilometres long. That was Mary Ann's first time in that forest and she didn't know that it was the only way to her home. And she went that way and then another way ... and she got lost. She started crying.

She cried for a very long time until a soft hand lay hand on her. She turned around and she saw a monster. She remembered that once the king told her about one monster. He said that it was very dangerous and that she should never go to the forest alone.

She stared at the monster for a while, but soon she realized that the monster wasn't dangerous, and instead of that - it was very nice. Mary Ann gave her drink and food and the monster showed her the way home.

When Mary Ann came home, she told the king everything about that mysterious meeting. The king was scared and he didn't want the monster to hurt his daughter! He called his best knight whose name was Sir Bedwyn and ordered him to catch the monster.



Sir Bedwyn put on his armour and a helmet. He took his shield, sword, arrows, a dagger and the horse. Sir Bedwyn and his horse were really good friends, they were always together and they always helped each other. So they went on the road to Savernake forest to catch the monster.

It was getting darker and they were scared a bit. But they didn't give up. They were thinking about the king's order. They decided to peacefully sleep over the night and that they would start hunting the monster the next day.

When the sun woke them up, they ate breakfast and then they went hunting. They were walking all day, but the monster didn't show up. Bedwyn and his horse were desperate, but suddenly they saw an old woman who was picking up some hazelnuts.

Bedwyn asked her about the monster. She said, that the monster lived behind three oaks and a linden tree and that nobody ever walked that way. He thanked her and he and his horse went that way.



They used the rest of the day to search for that monster. They were too tired to keep searching so they went to sleep. When they woke up, they saw three oaks, a linden tree and a cave in which the monster was supposed to live in. They went into the cave where they saw a huge monster sleeping on the floor. It was as big as the Eiffel tower and as fat as an enormous elephant. It was as hairy as ten bears together. The monster was scary, very scary.

Their job was to kill the monster as quickly as possible, so it wouldn't threaten the other people anymore. They knew that one arrow was not enough to kill it. What if it woke up and killed Bedwyn and his horse?

So Bedwyn decided to shoot seven arrows at once. When he wanted to make a shoot, the monster woke up. That huge animal didn't want to die yet, so it asked Bedwyn not to do what he wanted.

He didn't kill it because it was very nice to him and it wasn't dangerous. Bedwyn, the horse and the monster became good friends, so Bedwyn wanted to take the monster with them. He also wanted the king would realise that the monster was not dangerous.

When they came to king's house it was very peaceful, there was nobody. That was strange, so they all went into the king's room. They saw the king tied to a chair with a rope and an apple in his mouth. And at once, they saw the intruders.

Bedwyn didn't know what to do, so he started to fight. When he was almost dead, the monster saved him and chased away the other intruders. Nobody ever wanted to break into the king's house again. King thanked the monster and they became good friends. And if they did not die, they probably still live somewhere in that forest.

Anesa, 13

THE LEGEND OF THE FASTEST HORSE

Where is our knight? Oh yes, of course, he is with his horse. He is cleaning it. But why? Let's start the story at the beginning.

Bedwyn was born to a poor family. One day he was at his best friend's Crash. There was also Crash's uncle. He was a knight. The boys were fighting with wooden swords and Crash's uncle was very much impressed by Bedwyn. He decided to introduce him to the king, and so he did.

The king was thrilled about Bedwyn, too because the boy was very good at fencing and he could use the arrows very well. He could hit the target from the distance of twenty-five metres.

Weeks, months and years went by when Bedwyn was under the king's protection. At that time, King Henry VIII was fighting King Vader. King Vader was evil and he started a war on King Henry. A lot of knights died in this war.



One day when the war was still going on King Vader hurt King Henry badly. In that moment Sir Bedwyn rode by. He took the king by his arms and they started to run. He took him deep in the forest where he had a place to hide. King was grateful to him.



When king recovered they had to hide from Vader who killed almost all villagers in the meantime, and luckily Bedwyn saved some of them. King was thrilled about Bedwyn's horse-riding so he told him that in the ongoing year there would be a tournament called The Legend of the fastest horse.

He explained that he would have to run for ten kilometres as fast as he would be able to and that the rules would also allow the knight to fight during the competition. At first Sir Bedwyn didn't want to compete but the king convinced him.

As wars with Vader stopped soon after King's recovery, king moved back to the castle while knight stayed in the forest. There he helped the villagers and trained himself and the horse for the tournament.

Time passed by quickly and soon there was the competition. Bedwyn noticed how Vader was pushing knights off their horses one by one so he stayed at the back.

Finally they were all alone in the field. They immediately started to thrust each other and Vader fell off his horse.

Bedwyn was an honourable knight so he helped Vader stand up. Vader took advantage of this and pushed Bedwyn into mud from which one would not be able to come out once he stepped in it. Bedwyn quickly got up, took his horse and rode away.

People were, of course, saying that a monster was walking in the forest and that when it came it immediately disappeared. Bedwyn saw Vader but just a moment later there was only his horse. Probably that monster came and killed Vader. So Bedwyn won the tournament. Afterwards, he continued to work for the king. Soon he got married. Peace started to rule the place.

Tadej, 12

THE MONSTER OF THE SAVERNAKE FOREST

Once upon a time there lived a king. His name was Henry VIII. He thought that he was fearless but on the inside he was cruel and fearful. He stole from people and he cheated them with his fellow knights. Their aim was to get more and more money. But the king was cunning. He cheated his knights, too and took most of the money.

One day a storyteller came to the court. In one of his stories he talked about a monster with golden hair. This monster lived in Savernake Forest. It had golden hair and a lot of precious stones.

King wished the valuables right away. He didn't consider that this story could be made up. He told the storyteller not to talk about the monster and wanted the bravest knight to be brought.

This was Sir Bedwyn. He was the bravest knight of the kingdom. He was a brave soldier, and he also had a family. So at first he didn't want to go to the forest to get the monster's valuables for the king. But King Henry threatened to kill his family.

So the next day Sir Bedwyn rode to the forest.

Sir Bedwyn didn't think the ride would be so tiring. There was an iron gate at the entrance to the forest. He heard that the gate was under a spell. He wanted to climb them but he couldn't. Then he noticed a hole. It looked like a tunnel. The knight went into the tunnel and came to the forest.

It was dark in the forest and Sir Bedwyn had a feeling that somebody was watching him. It was terrifying. The deeper he rode the darker and scarier the forest became. He heard a scream. Luckily it was just a big bird. The knight was scared but he didn't want to give up.



Deeper inside, the forest was getting lighter. The birds were singing and there were flowers all around. It was warm and lovely. All of a sudden he noticed a beautiful woman. He knew right away that it was a fairy.

"What's your name?" He asked her. "I'm Violet". "Do you happen to know where the monster with golden hair lives?"

"Here only live kind beings - fairies, kind dwarves and nymphs. I don't know any monster here.

"Maybe it was really just a story. But I think king will not believe me," thought the knight.

"Thanks for help", he said to the fairy. The fairy smiled and slowly disappeared.



In the light part of the forest Sir Bedwyn found himself a place to sleep. Then came the night but the knight couldn't sleep. He went to the near lake and there he was surprised by the monster which he found near the lake.

It was scary and it didn't have golden hair. It looked suspicious to the knight. He followed the monster to its hiding place. Now he knew where it was hiding. He decided to explore this secret place the next day. He went to the place

where he had slept the previous night, but he couldn't fall asleep for some time.

Early in the morning the knight woke up and cleaned the place not to leave any signs of presence. He secretly crawled to the monster's hiding place. He hid behind the tree because the monster was just going out of its cave.

That was when the knight went into the cave. He was startled. On the walls there were valuable stones, and in the corner of the cave there was a golden coat with diamonds. So the monster didn't have golden hair, what it had was a much nicer golden coat. Suddenly he felt the monster's paw on his shoulder. It was standing behind him.

"What are you doing here!? Do you want to rob me!?" The monster became mad. "No, listen to me! I can explain!" said knight Bedwyn.

The monster answered him: "Ok, I'm going to listen to you". Sir Bedwyn explained everything to the monster. Then the monster gave the knight the golden coat and valuables because it didn't want the innocent family to die. The knight was grateful to the monster.

Then the knight started his ride back to the king's place. Now that he had the valuables, nothing could stop him even from the darkest part of the forest.

King's eyes flashed at the look of the golden coat. Sir Bedwyn came back home fortunately.

But a few days later the guard found the king on the floor. He was dead. Next to his body lay the monster's letter to the king. At the end of this letter the monster wrote: ... You're not rich now... Your money was your own trap...



SIR BEDWYN AND THE MONSTERS

Sir Bedwyn was walking in the big dark forest, full of weird scary trees. He had a big heavy metal armour, a large sharp sword and a big shield with the mark of his kingdom. He wasn't doing anything else but just walking and hunting in the forest. Suddenly he saw an uncommon animal. It was big. It had a form of a half snake and half a lion, and it could smell really well. He stopped and he waited to see what the animal would do. Then he decided that he would catch and carry the monster to the village. He wanted to prove that a monster really lived in the forest. On the next day he decided to go to the forest to look for the



monster. When he was wandering in the forest he saw the monster that he pursued. It hid in the hole. Sir Bedwyn wanted to kill the monster. But he saw that the monster had young ones. He killed the monster and took it to the village for proof. In the village they believed him, but he had to look after the little monsters. When they grew up, he decided to free them in the forest. Sir Bedwyn and his horse continued to live alone in the forest.

Rok and Miha, 13

THE GOOD KNIGHTS

Once upon a time deep in the forest lived a very nice family. A boy and a girl were playing with their father in front of their house, when suddenly came the evil knights. They wanted to rob and kill them. Then they heard that somebody was screaming: "Stop doing this!" Down from the mountains came two handsome knights. They were very kind and brave so they saved the family from the evil robbers. They were such good fighters that everybody ran away from fear. The nice family thanked the knights. The knights introduced themselves. The family was poor but they gave the knights everything they had. The knights invited dad, mum and the children to come to the castle. They went there together. In front of the castle there stood a very big dragon. It was protecting the castle from the evil men. In this castle there also lived a king. He was much honored to see them coming in because only good and kind people ever came to this castle.

Laura, 9

HOW A KNIGHT DEFEATED A GIANT

Long time ago there lived a knight in a forest and he had an army, too. One day the knight met the king. The king was out of breath. A giant was hunting him. The knight stopped the giant and said: "Get lost if your life is dear to you." The giant never came back again. Everybody loved the knight for what he did.

Ana, 8



THE FATAL DAY OF SIR BEDWYN

Once upon a time in the land of all good a swallow flew. It put a letter in front of the court's gates. When the servants saw it, they gave it to the king immediately. They thought that it was very mysterious, because a bird brought it.

The servants went to the king: » My king, may I come in? « » Come in! « » You've got a letter today. « » Really? Who sent it? « asked the worried king. » My lord, I'm going to tell you, but, don't think that I'm making fun of you! A swallow brought it to court's gate! « » Let me see! « The king read the letter and started to laugh. » I think it's time for my son, sir Bedwyn to get married! A king from a close land is offering him his daughter's hand. But he has written that he would have to beat his opponent, knight Villy. «

Servants told the news to the knight. He was enthusiastic, because he was given an order to conquer the black-haired princess, the most beautiful that was around. »

Father, when can I go to the fight? « The prince was totally enthusiastic. » It says my boy, that in two days in the Bum valley, in the forest, left from the brown bear cave. « The knight didn't want to wait, and he started the training. He ordered the squire to get ready his horse Yolly. Bedwyn put on his armour, took the shield and sharpened the sword. He fought all by himself.



He practised and practised till the day of the battle. In the dawn of the morning the trumpets blew. » Son, I hope you are going to become a hero today! You're going to defeat that knight named Villy and become the husband of the most beautiful girl in the land! «

When the clock turned twelve, prince Bedwyn felt that he had to go to the forest to meet his best friend. He thought: "I can feel that this just isn't right! Princess Anabel deserves a prince that would show her his courage in a different way, not like all those smart knights! No, I won't be one of those Fools! «

The time of the fight came. Everyone came; they just waited for prince Bedwyn to show up. It was not long time after when the knight stepped in front of the royal family, in front of his father and mother. But right after him toddled three eagles, two foxes, seven squirrels, an owl, four badgers and five ants. » My wife, do you know what is going on? « the king whistled in the queen's ear. » Go on, father, insult me! But just for you to know, you're not going to convince me! I promised that I am going to fight for my beloved Anabel, but that is not it! I'm sure that the princess doesn't want this to happen! That's why I brought my best friends with me today, to tell you, who I really am, and why I am the one who deserves your heart, dear princess! « Prince stepped a few steps back and let the smart owl talk. » Princess, let me tell you in the name of all of us, who Bedwyn is. This prince has no match far around here. He is one who is always by our side. He is the great soul, our prince. And not just that, dear princess, sir Bedwyn is also very cunning and brave! Princess, it's true, that we can't influence your decision, but the prince himself showed you, how much he loves you. « The owl watched around a bit and saw that everybody's eyes were wet. The princess slowly stood up and stepped towards sir Bedwyn. She wanted to kiss him on his cheek and tell him how much she liked him, but the prince suddenly fell on the floor. The wooden arrow pierced through his back. Anabel looked around and saw that her prince on the white horse was wounded by sir Villy.



Till this day no animal and no human have ever visited that part of the dark forest again. And, princess Anabel is still crying for her prince.

Laura, 14

FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL

Some day lived a knight with a name Sir Bedwyn. He was very kind and also nasty. That was why he liked to tease the princess.

One night he crawled into her bedroom and scared her. She screamed so hard that the castle shook. After this event they put Sir Bedwyn into jail for five years.

Five years went by and Sir Bedwyn was taken away his knight's licence. After that he was banished from the city.

Sir Bedwyn was very angry, so he went to the near forest. He wandered and wandered in this forest for a very long time and then he came to an old house. In that house lived an old lady. The lady asked Sir Bedwyn for help. He helped her with pleasure, because she was kind-hearted. Sir Bedwyn helped her for two years, two days and two nights. And then he became bored and he wanted to go away from there. The lady saw that and she wanted to keep him at her house, so she made a plan to turn herself into a dragon. Sir Bedwyn realised that before it happened, so he turned around and started to fight with the old lady. They fought for one day and one night, and it looked like Sir Bedwyn would lose. But then he took his unbeatable sword, thrust with it and defeated the old lady.

Then he rested for a while and headed for the town, out of the forest. First thing after coming out, he visited the king and told him the whole story. But the king didn't believe him a word. But the king's second daughter came in and told her father the king: "I think Sir Bedwyn is telling the truth and I beg you, father, give Sir Bedwyn his knight's licence back, and I will give him my heart." The king was thinking for a long time and he finally said: "I'll give you the knight's licence and my second daughter, but if you break her heart, I will break all your bones!"

Sir Bedwyn took the king's words very seriously. A few years later he married the second princess and they had two children. Peace started to rule the kingdom and they all lived happily till their deaths.

Nuša, 12





KNIGHT BEDWYN AND THE MONSTER

Once upon a time there lived Bedwyn. He wished that he were a knight. Actually this was his biggest and long-time wish. One day he heard the news that king Henry needed a boy who would become a knight. Bedwyn responded and went to see the king the next day to become a knight. King sent him to the knights so that they would teach him how to ride a horse, use a sword and joust. When he learnt all this, he became the knight and he got his own horse. He was really happy and proud.

One day when he rode through the forest, he heard some strange voices. He hid behind the bushes and watched. He saw a big monster which had a thorn in its foot. This was the reason why it screamed so loud and had been so sad. Knight Bedwyn helped it, of course. The monster felt really grateful and glad for getting rid of that big thorn. They became really good friends. One day he brought his girlfriend with him to the forest and he introduced her to the monster. Bedwyn's girl was glad to meet the monster and they became friends. And they lived happily ever after.



Anja, 10

THE BRAVE KNIGHT BEDWYN

Once there lived a very rich king. He had many knights and servants. Evil knights wanted to remove him from the throne. From the king's knights, knight Bedwyn was the best. One day when the knights went to the forest to save the king one of the knights said: "What if we don't resolve anything by fight?" "I hope that we will," answered Bedwyn. And so they rode to the forest on their horses.

When they arrived, they saw an evil monster and evil knights who were planning an attack. Bedwyn said to the other knights: "You go and hide and I will go to the monster."

When Bedwyn came to monster, evil knights ran away, because they thought that the monster would eat him. The monster had two heads. Bedwyn started tickling the monster with his small sword. The monster fell on its back. Bedwyn continued tickling it and he also called the other knights. Knight Marko brought a big sword and Bedwyn used it to climb a tree. Then he threw himself on the monster's stomach and thrust his sword into it.

Every knight had a sword. All knights started to thrust their swords into the monster's body so that it died in the end.

The knights thought that they had saved the king and so they went home. But the evil knights didn't stop and they complained about the result. It was decided that one from each side would have to fight. It was Sir Bedwyn from the good knights and knight Janez (John) from the evil knights. King got a letter in which said what the duel would be like.

Bedwyn came first and he set a rope for Janez to fall over. When Janez came he tripped over and fainted. Leon tied him to the tree and he won.

All evil knights went to prison. King organised a party and so everybody lived happily ever after.

Nika, 8



A STORY ABOUT A KNIGHT

Sir Bedwyn was very nice and brave. He really liked adventures. He lived in a hole in a big forest. He had a horse and an annoying monkey. He had a lot of equipment: a sword, armour, a bow and arrows.

One morning he was awoken by the screaming of the villagers. He woke up and followed the voice. He saw a big monster; it was stealing animals from the villagers. He wanted to face the monster, but it ran away.

The next day the monster was not there anymore. Sir Bedwyn walked to the lake. He was catching fish and suddenly he noticed that the monster was coming out of the water. He was face to face with the monster, when the monster suddenly grabbed the knight and dragged him away.

The knight's horse and monkey stayed by the water. The monster dragged Sir Bedwyn into a big hole. There lived a big evil bug. It wasn't a normal big, but a really big bug. It wanted to kill Sir Bedwyn but luckily he ran away.

He went to pick his horse and monkey and then they went home.

On the next day he finally killed the monster. The monster turned into a man and they had a very long fight in which the monster was defeated.

When he was going fishing one of the next days Sir Bedwyn found a treasure. It was stolen from a king by the monster several years ago. Sir Bedwyn returned the treasure to the king. And the king allowed him to marry his daughter.

Vanessa, 12

THE KNIGHT'S TALE

There lived a knight whose name was Bedwyn. The legend says that he was different from other knights; he was something special. He lived in Savernake Forest, one half of which was in possession of the evil king Burton. People were afraid to get out of their houses to get some food. There was danger everywhere...

Bedwyn did not like the way how the king was making people feel scared. He wanted to stop all the bad things. So he put on his shiny armour (which he carefully cleaned every day) and went for a walk with his horse Zero. Moreover, Sir Bedwyn also had a helmet, a sword made of silver and ready to cut through a rock.

He hunted his prey with a bow and a spear, and his lunch was always abundant.

He used his shield only when he had a joust, and at other times it served him as a mirror. Most of all Bedwyn liked his black, fast and strong horse that was always ready for a joust. Wherever Bedwyn went, the horse followed him faithfully.

So when they went for a walk one day they reached the Black border. Everybody who crossed the border had to fight the evil Burton and defeat him if he wanted to stay alive. So Bedwyn decided to fight with Burton. His friends from the forest and the villagers, who wanted to have normal lives, helped him. And the evil dragon Blackfire helped the evil Burton. Burton used the dragon's fire, so it looked like Bedwyn would lose the fight. Finally Bedwyn shot an arrow directly into Burton's heart, and Bedwyn's friends killed the dragon.

The shadows withdrew from the forest and the leaves started to grow. Most probably the villagers planted a tree in the honour of Bedwyn and this tree still grows in Savernake forest.

Monika, 13



THE THREE BROOKS

Behind the tall dark trees the sun was setting. The King Henry had a festive dinner with candles, which were getting thinner every minute. The wax was dripping in the King's glass of wine, and you could see beautiful wax stars.

The table with candles and delicious food was standing in front of the lonely forest. It sounds strange but King loved to have dinner in front of the forest, although he was afraid to go into the forest. There were many other noble knights sitting around the table. A soft wind blew and the candles went out. The food was also gone and guests went home.

It was very dark outside and King went to bed to the castle. He couldn't sleep because he was worried about his money. He knew very well that in the future there would be less and less of his money. Life would not be the same without his money. And then he had a brilliant idea. Tomorrow he would make a knights' tournament.

On the next day two young men were to have a joust. The defeated person would have a difficult task that would help the king to more money. The young men were putting on their heavy equipment when Sir Between said: "We won't have a joust; I will do the task. You are so young and you can get killed in the forest. I'm not much older than you but I'm not afraid. I will go to the forest."

Bedwyn was ordered to find some mysterious monster, paint it and sell it in the king's name. This way the king would get richer and stronger.

Sir Bedwyn was wandering in the forest and searching for the monster. He was also afraid because he imagined a huge monster killing him. He was going deeper and deeper into the woods and it was getting darker all the time. The voices of animals echoed. A branch from an old tree fell on Bedwyn's head. His horse frightened and ran away.

Bedwyn decided to go on although he realised that his horse would not come back. Trees became scarce. The forest was slowly disappearing. The knight turned around to leave when he heard the sound of water.

"Is somebody here?" He asked cautiously. There was no answer. He tried again and felt the drips of water on his face. He started to walk backwards and bumped into a wide tall tree. His paper and pencil fell on the floor. Bedwyn slowly looked up and saw a huge bath tub and in it there was a huge but nice and cheerful squirrel.

"Grrrrrrrr, grrrrrrrr, grrrrrr ..." growled the squirrel.

"I'm not going to hurt you, just ..." said Bedwyn in a frightened voice.

"Oh, how are you? Hi, hi, hi, hi ... I scared you, right?" Said the squirrel in the bath tub.

All of a sudden she looked very happy, although her eyes were still sad. Bedwyn climbed up to her.

"I don't know what to say to you ... You know, have never heard about a huge squirrel in a bath tub. By the way ... did you take my pencil and paper?" asked the knight.





"Oh, yes. I took it from you. Do you know why? Because I wanted you to look up and see me," said the giantess, with a name Lara. "Who send you here?"

"King Henry. He gave me a task to draw an evil monster from the forest. I will have to sell it and I'll get a lot of money, which I'll send to the king. So he will become rich. But you are different; you're not the monster like everyone thinks. They will laugh if I draw somebody sleeping in a bath tub on a tree."

Then Lara told the story about her life. Long ago she was wicked because she had to defend herself from people who attacked her all the time. That's why everybody thinks she's evil.

"And why do you live in a bath-tub?" asked knight Bedwyn.

"That is not an ordinary bath," said Lara. "There is liquid glass in here!"

"Glass? And how come it hasn't hardened yet?"

"That is magic. I have a special plant that keeps the glass liquid. But I don't have much of this herb anymore. Could you please find it and pick some for me? Please, or I may die!" asked Lara the squirrel.

"I don't know where to look for it!"

"You will find it at the edge of the forest, but you have to cross three brooks and then you will find the herb in a big meadow!"

Bedwyn went to save his new friend. He wandered in the forest and met old and lonely trees, through which the wind blew and the trees were making scary sounds. Suddenly he heard the rustling of the brook.

"Maybe this is the first brook I have to cross", he thought. But then he heard the voice of his horse Karpo. He ran towards the sound and jumped over the first and the second brook. The horse waited for him over the second brook. He mounted the horse and rode on. He had to find the third brook.

He rode and rode but the brook wasn't anywhere. Finally he found it behind a tall hill. It was very wide and he couldn't just jump over it. The knight looked for a long stick to make a longer jump with it. He ran for some time, pushed the stick into the ground and set out. But he fell into the water anyway. Water was pulling him so that he could hardly resist. His armour was a heavy load, too. But suddenly the water withdrew. He was on the firm ground again. He climbed out of a deep pit and looked at the orange blossoms of the herb that Lara needed. He picked the herb and took it to Lara. He could now easily jump over all the bridges.

Lara was surprised that the knight managed to return. She was happy to see the horse, too. She dropped the blossoms into the bath tub and the glass became much more liquid, so that she could get out of the tub easily.

"Nobody has ever brought me these flowers. They didn't even want to go get them. There were a few young men whom I thought I could trust but I was wrong. When they returned home they still said I was a monster, even though I proved not to be. Well then, now I can convert again. Finally!" Suddenly she turned into a beautiful girl. Not a girl, a princess!

"Why were you changed? Why didn't you tell me?" asked the knight.

"I once ran away. I was supposed to marry a man whom my father had chosen. So I ran into the forest but before I did so I washed myself in a tub. My father sent an evil fairy after me and she enchanted me. He wanted me to realize how wrong I was for wanting to wait for somebody to love me. Only a trustworthy person, the one I would fall in love with, could demolish the spell. So you are this person and you can't imagine how scared I was when you headed for the three brooks. Well, I'll go to the end of the world with you" said Lara and Bedwyn was listening to her with open mouth.

"But I serve the king. He will have me killed!"



"He won't find you! We'll go somewhere where nobody can find us! Oh, how stupid I am, I don't even know if you love me, too..."

"Of course I do..."

"Oh, thank you! Well then, if you still want to help the king, why don't you draw a monster and send it to the king", suggested Lara. She was as beautiful as a flower and she had a good heart. She had orange cheeks. But she will be even prettier, when she comes out of the forest and the sun shines on her, thought Bedwyn.

"But I don't like lying. I'll draw you by my memory, as you were." Knight Bedwyn quickly made a sketch and sent it to the king by a bird.

He and the princess rode far on the horse and nobody has ever found them again.

Ivana, 13

THE WARRIOR'S ARMY AND THE MONSTER

Once upon a time there lived a knight whose name was Warrior. He was given this name because he could joust well from when he was little. Warrior was the leader and he had an army. One day they went to the forest to hunt animals and all of a sudden they met some enemies who wanted to attack the castle. Warrior ordered not to shoot, but the wicked leader ordered his army to attack.

Warrior and his army were almost defeated when suddenly there came a good monster named Antiga. She was red and she had shiny blue eyes. Antiga helped the Warrior to defeat the enemies. They fought with swords, spears and weapons. This monster only helped good people.

When they were leaving the forest, a girl whose name was Larisa was going in their direction. When she saw the beautiful prince she couldn't hide her enthusiasm. The knight asked her what her name was and where she was coming from. She said she was Larisa and that she lived in the castle. Larisa thanked the Warrior for saving her and her family. In that moment they fell in love and then they lived happily ever after.

Lara, 8

