

The Monster and its Killer

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Once upon a time, a king's daughter was playing in the garden with her friends. Suddenly, a Giant appears and takes away the princess with him. The king gets distraught over the disappearance of his lovely princess and orders all his soldiers to search for the lost princess. When the soldiers fail to find the princess, the king declares a generous reward for anyone who could find his daughter. Many people embark upon this daunting quest, but the princess is never found. From a distant land, a young man arrives at the king's court. He declares to undertake the perilous mission without any expectations of a reward. Taking people's goodwill, the man mounts his horse and sets forth on his journey to find the princess. While passing through a forest, the young man comes across an injured pigeon. Unable to ignore the bird's suffering, he immediately rushes to its aid, tending to its wound and offering it water. As soon as he puts the pigeon in its nest, it turns into a fairy. The young man is taken aback but the fairy reassures him, "Fear not, young man, I was merely testing you. Many others have passed by me without showing any kindness. In gratitude for your kindness, I shall grant you two invaluable gifts that shall aid you in your quest." The fairy gives him an invisible cloak and a magic wand. Receiving these goodies, the young man expresses his gratitude to the fairy and leaves for his destination. Far away he reaches a cave, where the Giant has imprisoned the princess. The young man sneaks into the cave and wears the invisible cloak. As soon as he enters the cave, the Giant awakes from slumber, sensing the presence of an intruder and bellows, "I smell a man." While the Giant is looking around, the man attacks it with his magic wand and strikes the Giant with such a blow that it collapses on the ground. The young man frees the princess and takes her back. The king is impressed by his bravery and marries the young man to his daughter. Thus, the prince and the princess live happily ever after.