

The Princess and the corkscrew tail

Once upon a time, in a kingdom, far far away, there was a prince called Julian. This prince wasn't like all the other prince charmings; he had had relationships with all the famous princesses like Snow White or Cinderella... But, in fact, those love stories failed because of the prince's stepmother: Hella. Julian was desperate; he had tried everything: speed dating, meeting websites... But at thirty he was still living in his parents' castle! Julian didn't know what to do. Until the day he met Alice, the one who would change his life...

It was a stormy day. Julian was on his computer when someone rang the doorbell. He opened the door... Outside a young girl was standing and begging for shelter:

"Good evening sir, said the lovely girl, my name's Alice and I'm a princess. My parent, the L.A king, left me in the country and I don't have any place to sleep..."

"Oh dear, come in. You're certainly frozen!"

He invited her to sit in front of the fire and ordered a servant to prepare a bed for the guest. Hella came in and asked Julian:

"Why have you invited this girl ? You didn't have my permission! "

"But, Mum, she is the L.A. princess!"

"L.A.? Pff teenagers nowadays..." And Hella left them. She went to Alice's bedroom and hid a pig's tail under the mattress; she wanted to know the truth: only a princess can speak to a little pig.

In the middle of the night, when all the castle was sleeping, someone knocked at Alice's door: "knock, knock, knock".

Alice, woken by the noise, opened the door and saw a little pig which demanded:

"Gimme my corkscrew tail!"

"Your tail? Excuse me but I don't have your stuff..."

"You liar! I know you have it!" The little pig sniffed to find his tail, sniff here, sniff there... But he could not find his tail. When suddenly, his nose drove him under the bed:

"Eureka, I found it !", claimed the little pig.

"Well, can I sleep, now?", asked Alice.

"No. I must find the culprit and I need your help. Um... let me think... Yes, of course! I know the wicked queen, or rather the dark queen, I'm sure she's the culprit!"

"Maybe but, if she really is, why did she put a pig's tail under my mattress? I could not sleep! What a strange idea!"

"You're too naïve... Sure, you're a princess but the queen wanted to check it; only a princess can speak to a pig!"

"Yes, that's true. We have to take our revenge! By the way, I'm Alice!"

"Nice to meet you, don't worry Lili, I have good friends (he took his phone and called somebody). The wolf? Yeah, it's number 3! I need your help guy! Yeah, just a mummy to eat... Perfect, just come! See you! (he hung up) That's fine! Now, you can sleep princess ! Good night!"

He left her. Alice went back to bed, exhausted and surprised by all those strange events...

The morning after, Alice was woken by the Prince:

"Hello darling, time to get up! I have bought croissants. Did you have a good night?"

"Well, it was strange, I had nightmares! Where is Hella?"

"Oh, she has decided to take holidays, she claimed she had seen a wolf last night... I didn't understand... Anyway, don't worry, she leaves us alone!", said Julian laughing.

Alice murmured to herself:

"What a fairy tale!"

And, nevertheless, they lived happily ever after...