

## A1

Once upon a time there lived a girl called Clara. Her mother loved her deeply and granted her every wish.

"I want to learn how to skate!" she once said

"Of course, my dear. You shall do." her mother answered and caressed her daughter's long fair hair.

"And my winter coat is to be red! Because I love cherries." the girl demanded.

As she woke up the following day, everything had already been brought to her. Clara refused to eat breakfast but instead she put on her new clothes and "fairy shoes", as she decided to call it, and headed toward a frozen lake nearby.

The weather was glorious that day: the sun was shining, birds were singing and the icy surface of the lake looked like it was made of diamonds. Clara took a first step on it. Everyone who had seen her at that moment, could've said the girl had a natural ability. Clara was blithe: she believed that her "fairy shoes" were really magical. Her movements were light and gracious so no one would've believed that she was skating for the first time!

But Clara was not alone. There were two creatures watching her. The first was a fierce wolf hiding behind a tree. Its fur was brown and the eyes were glowing. Another was a grey-haired man whose eyes were blue and cold. He was an undesired intruder and the wolf felt it. This man knew the girl's footwear was magical and wanted to steal it.

He approached her from the back and grabbed her. Clara cried in horror. She was scared stiff and couldn't move. The next moment the evil man screamed in pain! It was a wolf biting his leg. The man let the girl go and she ran toward the woods. He tried following her but in vain. The wolf must've crushed his bone with its teeth. He had to accept his defeat and limped away.

The animal came to Clara and crouched beside her near a tree.

"Thank you, Fang." she said and hugged him.

Clara recalled her mother telling her that it was not the face which made a man human. It was the humanity, the ability to be kind.

## A2

### MAGICAL SKATES

Once upon a time a man lived in a small hut near a wide river. He lived there with his daughter, Agnes, who was a pretty child with long golden hair. They lived completely alone, surrounded by a large forest.

However, a terrible event crushed their peaceful life. On a cold winter morning a group of people emerged from the forest. Agnes saw them first and, being curious by nature, approached them. Suddenly, she heard her father shouting, "Run, Agnes, run! They are coming to kill us!" Her dad rushed

to her, but an ugly man dressed in black clothes, who was leading the attackers, took out a pistol and shot him dead.

Agnes started running towards the river and heard the black killer shouting, "Get her!" Her heart filled with terror. Then, out of nowhere, a huge grey wolf appeared right in front of her. Agnes stopped, petrified and bewildered.

"I'm here to save you, child! Run to the river!", said the wolf in a human voice. She sprinted to the river, which was frozen. There was a pair of skates lying near the river. "Put them on! They will help you to escape!", barked the wolf and attacked the murderers.

Agnes put the skates on, and a miracle happened: she started moving on the ice with such speed that soon she was miles away from her home. As for the Black Man, he tried to shoot the wolf in vain, and the mighty creature tore him into pieces. Then the wolf roared, "That is what happens to evil and violent people!", and vanished.

### A3

#### Magical skating

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Anne. She had a real passion - skating. One day she noticed something glittery in the bushes while walking. The girl went closer and saw shimmering snow-white skates. Anne put them on and felt just like a feather! She immediately went to the lake and started skating. After several minutes she noticed that there were mysterious wavy trees surrounding the lake, and some strange fog was covering her legs. Then she saw a big grey wolf coming at her from the forest! Anne quickly took off her skates and ran away.

Suddenly she heard a sweet voice. "Hey, little one, what are you doing in the forest?". Anne saw a tall, beautiful woman in a long dress that was covered in snowflakes. She called the girl again and then came closer.

- I was skating and then got into this strange place! I want to get back home! - said Anne.

- I will help you, but you need to give me these skates. They are broken and I can fix them. - said the woman.

Anne agreed and was just about to give her them when she felt something. The wolf from the forest was standing behind her. He whispered: "Don't trust her. She is a witch and she will kill you!".

The girl was really surprised. "How can you prove it?" - she asked the wolf. He smiled and came closer to the woman. She looked at him angrily and shouted at him: "Stay back!". The wolf didn't stop. He jumped at her and at the same moment she turned into a coal-black dust cloud. Anne went to the wolf and thanked him with skates in her hands. "This beautiful form of her was

just a lie. The first impression isn't always true. Now I will help you to get back home." - said the wolf.

Anne sat on the wolf's back and they went to the lake. She saw that a magical portal had appeared. She went through it with her new friend, the wolf. When they came back into the normal world, the wolf turned into a dog with shiny white fur. Anne took him home and they lived happily ever after.

## A5

Rachel was just a regular girl who lived in the forest with her parents. Rachel was a fan of skating. She skated every day on her own.

One day, while Rachel was skating, a big wolf approached her. It had grey fur and two green eyes, which scared the little girl.

„Get away from me!"-she screamed.

„Wait..."-said the wolf.

Fascinated by the fact that the wolf could talk, Rachel made her way to the wolf.

„I had no idea that wolves could speak,"-she pointed out.

„Look, I'm not really a wolf,"-said the wolf.

The stranger told Rachel that he was turned into the wolf by an evil witch. To get rid of this curse, the wolf had to find one magical object in this forest.

„I'm afraid I don't owe any magical objects"-said Rachel.

„Check your skates for me, please,"-pleaded the wolf.

Rachel took off her skates and gave it to the wolf. Sadly, nothing happened.

„Why is this happening to me?!"-complained the wolf while crying.

„Hey, don't cry,"-said Rachel who felt pity for this animal.

Suddenly, Rachel had an idea on how to cheer up the wolf. She showed him how she skated. It seemed delightful for the wolf. For the first time the wolf felt some kind of inspiration.

„Oh my! You're not a wolf anymore!"-gasped Rachel.

Instead of the wolf, a boy was watching Rachel skating...

It turned out that the skates had magic. It was magic of inspiration.

## A6

Once upon a time there was a boy living in slums. He was very poor and there was a lot of hideous people around him. They were all corrupt and did not care about significant other. A boy had a dream of getting out of the slums and making a kingdom with good people.

Time passed, and while the boy was chasing his dreams, a lot of people stick with him due to the boys angelic appearance: blue ocean eyes, white hair and pale skin, he was ambitious and people were willing to do anything for the boy.

Once, a boy met his first friend - someone who could stand in one line with him. However, his friend never shared the boys way of achieving his dream. The boy was ready to hurt a lot of people to build a kingdom, he was a villain of his own story all along. He found an artifact that could grant his wish for a heavy price, but fortune teller warned him:

-This item will be your downfall!

And he did. For a new kingdom, boy sacrificed nearly all his comrades. His friend was begging him not to do it:

- Stop! Nothing good can be achieved by hurting others!

Nevertheless, the ritual was carried out and wish was granted. He managed to build a new kingdom, but something went wrong: gradually people there became more evil and demonic and they killed the king. Ritual was broken and price reversed - all the dead comrades came back to life.

No good can be reached by suffering - it will not last long and unbreakable cycle will never end.

## A7

Long, long ago there was a little girl who lived with her mom and dad in a tiny house near the forest. The little girl was loved and her life was happy. One day, her parents gave her a pair of skates as a present. Her dad only said, "You can go skating anywhere you'd like, but never go deep in the forest!". When the little girl left home to try her new skates, she didn't understand why she couldn't go to the forest. She was too interested and decided to go there even if that is against the rules. She walked very much and at some point she found a big bad wolf. It was twice her height and had a lot of sharp teeth. The little girl was very scared but looked unhappy, so the little girl talked to it. "What are you doing here all alone? It can be dangerous for you.", the wolf said. The little girl told it about the present and the wolf was surprised. He told the little girl that he was her older brother, he loved going to the forest to skate at the frozen lake. One day, brother and father had an argument and father used the magic skates to turn the boy into a big wolf. He gave the little girl these skates to turn her to a beast too, in case the father didn't like her anymore. Together, brother and sister came home and banished evil father from there. They lived all together happily ever after and the little girl was proud she didn't judge the appearance of the big wolf that was her brother.

## A11

No one has ever told Sophie the story of Little Red Riding Hood, and that was probably the reason why she was not aware of the threat that a big wolf posed to her. He often came to the back door of her house and she fed him leftovers from her family's table, until her parents discovered this peculiar friendship of a fair-haired and big-eyed girl and a monster.

"Go and make friends with that boy Jack who skates on the pond!" her father ordered, and Sophie had to obey, although she felt offended.

Jack was behaving very arrogantly from their very first meeting.

"You are a loser!" he kept repeating, pushing Sophie. The next time Jack did that, she fell painfully. Suddenly, the bushes started trembling and Sophie's friend the wolf hopped out of them onto the ice, roaring at the boy, who was already running away like a coward.

Sophie laughed, feeling gratitude.

The wolf brushed his nose against her skates. When she got up from the floor, she found herself skating miraculously well. The wolf must have made them magical!

"Let's head home and see if we can find something for you to eat," said Sophie, because now she knew that sometimes animals were better companions than people.

## A14

Magic is everywhere.

- Do you see it?

- What?

- Do you see that unusual object on the other side of the river?

- No, there is only a tree.

It all started a year ago during Christmas night. It was hot inside and Mary, who was 8 years old blonde girl, invited her friend John to go to the Big river. When they came there, she heard some strange voices.

- Do you hear that?

- Keep calm. We are alone here.

However, five minutes later she was scared to death by a big black flying object, which was ten times bigger than an owl. John was calmer than ever. Mary could not move. She was looking at the object while it was flying away from them.

Little friends came back home. While adults were celebrating Christmas, Mary was trying to write down everything she saw that night: " HUGE, UNUSUAL, DARK, FLYING".

An hour later she came back to the river alone. She noticed the object which was now walking around and talking out loud. It was a bear with wings...

This is how she realized that she had a magical vision. Mary could see things which remained unseen for ordinary people. At first she was scared but a week later she understood that it was her unique advantage. "I can communicate with another world. This is fantastic!" - she thought.

In today's modern world it's good to be unusual. The main thing is not to be ashamed of being one.

#### **A16**

##### **ONE GOOD MOVE DESERVES ANOTHER**

Once upon a time, there was a diligent girl named Nastya. She had long fair hair and thoughtful eyes, and she loved wearing her crimson coat and hat. Nastya and her mother lived off the beaten track in an ancient forest.

Once, Nastya was picking berries in the woods when she heard a plaintive cry. She ran to where the sound was coming from and saw a formidable wolf. Apparently, it got caught in a snare. Nastya felt scared but she fought her fear back and helped the wolf get out of the trap. "God bless you for your courage", said the wolf in a human voice. "Here is a magical whistle. If you're ever in trouble, use it, and I will come and save you."

Many months passed since this outstanding situation, and it was winter now. Nastya was skying on a frozen lake when a fearsome bear appeared out of the blue. It let out a bellicose cry and charged towards Nastya. Obviously, it wanted to slay Nastya! Never in her life has she been so terrified! However, she remembered about the wolf, took the whistle out of her pocket and used it. Like a streak of lightning, the wolf appeared and made the bear go away.

"Thank you!" Nastya exclaimed, "Now I see that if you help someone, they will help you in response." And everyone lived happily ever since.

#### **A17**

Once upon a time there was a little girl Masha who lived in a forest. Masha was a beautiful girl with blonde curly hair, big round eyes, pale skin.

One day Masha's mother wanted to bake an apple cake so she asked Masha to go to a fair and buy some apples. Masha, dressed in a red coat and hat, took her ice skates and went to the fair, located on the other side of an iced covered river.

As she was moving across the river on her ice skates, she noticed an old woman who was skating on the ice bootlessly. Masha said : ' Hello! I am Masha. Who are you? Why are you skating barefoot?'. The old woman answered: ' My name is Villaine. I am skating barefoot because I want to eat you!'. The girl got so scared that she couldn't move at all. Then she noticed her friend wolf Niki as he was approaching right to her. He came to rescue Masha. Niki was a magical wolf who could cast a spell on everyone using his magical wound. After grabbing the wound, he screamed: 'Go away, old lady!'. And the woman disappeared.

They crossed the river. It was snowing, Masha was holding the ice skates in her right hand. 'Thank you', Masha said. ' True friends always help each other' he answered. They bought apples, came to Masha's home and told Masha's mother the story.

### **A18**

Once upon a time there lived a happy father, mother and their beloved daughter Sara. The life of the girl was full of joy until her mother passed away one day. Sara's dad was full of sorrow but soon married another woman.

Sara liked her stepmother as she was always kind to her. But the stepmother didn't like the small girl. Her beautiful face with big eyes and her long fair hair irritated the woman as reminded her of Sara's late mother. So, the malicious woman decided to get rid of the child.

Learning about Sara's hobby, the stepmother gave her a pair of white skates and allowed the small girl to go to the forest and play any time she wanted, knowing that a hungry pack of wolves would eat her. The naive child, dressed in an elegant red dress and red hat with a rose, happily went to the nearby lake and skated there, not being afraid of anything. However, the forest spirit decided to protect the innocent girl and used his powers to turn her skates into a magical shield that summoned a wolf which stayed by Sara's side and protected her on her way.

After Sara returned safe and sound thrice, the stepmother realised how guilty she was and exclaimed, "I can't live like this any more!" Then she quickly divorced Sara's father in order to become a nun to ease her sins. When leaving, she could only whisper to the girl, "I'm so sorry."

### **A22**

Once upon a time. lived a little girl named Rouge. She had to live alone deep in the pine forest. The only person close to her was Niki Stevenson. She was a little friend of Rouge who lived far away from the pine forest. To meet up with her, Rouge had to wake up early, pack her things and go on an adventure to see Niki. However, the only road that let her went out of the forest was the little path deep in the woods.

One day, when she walked up to the path as usual, she saw several men in black with guns on them going through the forest. She ducked down the snowy bush and heard one of them talk.

- Today is the day, gentlemen. We have waited long enough but now its high time that we rob the Stevensons house.

All men nodded in agreement. Rouge was frightened and had only thought one her mind:

- I have to save Niki!

She slowly went around the bush and only then she had realized that the path she had to take to get to her friend was full of these scary men in black. Rouge panicked for a second but then remembered about the lake that she could cross to get to the Stevensons. It was frozen now. She ran their fast as snow began to fall. To her surprise, near the lake she found a wolf standing on the icy surface. It had a magnificent brown fur which Rouge had never seen before. When she came closer she realized that the wolf was just a well done statue and in his teeth she saw a pair of new ice skaters. She picked them up and looked around hoping to see the kind one who left these ice skaters for her but saw noone. The ice skaters that she has put on suddenly began to move on their own gliding her to the different side of the lake.

-It is a miracle, -Rouge exclaimed.

Fortunately she came in time to inform the Stevensons about the dangerous men. Although Rogue knew that she had to say goodbyes with Niki that day she has not regretted it because at the end of the day she saved her life.

## A23

Once upon a time there lived a pack of wolves.It consisted of seven wolves which were very cruel,arrogant and mean.All the animals in that area were terrified of them.All the wolves were concerned about were themselves,they didn`t even usually share food between each other.That is how selfish they were.Although ,there was one wolf amid the others called Matthew.He was the youngest in the pack and was against its lifestyle.More than that,Matt was a vegetarian but was forced to stay in the pack because "these are the rules of a wolf`s survival" as the oldest wolf said.

One frosty winter morning Matthew decided to go outside the forest and explore the small village nearby.First he hesitated but eventually set out.On his way he saw a little girl crying near a frozen lake.She was wearing a red warm coat and a matching cap.Matt carefully came up and asked her :,,What has happened to you?"The girl answered:,,I want to skate so badly but I dont have any skates" -and burst out in tears.Matt didn`t say anything,instead he rushed to the village and found what she so badly wanted.When he came back the little girl stopped crying at once and embraced the relatively huge wolf. Since then Matt came to the lake every day and watched the blissful skating of the girl.Maybe they didn`t become close friends but the white little skates united them.

## A28



Once upon a time, in a small Kingdom, a wise King and his generous Queen had a baby. The newborn girl was called Stella. But that day, the old witch warned the parents. 'The girl will be in a big trouble if she leaves the castle', the witch said. The King and the Queen were so scared that they forbid the princess to leave the castle.

Time passed. Stella grew up. She had long blond hair and big blue eyes. She was thought to be the most beautiful girl in the Kingdom. However, she was also the most unhappy girl, as she has never went outside the castle.

Her biggest dream was to see the world, so one day the girl said to her parents, 'Tomorrow is my birthday. Could you finally let me go outside?'

Her parents remembered the prediction that the old witch made, that's why they forbid her to leave the castle.

Stella decided to run away. The next day, early in the morning, she slipped past security and got in a very beautiful forest. But she didn't know, that it wasn't an ordinary forest, it was a magical forest.

Stella went deep into the forest and came upon an old hut. As soon as Stella came to the door, an old lady opened it. She was unattractive: she had stooping bearing and a big curved nose with a wart. The woman invited the girl in her hut. Stella accepted the invitation. The old woman offered her a cup of tea. Stella noticed that the lady put some potion to the cup. Stella was smart, so she distracted the woman and managed to run away.

The old lady turned out to be the witch, who predicted the girl's fate the day she was born. It appeared that the witch set it all up, because the girl had magic tears, which could make the witch young again.

The moral of this fairy tale is that you shouldn't always listen other people advice, as not all people are willing to help you.

### **A30**

Once upon a time, in a far land, there lived a young, tall man named Marcus. He always had a good will, yet he never could understand how to help people and, to be frank, did not consider any other person's opinion. When someone asked of him to help them out, he always tried to do it his own way and never took any advice from anyone, much to everyone's dismay.

One snowy winter, Marcus found a magic wand. He used it to help people out, and it worked perfectly. One day, however, an evil, shadowy figure called Georn decided to bring chaos, almost instantly destroying the effects of Marcus' spells. Our hero, obviously afraid of the monster, decided to use the wand to fix everything, but to no avail: the townspeople were too afraid to fix anything. After this, Marcus ran away in fear.

He ran towards the woods, and, suddenly, he saw a girl in fully red warm clothes holding a pair of ice-skating boots standing next to a wolf.

- So, uncle Georn is losing himself with his magic, I suppose? - The girl asked.

Marcus was shocked and went silent for a moment.

- Well, - she continued, - Georn is selfish, and your wand represents consideration and people's will. Just banish Georn, all together.

Marcus, finally happy to hear something that can help, ran back to the town and told everyone about the solution to the problem. Then, with just one spell, our hero together with the townspeople turned Georn into a rain cloud that drifted to the South, far away from where they live.

After that, Marcus helped the townspeople with the repairs and improvements in their lives, and the rest of the land lived happily ever after.

### A31

#### \_No hate \_

It is a cold winter day and Amelia is invited to the local rink to take part in the skate competition between two neighbourhoods. Though she looks like a doll with deep blue eyes, everybody knows that she can show surprising performance on ice. That's why, such competition is like a challenge to everyone. Time passes and there are six people who has already shown their skating skills. Finally, it is Amelia's turn.

"Seven is your lucky number! You will win", said the Amelia's mother. Amelia, feeling confident about her performance, is ready to start. But there is someone who does not want her to become the number one. Kim. The girl that always thinks like she is running the whole world but looks so envy.

"Let's see what you will do now", said Kim and broke the ice with a metal stick. Amelia is skating right where the ice hole is. She is scared to death knowing that she is going to fall into the cold water. Suddenly, people have seen the wolf coming on the ice and heading to Amelia. The animal puts his paws that are shining by rainbow colours and covers the ice hole. It is hard to believe but the danger has disappeared. The disastrous possible falling is prevented.

That day, Amelia has realised that the magic exists. But what is more important is that Kim, being seriously judged, has understood that she will never bring hate into the world again.

### A32

Once upon a time there was a little girl who lived outside the city in a huge house with her grandparents. Her name was Alice. She was 7 years old and just went to the first grade. Alice was very beautiful girl. She has blond long hair and big beautiful light blue eyes. She was smart enough for her age. Her grandparents were very strict and did not allow her much but despite this the little girl was very kind, cheerful and dreamy.

One day, once again, Alice wandering through their huge house came across an attic. There she found old skates and clipping from a magazine where beautiful girl was skating. She immediately began to dream about how she could skate beautifully. Alice quickly put on these skates and went to the river near the house.

At first she couldn't do anything, but then suddenly the skates lit up with blue fire and seemed to start helping her. The girl was overwhelmed with emotions. She was so happy, her heart was beating so hard, and a smile was shining on her face.

Suddenly Alice saw her grandmother who almost run up to her. She grabbed the girl by hand and dragged her home, saying: "how dare you take skates and skating alone without my permission. I forbid you to repeat it". Alice was crying.

The next day Alice was sitting in her room and suddenly saw a blue light. It was her skates. They said to her: "Little girl you should talk with your grandmother and explain her everything, that you want to learn skating. I am sure she will let you."

Alice did so and grandma really understood her. Now they went skating together on lake every day.

You all should always remember that it is vey important to talk.

### **A33**

Magic for the pure

Once upon a time there was village in a remote forest. The forest was big and thought to be magical. The villagers believed in the existence of magical wolves, highly intelligent creatures whose fur was also of great value.

In the village there lived a little girl that loved exploring the forest and she was sure that one day she'll befriend a wolf and will persuade the villagers to love wolves not for their fur.

One afternoon the girl put on a warm red dress and hat, took her iceskates and went out into the forest to find icy ground where she could skate. After some time she sensed someone near and felt warm breath on her hand. Looking around she found herself face to face with a magnificent brownish-grey wolf. Mastering her fear she asked: 'Hello, sir, do you know any good icy places here where I could skate?'. The wolf nodded and started towards a clearing with a tiny frozen pond perfect for the little girl. She happily spent hours there and then returned home where she told her parents about the wolf. The father decided to go with her the next day.

The wolf met the girl by the pond but then smelled the man standing behind the bush with a shotgun. The second the wolf had lunged on the man, the little girl screamed for the wolf to stop. And then she said: 'Father, if all you are looking for is money from this fur, then I can't live with you'. With those words she went away with the wolf by her side, leaving the man moneyless but having taught him a valuable lesson.

### **A36**

There was once a girl. She had a cute face, a small nose and beautiful brown eyes. Her name was Caroline and she was very kind and always tried to help everyone.

Her friends once told her some gossips about a wonderful lake where you could skate right on the water, but magic skates were tedious for this. Caroline was surprised and scared at the same time: she had to go to the nearest forest, find a wolf there and take from it the skates.

By all means, she decided to see the wonderful lake. The next day she set off. Long dark trees were terrifying, and the absence of animals was alarming. Such a gloomy background didn't give her peace of mind.

After few minutes Caroline suddenly saw a house. She knocked, and a big wolf appeared from behind the door. "Little girl, come in, let me treat you with hot tea," - he said. Caroline entered the house. The wolf went to the kitchen, when the girl heard strange noise from the closet. She opened it and was shocked: there was another big wolf. "Thank you, little girl," - he said, - "the other wolf is evil and wanted to eat you." Then the wolf went to the kitchen and killed the villain. "You've helped me and I helped you in return," - he explained, - "now let's go skating on the wonderful lake you're looking for."

He gave Caroline the magic skates and since that time they've become best friends.

### **A38**

Once upon a time in remote norwegian village lived a little girl Lotte. Her skin was as white as snow, only her rosy cheeks were constantly tinted with blush. Long blond hair framed her face. There were three of them in the house: Lotte, her mother and stepfather. Lotte has never met her dad and the only thing that reminded the girl of him was a neckless with a wolf's claw, that her father made. Oh, how she wished to meet her dad one day. She could feel that she wasn't loved in the household. That's why Lotte cherished her father's gift so much.

One chilly evening her mother came outside only to find Lotte playing among cubs. Lotte was giggling as cubs were licking her face. Mother, furiously, rushed to her daughter and brought her home. Lotte was so confused as to why her mother would interrupt their innocent game. Suddenly her mom started yelling:

"What were you thinking little bastard? Those are wolves!!!" - it was clear that she was mad.

"I know, but they are my friends!"

"And how do you know that, may I ask?"

"They told me." - said Lotte as a matter of fact. She could swear she had genuinely spoken to the cubs. But to girl's surprise her mother didn't believe her.

Later her stepfather came up to her angrily muttered under his breath: "I wish your mother would've left you with those wolves. That was I wouldn't see your annoying face again."

Time went by, Lotte grew, her parents' hatred towards her became even more evident and no one knew that every day she would go to the woods to wander through the forest with a pack of wolves, who became her friends. One day on their walk the leader of the pack asked her

something:

"I know you hate that stepfather of yours... Would you like us to kill him?" Lotte's eyes widened at that suggestion. She did hate him, but definitely did not wish his death. That's why she replied: "No, I don't want you to hurt anyone. I'm ready to forgive my parents and run away with you." Wolves couldn't accept the girl into their pack, but they took her to a good man they new in the nearby village. The man was her dad and turns out she could speak to the wolves because of the necklace.

## A42

### REDEMPTION

Once upon a time, there lived a girl Elisa who could only be best described as 'contrary', 'spoilt', or 'arrogant'. Perhaps, that was the reason why she always wore red, luxurious clothes — to show she was privileged and make everyone envy her lavish lifestyle. However, there was one moment that made her change forever.

It was a dark wintry night, but that fact didn't stop the girl from venturing out in the woods all alone. Barely had she reached her destination when she found out she was being followed. 'Stop there, monster!' said Elisa, turning around. 'Don't you dare tell me what to do! Now I shall free you from all your sins!' shouted the enormously huge, old wolf. His frightening claws and gritted teeth were almost ready to destroy the girl, but she escaped. Her ice skates, it turned out, could rise up into the air for a while, so she used it to her advantage. The unimaginable wrath that the wolf was filled with allowed him to jump that high and take Elisa.

Unexpectedly, he didn't kill the girl. On the contrary, he kept making her laugh and cuddling her till she seemed normal. 'I am an ancient spirit that keeps order of good and evil,' he stated proudly. 'Now that you're free, please remember that there is strength in vulnerability'.

## A45

Magic skates.

Once upon the time, there lived a girl and her mother. Her father was a hunter but he died when the girl was five years old. Girl's mom was very ill. One day she called her daughter and told her: "You have to be very strong, my dear. I'm very unhappy to leave you, but I can't do nothing about it. Here I have a pair of magic skates. Your father asked me to hide them. They can help you travel very fast." The poor girl started crying. She asked her mother to stay with her. Mother also started crying. She said: "I'm terribly afraid to leave you. But please, be strong. And be awarded that your uncle can come here. He is an evil man. It was he also killed your dad." With these words girl's mom died.

The next day the door opened a big man entered the house. He was strong and a wide scar on his face made him look like a pirate. His eyes were dark and they shone like pieces of burning coal. The girl was trembling of fear when he said to her: "It's my house now. Go to the forest - now you will live here." The girl went to the forest and started crying. Then she heard a voice:

"What has happened, my dear?" She looked around and saw a wolf. "I knew your father, he was kind man. He never killed my family." Then wolf asked girl to sit on his back and started to run very fast to her house. There was no one here. Girl was able to take the magic skates, but then she heard the noise - it was uncle. The wolf cried to her to put them on! Suddenly they appeared on a lake covered with ice. Girl started running fast, even wolf couldn't run as fast as she. And then the wolf jumped and there appeared a hole in the ice. Uncle got into it and disappeared. Then girl and with her friend wolf returned home.

Since then they lived together. Girl grew up, she met a nice men. And they taught their children to use magic skates. The old wolf was happy about it.

You can be really lucky if you help somebody in your life. In this case you didn't live in vain.

**A47**

### A girl in the woods.

At one winter evening, in a small house there was a little girl named Greta, she was sitting near fireplace when her father came closer to her:

- You know what day tomorrow is, little Greta? - a bulky, tall yet kind old man spoke softly.
- Is it Christmas? - the girl smiled brightly, her eyes shining with joy and innocence.
- No silly, it's your birthday! And we got you a present! - The man moved to an old cupboard and from the upper bottom of it he took a big box.

Slowly, with endless kindness to his child, the man returned holding the sacred chest in his arms. Greta started jumping with joy when her father removed the cover, a new-looking pair of snow-white ice-skates was gifted to Greta.

- Can we go to our lake now? - Greta was impatient to try out her new skates.
- No, it's getting dark, we should go so far away from our home. - the man calmed her down
- We will go there tomorrow, as soon as the sun shows up.
- Ok. - Greta looked a little sad, but she was still happy with her present.

After a great dinner family was going to sleep. But little Greta couldn't sleep, she desperately wanted to have a go with her skates. Without anyone's notice she, like a small mouse, took her skates and went outside. It was dark, her house was built on a little hill in the forest, which at night was as dark as the night sky. Greta was scared a little, but she remembered the road to their frozen lake like the palm of her hand. Slowly, step by step, listening to every sound of the sleeping forest, little girl was on her way to try out her new skates. To her own surprise she got to the place without any troubles and an endless happiness filled her to the heels. The lake was beautiful, shining with calm blue light of the moon. But there was something wrong, the girl saw a person, standing on the lake, motionlessly. She shouted:

- Hello! My name is Greta, I came here to skate a little, do you mind?
- Oh, hello there, little girl, I didn't notice you. Of course you can, it is a good night after all. Come here, show me your present.

The girl was a little confused. How could that man know that it was a present? But still, she chose to ignore it and stepped on the ice. Moving slowly she was looking at the man. He was wearing a long black coat and a big tall hat, the only thing that wasn't black in that man, were his eyes, which shone with bright gray color, just like the moon at that night. While the girl was walking, she noticed how the ice was becoming thinner, and thinner, but she didn't pay

attention to that. The only thing she was know thinking of, were that man's eyes, they calmly were looking at her and Greta couldn't break the eye-contact. But then, she heard a loud growl behind her. Scared, she finally looked away of that man's eyes and was petrified. A big, furry wolf was standing just behind her. Looking furious, but for some unkown reason understood that she wasn't his target. The wolf growled at the suspicious man.

- You won't be taking her to your depths, moon. - a strong, steady voice came out of the wolves fanged mouth.

- I didn't even think about it, rest assured - the man smiled at the threat.

- Let's go home, Greta. Didn't your father tell you not to come at night to the lake? - The wolf talked softly, just like her father.

- I was to impatient to try out my scates... - Greta didn't even know how to react to this, she just followed the wolf.

Together they walked away from the ice and quickly started going back. Just when the lake was about to dissappear from the sight, Greta looked back to see if the man was still there. But he was nowhere to be found, and where that man stood, a big pool without ice formed. If the girl came any closer, the ice would shatter and Greta would fall into the deapths of the night lake.

With the wolf, they safely came back to the hill. The mystirious wolf stopped at the forest line, and spoke kindly:

- Don't ever go to the lake at night, and don't trust any suspicious person, that is standing on the ice.

Tomorow morning Father just like promised took Greta to the lake and they had a lot of fun. But there weren't any holes in the lake.

#### **A48**

Once upon a time, there was a magical place called the Crooked Kingdom. Sadly, there had been a war going on. The creatures knew the queen was fake, thus they tried to get her off the throne. Nobody knew where the real queen was until that day. While the Red Queen, as she was called, was ruthlessly killing creatures to save her place, since she was greedy for power, something happened deep in the forest. A bunch of fairies saw a young girl with fair hair, bright blue eyes, dressed so elegantly. "People can't be there, right?" whispered one of the scared fairies. They soon realised that the girl was there for a reason, as they saw a wise wolf standing next to her. "She is the real queen. I found out she'd mistakenly been taken to the outer world but miraculously got back here, so i figured I'd let everyone see their queen," explained he to the fairies. In order to get the girl to become the queen, they needed to get the magical egg from the Red Queen when she loses her powers. Some time later, in the palace, everyone could see the Red Queen trying to attack the girl. Despite all of her anger, she couldn't kill the young lady. After all, she turned bright red and disappeared, leaving the egg instead. The actual magical thing was the girl's kind heart. It helped her save the kingdom. To this day, kindness is the real magic.

#### **A49**

It was a nice winter day, the sun was shining and snowflakes were slowly falling. Maria and Ivan decided to go skating at the nearest river. They felt on the top of the world, cherishing every moment they spent together. They did not even notice how the time had passed and the night came. They understood that if they tried to find the way home they would be lost. Ivan helped Maria take off her skating shoes and the set off to the forest. After wandering about an hour, they finally saw some man. He was dressed in a fur coat, which was likely made by himself. His furrowed brow showed that he had went through a lot. "Don't be scared of me, kids! I won't touch you!"- the forestman said. The children, who had creeps and could not even say a word were just looking at him. " I can see, that your noses are almost frostbitten, go to the forest and bring some woods. Let`s make a fire!" - the man suggested. Poor children went to find them. Maria was fairly bringing woods, while her sly brother hid behind some tree and took everything to him. The man was wordly-wise enough and revealed the truth soon. He proclaimed that fairness should be the highest priority for everyone and the boy should be punished. The wizard shouted out some secret words and the boy turned into a wolf. " You will be able to turn back into human, only if you bring me one magical stone, which will bring me youth."- he said. Maria prayed the wizard to change his decision, as Ivan was her beloved brother and she could not live without him. The man was so touched by her words that made Ivan human again. The brother had never lied since that moment and was g

#### **A51**

Long ago, in a faraway land, there was a pretty girl named Anna. She had blonde hair and sky-blue eyes. She liked winter and did winter sports. One day, she wanted to skate on the ice of a forest lake not far from her home. She put on her red woolen coat and her red woolen hat, took her skating boots and left her home.

Anna was passing through the dark forest. She was afraid. "Oh no!" cried she, "What's that behind the tree!" Behind the tree was a big brown bear with big white teeth, and it was going to eat Anna. She wanted to run, but there was too much snow, so she fell. Suddenly, a wolf appeared out of nowhere and shouted as if it was human "Take this!" and threw a rock near Anna, who was now even more scared. "Throw it at the bear!" said the wolf. Anna took a stone, raised her little arm and threw the stone at a bear. It started shrinking and becoming white, and soon turned into a hair, and then hopped away.

The wolf came up to a girl and said that he used to be a human, but a wicked witch cursed him and turned him into a wolf. And the magic stone which could turn anyone into a rabbit was also made by her. "I'm almost happy with being a wolf," he said, "I don't have to work or to study. Alas, I have no friends, because everyone is afraid of me." Anna felt sorry for the wolf, stood up and hugged him. "We can be friends now. You saved me!" she said. They went to the lake, and the wolf watched Anna skating. Then she went home, but she always remembered the wolf and visited him from time to time.

Here the story ends. No matter how scary the wolf seemed and how afraid Anna was, he turned out to be kind to her. So don't judge one for their appearance, but rather for their deeds.



## A52

A small town by the name of Winslow was a cold, writhing with never-ending snow storms place adored with a few dozen of cozy wooden shackles. Lily seemed to be out of place arriving there. She was a soft-looking girl, bearing a thoroughly groomed fiery ginger hair accompanied by a set of freckles, seemingly looking for some place to cover her from the vicious local weather, knocking on one particular house that still had the lights on.

Lily didn't have to look for long though, as she was let in by a rather kind-looking older lady. She immediately recognized the girl as one of the local children from many years back, when the town wasn't occupied by Willy Winslow, whom used his magical prowess to hold the town folk hostage, all the while living as a prince in a town he renamed after himself.

Lily knew that William is staying over for the night, confidently rushing to his room. The girl almost burst right through the door of Willy's room. "What do you want?", slurred the brash, sickly voice of William. "To free my city, Bill", she responded. Winslow turned right around in his chair, staring widely at her. He felt surprised. "You can't take it from me!", he exclaimed, jumping from his chair to reach for his magical amulet, but he was too slow. Lily cast a spell on him with one of her own, draining his magical abilities entirely.

Soon, the Sun has replaced the darkness of the night; the blizzard was gone, as the town rejoiced knowing that Lily had done something she promised to. The moral of the story is that no matter how grim your life might seem, you shouldn't give up.

## A55

Once upon a time there lived a little girl in the middle of the woods. She never knew boredom or hunger, as her house was providing her with all that she ever wished to have. One wintery day when she was going to a lake nearby to skate, she did meet someone. It was a wolf, but one that knew how to talk! Sure, his fur was not in the greatest condition, but he had an innocent look on his face. So, they started to talk to each other. "It's really great that I finally met someone" - The girl eagerly said - "It was getting boring living in a house all alone". "Yeah tell me about loneliness" \_ replied the wolf - "by the way, what's so special about that house of yours?" And so, the girl told the wolf about her house and invited him there. But once they made it to the house, the wolf suddenly pushed the girl out of the way, ran into the house and locked the door! "You kept me out for too long!" - screamed the wolf from the inside - "Now you get to stay outside in the cold!" But, because his thirst for revenge blinded him, he forgot one thing - the house was still obeying the girl. Once she got inside, the wolf trembled. But he had no reason to fear, as the girl decided to keep him inside, not giving in to revenge. The end.

## A56

### DON'T JUDGE A PERSON BY THEIR APPEARANCE

Once upon a time there was a young girl, her name was Emily. She had fair hair, blue eyes, she always wore a red hat. After her mother's death Emily's father who was the king married a nice and beautiful woman.

The girl's birthday came. Her father said, "I give you this magical medallion." Emily's stepmother gave her skates and invited her to skate in the forest. Emily agreed but she didn't know that there was a big scary wolf.

So they went there. Emily put on her skates and came on the ice. Suddenly, Emily's stepmother pushed Emily, the girl fell through the ice. Emily's stepmother said, "I want you to die so that my daughter will be the princess." She ran away. Unexpectedly, the wolf appeared out of nowhere. He helped Emily to get out of the water. At first, Emily was scared of the wolf but then she saw that it wasn't bad.

The wolf helped Emily to get to the castle. The king didn't believe Emily's stories about stepmother's plans. He rubbed the magical medallion. It confirmed that Emily told the truth. The king was furious. He banished stepmother from the kingdom and they never saw her again.

We've all heard the phrase, "Don't judge a book by its cover." We should learn that things aren't always what they appear to be - people who look harmless can be dangerous and those who appear dangerous can be harmless.

#### **A57**

"....And once upon a time Redhood decided to visit her old granny who lived in a small wooden house in the forest. Although a dangerous animal was believed to live in that forest...". That is what Jenny was reading, sitting in her small room alone in a bed with pillows, drinking tea, holding some children's fairy book in her hands and looking through its nice pages. The rain could be heard from a slightly opened window. "Oh, if only I could be in a fairy tale! Just not to sit in this dull boring room..." - thought the girl to herself. She was observing attentively an illustration for the "Redhood": a girl in a hood and the evil wolf beside her were staring at Jenny and Jenny was staring at them. "However, I would prefer a purple hood, - Jenny took her colouring pencils and drew a purple clothing above the red one - and also lots of snow would be better. Oh, and I love skating!". Jenny drew snowflakes and skating boots in Redhood's hand. Much better. Little did she know that the book was magical. All of a sudden Jenny was standing in a cold windy forest. A red drawing pencil was left in her hand. There were no books in front of her, no pillows, no tea... Only snow and trees. Jenny gasped in fear and almost started crying when she suddenly noticed some figure, getting closer to her from the fog. A tall girl with tangled hair, several scars on her face and visible confusion and exhaustion (even more than Jenny had) was at a distance of an arm. She grabbed Jenny's hand and said : "I don't want to be Purplehood anymore... I had to kill the wolf! I do not want to be a villain. There are lots of things to do in reality but ruining our happiness and harmony is not a thing." Jenny noticed skating boots in her hand. She rapidly passed her the red pencil and...Woke up. The sun was shining and a pleasant smell of baked cookies was filling the room. "I don't want to be in a fairy tale...Life is fine. I'd better just have a cookie."

#### **A58**

Once there was a little candy island in a big severe ocean. This place had been a sweet dream of every kid having a sweet tooth. And a little girl Jenny was not an exception.

She had a short haircut, wore funny wide trousers of black colour with a huge for her height yellow t-shirt. Interestingly, she was very brave. With her big brown eyes she was always looking for a new adventure. And her biggest desire was to find the island of candies. Her strict mum did not let her eat a lot of them.

One morning Jenny woke up earlier than her parents. She quickly crawled to the kitchen. The girl moved a chair to kitchen shelves, stood up on it and reached a hidden box of chocolates. With a hideous smile she opened it. However, instead of chocolates Jenny saw a piece of paper with strange words "Hide this box under your pillow. As soon as you fall asleep, I bring you to the candy island! Best wishes, the Candy Queen". And so Jenny did, although it was really hard to try to sleep with light of the Sun.

The girl opened her eyes and saw a big white place. But it was not snow. It was sugar! Candies were falling from the sky as a rain. Chocolate rivers poured around. Never Jenny was so happy! The Candy Queen in a white-red caramel dress greeted the girl. She showed her every corner of the island, every creature there was. The Queen gave Jenny a magic stick, which could make every confection you wish just from the air! You only needed to shake it in your hand. Jenny having a sweet tooth thought that heaven looks like this place. She spent there one day, then another one, the third...

Once the girl started to miss her family. She asked the Queen: "Can you let me go home?" But the Candy Queen refused to do it. She persuaded Jenny to stay here in a strict way. The frightened girl tried running from her, but sugar snow freezed her legs! The Queen were coming closer and closer. She said: "Every kid eating too much sugar must stay here!" Jenny shouted and ticked the Queen with a magic stick. She turned into a bunch of sugar. Jenny woke up.

Now the girl never fools her parents, but listens to them and, of course, does not eat many candies without their permission.

## **A60**

There was once a little girl, who lived in a forest with her family. Her name was Lina. She had long blonde hair, grey eyes and fair skin.

One day, the weather was really good for walking and going skating to the lake. This lake was situated not far from Lina's house and during winter it served as a skating rink.

"Mommy, can I go ice skating?" the girl asked.

"Of course you can, but be careful and come home in time for dinner," answered her mother and smiled.

Lina put on her coat, red cap, knitted by her grandmother, warm boots, grabbed her skates and ran out. The weather was wonderful: huge snowflakes were falling from the sky, snow-covered trees looked fabulous.

While she was coming to the lake, she heard a rustle behind the trees. Suddenly, someone took Lina's hand and pulled her in the forest. Lina started to cry and scream loudly, but then, she just fell on the ground, raised her head, and saw tall skinny woman with dark hair, dressed in black clothes. Also there was a huge wolf, who pushed the villain and the woman in black ran away. Lina was still crying.

"Don't be scared of me, girl. I will help you," said the wolf and helped Lina to stand up. He accompanied the girl (with her skates over the shoulder) all the way to her house, guarding her.

Sometimes, we can get help from someone we don't expect and it's okay.

#### **A61**

##### The granted wish

Once upon a time, a girl named Mary decided to go ice skating. It was her favorite activity, so every trip there was special. She put on her best red dress and hat. Her favorite place to ice skate was located right near a big forest. They had to stop in the middle of it to refuel. The man running the gas station invited them over for a drink into his office. The girl did not like him, as he was old and had a very ominous voice, so she wanted to run away from him. While looking around, she saw a mysterious object on his shelf. When she walked towards it, the item glowed bright blue, and granted her wish, swinging her out of the office, far away from the man. When she finally landed deep in the woods, she told herself that the man was not scary at all compared to this.

She went further into the woods, trying to find a way out. However, someone was following her. A set of tracks left by the girl were followed by big and furious predator. Tired, she decided to sit down, only to hear the snow cracking behind her. She saw a big wolf covered in big scars and with greasy gray fur stalking her! She had her pair of ice skates with her, and she tried to fight off the beast. The wolf did not expect this, and was shocked. He decided to ask her what a girl like her is doing in the woods all alone. "A magical item brought me here!" Mary answered, shakingly. "I don't want to be here, mister wolf! Could you please help me?" The wolf was staggered. This is the first time he meets a human, and did not know how to react. "Do not be afraid of me, little girl. I just recently ate." the wolf laughs, only later realising that joke scared her even more. He decided to help the girl, as he knew the woods in and out.

Eventually, they found the gas station. Mary's parents were still there, desperately trying to find her. The wolf knew his job was finished, and decided to go back. Mary thanked the wolf, and asked for his name. He said he never thought of one, as he never talked to people before. She decided to name him cupcake. They said their goodbyes, and Mary ran to her parents, telling her story to them. None of them necessarily understood what she meant, but they were happy to finally find her. They decided to go home, as her parents were exhausted. And Mary would now remember cupcake and the man at the gas station, understanding how even the scariest looking creatures can turn out to be kind.

#### **A62**

Long, long ago, in a far-away northern kingdom, a little princess lived. A joy of her royal parents' lives, young girl was fair as snow, and her hair was blond with the strands of gold. Her rebellious and proud character had made her the talk of the kingdom.

One snowy morning the princess snuck out the castle, wishing to go for an ice skate on a lake away from her cautious parents. Just when the princess was ready to put on her ice skates, a strange creature appeared near her. "Oh, how could such a beauty embarrass herself with such inadequate garments, undeserving of her grace?" - a wolf-like figure asked her. The princess was terrified. "I beg you, princess, let me offer you the skates worthy of your majesty". The princess was used to sophisticated gifts being presented to her, yet the strange glow coming from the skates the wolf was offering intrigued her. "Well, those are sure worthy of myself", the princess said while coming up close to the creature, giving it her ice skates instead. The wolf's squint did not promise any good. But when the girl put her new skates on, she realised they were controlling her movements: she was trapped! Just as it dawned on her, the creature transformed into a princess' lookalike. "I am a princess! Let me go, and my family will grant you whatever you please", the girl cried. "Well, I would be way more satisfied living your life", the shapeshifter said. Then the royal guard appeared, searching for the princess. Confronted with a difficult choice they only understood who was a real princess by her ungrateful manners.

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**A63**

In the middle of a forest, there was a little peaceful village. Mom and daughter lived there together, loved by woods' inhabitants who protected them.

As the winter came, a lake in the forest turned into a skating ring which attracted countryside's children every year. But one year it suddenly became abandoned.

- Why can't I go there? - Mary asked.

- There lives a man who kidnap little girls and boys like you, - mom responded.

But Mary didn't trust her. In the middle of the night, when mom fell asleep, she grabbed her skaters and silently left home. When she entered the skating ring, she heard a flute playing. She couldn't help running for its sound as it was magnifying. A tall slender man with small tricky eyes was playing it with his long hooked fingers.

- Isn't your mommy here? - asked he. - What a pity... My mommy left me when I was young, so I lost my family. But, thanks to this magic flute, I found many children like you. Would you be a part of our big family?

Unconscious, Mary nearly said "yes", but suddenly a roar came from the darkness. A wolf jumped at the man and broke the flute with its strong jaws. Magic disappeared and Mary immediately ran to an animal, shaking in fear.

- Thank you, my lovely friend, - she cried in thankfulness.

- Not at all. Let's go home, - said the wolf.

When Mary returned home and grew up, she never let herself leave her children for a long time and raised them in love and peace.

**A64**

#### DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

It happened a year ago. Me and my friends, Sean and Sierra, decided to go on a camping trip in the woods. . However, it turned out that we had drastically different opinions on what to take with us. For instance, Sean insisted on taking three huge encyclopedias, but we were not surprised as it was a common knowledge that he was a nerd. He was a lanky boy who wore round glasses (just like Harry Potter) , and bullies often picked on him. "You can't touch me because I'm in glasses", -he usually said, whetting the bullies' appetite for picking on him even more.

Anyway, we went on this trip. We were surrounded by stupendous trees. The leaves were crunching under our feet. We were exhausted, and Sierra whispered: "Let's go to sleep". We agreed and dozed off immediately.

Suddenly, I heard some strange sounds. It dawned on me: there was a wolf! I was shocked. I became even more shocked when I realized that Sierra was the one who helped it to enter the tent.

Without a second thought, Sean took one of his encyclopedias and shouted: "Help us, dear magician Carlo!" The pages started to shine. The wolf was frightened and ran away.

After this situation I realized one important thing: one should never judge a book by its cover.

**A67**

#### THE WOLF

Once upon a time, there lived a girl named Mary. She lived in the magical forest in a wooden hut. Winter was the only season in that forest, so Mary would often wander outside gathering berries and edible roots. That was the only food, that was accessible in that forest. And that was just another ordinary day, when Mary was searching for her supper.

This time it was not only colder than usual, but there was less food as well. Mary was confident and kept searching for the source of her survival. Suddenly, she heard a roar. The sense of anxiety seized the air, as the dark figure showed up from the stone covered in snow. It was a gigantic bear. He was furious and hungry. He was vigorously searching for food, and the absence of it irritated the bear. . His slow pace gave away how focused he was on finding the prey. Mary was shocked, as if the thunder struck her. He was just sixty meters away from her. She knew, that she would become his meal, if she remained there. There was nowhere to hide. Her bright red coat was too bright to be unnoticed. Mary saw a grey wolf nearby. Being left

without a choice, she rushed to him and started begging him to take her to the other side of the river.

"Please please kind Wolf, take me to the other side of the river", Mary exclaimed. "I will, only if you give me your magical red hat" Wolf replied. Mary agreed, and the wolf took her to the other side. Why did the wolf need the hat? The hat could generate gold coins. The wolf was happy to help Mary and receive a magical hat. Mary was glad, she could escape the danger. The moral of the story is to help other strangers.

#### **A69**

Once upon a time, there was a girl Jenny who had two sisters Mary and Ann. They lived in a small village called "Nestfolk". One snowy morning mother told Jenny: "Go to the fair in town and sell there gloves we have made, and after that you can buy only one thing, but you must return before 9 o'clock". Jenny couldn't believe her luck, she always wanted to visit Christmas Fair and town and buy skis there. She replied: "Yes, mother I'll be here at 9". Jenny left the house with the bag full of gloves and went up on the hill. As Jenny reached the fair, she was amazed by colorful dolls, golden bells and all kinds of sweets at the fair. Jenny remembered her mother's words, so she went by and stood on the corner of the street to sell the gloves they made. Luckily, her bag became empty very soon. Finally, Jenny got the skis and was on a cloud nine from happiness. She went back to her home, but she really wanted to try them, so she didn't make a turn and went to the pond. As it darkened, Jenny remembered her mother words but it was too late huge furious wolf looked directly at her from the tree. Jenny was terrified and started to run but soon fell down. She burst into tears as the wolf was almost near her, but then she saw the light coming from her skis. She stood up and they brought her to the edge of the pond immediately. Confused but relieved Jenny ran straight back to her house. Mother was very angry at her, but since this day Jenny has never broken a promise she made.

#### **A71**

Once upon the time a little girl decided to visit her grandmother.

It was winter and all lakes were covered in ice. The girl decided to shorten her way and cross the lake on skates. An hour later as she left home, the girl realised she is in the middle of nowhere. Suddenly, the girl saw a wolf who was singing a pretty song. The girl went toward him and said: "Good afternoon! Could you help me, please? I am trying to find the lake".

Surprisingly, the wolf said: "Why such a little girl is alone in the forest?" Then he said that the girl should go along the snowmen. The girl was on a cloud nine because of the fact that the wolf helped her. Some minutes later she saw the house of her grandma, but she needed to cross the lake via skates.

She crossed the lake and saw that the door of home was opened. It was strange and the girl was scared.

She entered in and saw a fox who was robbing her grandmother.

The fox was young and self-confident. Its long tail and frightening eyes forced granny not to scream.

The girl started talking with the fox as friends. The fox told that it need food. The girl said "Do not worry, my granny has delicious pancakes, we will give them to you if you stop the robbery!" The fox said "Thank you, i have never seen such a kind girl !"

It was very nice atmosphere: the girl, granny and fox's family were eating pancakes and drinking tea.

Everyone should remember that it is important to be kind.

## **A72**

The magic ice-skates

Once upon a time there lived rather poor family and in this family there was a girl. They lived near a beautiful pond at the edge of the forest. The girl was so nice that she would always take care of all the living creatures of the forest. She would treat the wounded birds and feed them. The girl had a big dream - most than anything she wanted to ice-skate on that beautiful pond they lived near. However the family was poor and they could never afford ice-skates.

So once on New Year Eve the girl had made a wish, and would you imagine - the very next day she opened the door and saw those ice-skates right in front of her. She put them on straight away and ran to the pond. The girl was ice-skating with such joy that she didn't ake notice of the ice being thin and fell under it. She screamed and screamed but no-one was there.

Then suddenly a huge wolf came to her, which scared her even more. He said: "Don't be afraid of me, i'll get you out of there". And so he did. The girl was crying with relief and jumping with joy. The wolf told her: "If you ever think of coming here ice-skating again, call me and i'll always be there to play with you". That is how they became friends. Also he said: " You're so nice and kind to all the living things here in the forest, these ice-skates were our gift to you".

## **A77**

Once upon a time an old lady came to a small village. She was short and had many wrinkles, but her eyes seemed to be the eyes of a young person. She visited every house and told some stories about her travels. There was a family who had only one child, little Emma. The old lady gifted her with skates. "Never go skating to the nearby village. Legends say that evil creatures live there", said the lady.

Emma was excited to use the gift. One day she grabbed her skates and went outside. She found out that the local lake haven't frozen yet. Emma decided to go to the nearby village. She put the skates on and started going away from her home.

Suddenly Emma heard some noise. A wolf appeared. "I won't hurt you. I can show you a beautiful place nearby. Let's go", said the wolf. Emma had never seen talking animals and was



very scared, but still decided to take the skates off and follow the wolf.

They arrived to a field. Emma noticed other wolves coming from the forest. They were talking about how nice it would be to eat a small girl. Emma was puzzled and confused. Suddenly her skates appeared to be on her feet. The took her up to the sky and Emma found herself on the river again. The skates moved extremely fast, and Emma was back home soon.

After this Emma realised: you should never do prohibited things.

## **A78**

### **An Encounter**

Once upon a time there was a little girl, Mary, who had blue eyes and long blond hair. One winter day she set off to buy new skates. When she came to the shop, she realized that almost everything had already been sold.

Mary started looking around and bumped into an old lady, buying the last skates. The girl was green with envy, so she shouted some rude, irrelevant words to the lady, grabbed those marvelous skates and headed for the door. All of a sudden, the old lady turned into a ferocious, cruel woman and threw some magic dust into the girl. Thrilled Mary ran to the rink. As soon she put on her skates, she felt that some forces started to lift her. She started weeping as her skates were carrying her to the depths of the forest. After landing Mary saw a huge daunting wolf with formiddable fangs. The girl was petrified as she had never seen such a beast. She told him the whole story and said, "Please, help me to get out of the forest!" The wolf answered, "I will help you but you should promise me that you will never behave disrespectfully with strangers!" While going through the scary forest, they saw the furious witch once again. It was that old lady from the shop. This time Mary apologized for being rude and ignorant. The witch forgave her and let them go.

So the girl understood that she should always show respect to all people and keep her emotions under control.

## **A79**

### **The Guard**

Once upon a time, a little girl named Dina was sitting in a living room. Her older brother Felix came in and saw her bored expression.

"It's been a long time since we went ice-skating, hasn't it?" he said with a sly smile.

"It definitely has!" the girl replied.

Later that day the siblings found themselves on the way to the frozen lake. Dina was jumping in anticipation while Felix was holding her hand carefully not to let her fall. Accidentally, they saw a red-haired woman who was dressed in a long dark skirt and eye-catching yellow shirt. A raven was sitting on her shoulder and there was a wooden stick in her hand.

"Look at these sweet creatures, darling. They'll be our lunch" the witch - as children concluded - nonchalantly said to the bird. She moved her magical stick and trees' branches began surrounding teenagers.

The girl was shaking with fear, while Felix's features started changing... Minute after, there was no boy but a wolf. "I didn't know you were a werewolf" Dina gasped in surprise. "Me neither" the animal's eyes said. Felix growled, that action scared the witch. She stopped moving the stick and stared at the beast in disbelief. She knew that this picture of the protective wolf with the girl in a red coat carrying skates by his side was something she could never forget.

"Spirit of love... He wanted to protect the girl so bad that his hidden gift was revealed. This situation shows that love is undefeated and if someone cares about you, you will manage to deal with all the problems. When a person truly loves, they can do anything" the witch murmured.

### **A81**

Once upon a time, in a small village lived a Little Girl with her Father. She had a big blue eyes full of energy and a long blond hair, that made her look like an angel. However, she was a naughty girl and when her Father went to work, she ran off to play near the river. Winter came, and Father became more worried.

"It's too dangerous!", he said.

"I will stay at home.", lied to him Little Girl.

Once again she went to the river, there she saw ice-skates near the river.

"It will be okay if I use them a little while, right?", thought Little Girl.

She put them on and went ice-skating. But it seemed like they wouldn't listen to her! They skated on their on and made Little Girl go down the river in the woods.

"Please, stop!", she yelled in fear as she skated faster.

Finally, they stopped and Big Wolf appeared in front of the girl.

"Naughty girl, you wouldn't listen to your father and now you will work in my castle forever." he said and dragged her in there.

Her Father looked for her everyday in the woods calling for her. Finally, he found the Wolf castle. He quickly knocked at the door. Big Wolf opened the door. Fortunately, Father took his axe with him and won in this fight. Little Girl ran to him.

"Father, I'm so sorry, please forgive me, I will never run off again!", she said in tears.

### **A83**

Girl Ann lived long time ago. She was born in a lovely village, which was located on a huge mountain. Picturesque views and beautiful landscapes could have been seen from the top of it. The only problem was - there was no fire in community and people did not know how to get it. At that time magical dragons were still living on our planet. But none of citizens had ever met one. However, all villagers were very afraid of dragons because it was rumored that they are cruel and angry.

Once in the morning all countryside was waken up by a loud cry. A head of the community called Big Harry saw a huge flying animal in the sky. It was a dragon. In an anxious tone Harry said, "go and fight dragon before it will ruin our houses!" He was very unkind and unfair with dragon. Finally Big Harry's army hurted dragon so badly that it was almost dying and left him alone on a battle field.

Ann was very disappointed and shocked. She wanted to help dragon. After fight stopped she took some magic water in a small bottle and feeded dragon with it. And it became alive again! "I will give you some fire for your kindness", he said to Ann. And she took it to the village. Villagers understood how badly they treated the dragon and sent Big Harry away from the community. Ann became a new head of it.

Never treat anyone by his appearance. Always look deeper than the cover.

#### **A84**

##### **"THE LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD"**

Once upon a time in a certain village there lived a little girl called Mary. Grandmother gave Mary a red coat and a red cap. The girl was very fond of wearing these outfits and everyone called her "Little Red Riding Hood".

Once, in winter, Mary and her friends went to the skating rink. She saw that children were skating. Mary also wanted to skate, but she didn't have skates. She looked at the entertaining children for a long time and then she sadly went home. Mary was so so upset that she paid no attention to the road all of a sudden a pack of stray dogs attacked her. Mary was very frightened and covered her face with her hands. She heard a squeal, a howl and when she opened her eyes she saw a grey wolf, who was fiercely fighting with the dogs. The brave wolf scattered the villains, but he himself suffered greatly. His paw was bleeding. Mary tore off the sleeve from her coat, bandaged the wolf's wound. The wolf asked: "Girl, why are you alone?" Mary replied that she was returning home from the skating rink. "Where are your skates?" - asked the wolf. Mary cried and said, that she would never have skates. The wolf felt sorry for the girl. He decided to fulfil her dream, he looked up at the sky and started howling. All at once, a bright star fell onto the snow, it burst up with colourful lights and new snow-white skaters appeared in front of her. Mary hugged the wolf and they went home together.

The more good we do for people, the more we get it return.

#### **A86**

Hingie like every other creation had a dream and it was a wheat field. It was not a surprise because he was a man-bird, who had usual body and face like a human and strong wings and beak like a bird.

Hingie felt extremely lonely. He was looking for an appropriate field all the time all over the planet, so, he had no home and friends. The only thing he had was a magical ice cube, which never melted but could freeze anything.

One day when Hingie was flying over new territories he noticed a perfect field. It was huge and full of wheat. Hingie was as happy as a lark. Suddenly, his mood changed dramatically...his worst enemy was here....Ratty.

In fact, Ratty is a giant rat who had destroyed almost all fields of the planet.

"Nice to meet you, Hingie, I hope you'll enjoy watching how I'll ruin your dream again", said Ratty with pleasure.

"I won't let you!", Hingie was overwhelmed so much that he was not able to say anything else.

While Ratty was teasing him Hingie got out his ice cube and threw it into the enemy. Ratty failed to dodge and got frozen in a second.

After years of struggling for a field and fighting with Ratty Hingie was finally enjoying his heaven. And he knew for sure "no sweet without sweat".

## **A88**

### **THE GOOD BIG WOLF**

Once upon a time there was a little girl named Mary. She was a beautiful but naive child with long blonde hair and big grey eyes, who lived with her grandmother in a small cottage in the woods. One day Mary woke up and saw that it was snowing. She immediately ran downstairs, put on her coat, grabbed her ice skates and ran outside.

Overcome by excitement, she forgot to take off her favourite red hat that she was never allowed to wear outside. What Mary didn't know was that the hat was an old family heirloom that could let anyone who wore it turn invisible at will.

A couple of hours passed. Mary was about to go home for lunch when she saw a tall man with a gun in his hands. "Aha!" he said, "I have finally found the witch and her magic hat! With its power, I will become the best hunter in the world!" "Stay away!" yelled Mary, trying to hide her fear. The man didn't listen and began walking closer to the young girl.

Suddenly, a wolf appeared out of nowhere and bit the hunter's arm. The stranger screamed

and ran. "Huh, I guess wolves aren't as scary as they look," said Mary, "Don't worry, I won't judge you by your appearance next time."

**A90**

### Deceptive Appearance

Once upon a time there lived a little girl. Her name was Sally and she was nicknamed "Little Red Ridding Hood" because she always wore red hood. She really liked skating and every winter she usually went to the frozen lake.

One day, on the way to the lake, the girl heard someone's wail. She saw a wolf, who had fallen into the trap. He was lying on the ground, his gray-brown fur was covered with snow, and scarlet blood was flowing from his paw. Despite the fear, Sally released him from the trap. Since then, the wolf began to protect the girl. The mother didn't approve of her friendship with the wolf, because she was afraid that he could harm her daughter.

"Mom, you don't understand, he is not like all animals, there is something human in his eyes!" said Sally.

Once, girl's mother went skating with her daughter and nothing foreshadowed any trouble. The witch who lived in the forest and was jealous of the girl's friendship with the wolf appeared suddenly, broke the ice and pushed Sally into the water. The mother got very scared and the wolf appeared and rushed under the water to save Little Red Ridding Hood. In a matter of seconds, he got out of the water with the girl on the back. The witch was grin of envy and turned into the dust.

"Sorry, I was wrong about the wolf!" admitted the mother. After that case he became the member of the family.

The moral of the tale is that you should never judge anybody by stereotypes and appearance, it can be deceptive.

**A92**

### THE TRUE LOVE.

Once upon a time, in the Clover Kingdom, lived a man. He was tall, well-built and amazingly beautiful. His clothes were simple: a grey shirt, home-made trousers with a red belt and a pair of big leather boots. He was a marksman in a local village.

This man loved the butcher's daughter. She was so beautiful that when she smiled, it was like the sun itself was smiling, when she was sad, the sky itself was dark and full of grey clouds.

There was also a forest nearby, the wicked witch lived there. She was jealous of the young girl's beauty and wanted to spoil her life somehow. One day, when the man was in the forest, she picked her magic stick up and said: "Like the sky is blue and the snow is white, from now you'll be silent 'till the end of your life!"

When the marksman came home, the butcher's daughter met him. "Why didn't you say "Hello" to me?" - she said. Suddenly, the man started crying. At that moment, she understood everything. The girl sat next to the man and said: "It doesn't matter, whether you can speak or not. You're my one and only love and I will never leave you crying alone like this. The curse of the witch is difficult to destroy, however, we will find a way to do it, as the true love is much stronger!".

As soon as she said that, the curse disappeared. The man was so happy and thankful to his darling that he continued crying but because of his happiness. The girl started crying too. And what's for the witch, no one has ever heard of her since that day.

### A93

#### Ann's freind and the magic skates.

Once upon a time there lived a little girl Ann. She was very pretty with beautiful blue eyes and long blond hair glittering like gold. One sunny winter day she went to the forest for a walk. When she came to a small glade she caught a sight of something bright that was lying on the ground. There was a pair of skates. Ann touched them and suddenly the whole world around her changed. She turned out to be in a magic wood. And the first thing she saw was a large wolf lying under the pine. To her surprise, the wolf looked at her and sayed:

- Hello, little girl. Can you help me?

Ann was shocked, but she decided to speak with the wolf.

- Hi, what has happened to you? - she asked.

- I have my leg broken, - answered the wolf.

Ann was afraid. But the wolf looked very sad so she decided to help him. She found a stick in the forest and fixed it on to the wolf's leg. She tore her coat and made a bandage for the wolf.

Then she touched the skates one more time and she found herself in the ordinary forest again. Next day she took some food and went to the magic wood again. She was feeding the wolf and taking care of it for the whole next week. One day when she was in a magic wood, a big fierce bear appeared from nowhere. Ann was scared, and didn't know what to do. Suddenly a grey creature attacked the bear and drove him away. It was the wolf.

- Thank you, little girl. My leg is fine now. If you hadn't helped me I wouldn't have been able to walk any more.

A large wolf and a little girl became real friends. That is why people should help each other.

## A95

Have you ever heard a legend about a little girl in a forest and a courageous wolf, who protected her?

Once upon a time there was a little girl with long blond hair and green eyes, who was passionate about skating. What she loved heart and soul was skating. It was her second nature.

One day she made up her mind to walk in a dense forest to skate there. The girl was so brave that she didn't feel any fear. She took her skates and hit the road.

While she was going through scary silhouettes in the woods, out of the blue she heard someone's crying. The girl understood that it was a big wolf. Despite her fear, she came to it. Not only were the animal exhausted, but it seemed like its paw seized up. `What happened to you? Oh, honey, you're dying. I'm going to help you`, said the girl. The brave girl bandaged this paw and gave some food for the wolf. The animal came round, looked at the girl and ran away.

Two hours later the girl lost her way! She was tired to the bone and about to pass out. Suddenly, she heard a roar near her. It was a wicked bear! It was going to eat her for dinner! `I had better disappear now`, the girl murmured. But the wolf showed up before you can say Jack Robinson!

The wolf kicked away the bear and came to the girl. `Thanks for saving my life. If it hadn't been for you help, I'd be dead now. I'm in your debt`, the wolf said.

After this occasion, the girl and the wolf became as thick as thieves. Now you see how vital to help everyone around you. Life's given for good deals. And the more you assist, the more you receive back.

## A97

Once upon a time in a small village lived a golden-haired girl, Mary, with her father. A strange situation happened to them, which inspired an unknown artist to make a painting about it.

It was a snowy day, Mary and her father went ice-skating on the river in the forest. Father dressed his daughter in red clothes, so he could see her if she went too far. Suddenly, he realized that he forgot Mary's gloves at home. He asked her: "Mary, I'll be right back. Could you wait for me here?" The girl nodded and he went back home.

Mary was waiting, but suddenly she felt someone's gaze. The girl turned around and saw a big grey wolf. "Don't be afraid, - the wolf said, - I can show you something amazing. Have you ever heard of a house full of sweets? No? It's in the forest, follow me". Curious girl followed the wolf.

As they headed deeper in the forest, Mary started to worry. Suddenly, the wolf turned around and tried to jump on her. She started running and saw a river nearby. Mary managed to put on

her ice-skaters, which turned out to be magical, allowing her to skate faster, and managed to escape.

She saw her father, worried and nervous, on the hill. Mary hurried to him and hugged him. Father wiped his tears and told her: "My darling, you should never follow strangers, whatever nice things they suggest you. Never".

**A98**

### KINDNESS

Once upon a time there was a girl Olyvia. She lived in a remote village and has always dreamt of ice skating. Her mother promised to buy her ice skates if she studies well, hence, the girl did her best to achieve her goal.

One day Olyvia heard the noise outside. There was a wolf who said, "Little girl, my children are dying from famine, please, help us". Olyvia was surprised as she knew that animals cannot talk. She gave some meat to the wolf and it ran away. Then the winter started. Mother gave enchanting ice skates to her daughter. Everything became frozen, including the lake in the forest. It lake was thought to be cursed and nobody visited it. Olyvia's desire to go ice skating was enormous and she asked her mother, "Can I go to the lake?" Her mum answered, "Honey, no, it is danderous". Olyvia became disappointed and decided not to listen to her mother. She went there, put on her skates and started skating. Suddenly a dark figure showed up. It was a tall old man wearing black clothes. He shouted, "How dare you be there? You will pay a lot for disturbing me". Olyvia was terrified. and did not know what to do. She moved rapidly. It was not her will and she realised that her ice skates were magical as they saved her from the villian! However, this man was faster. He nearly reached Olyvia when the wolf attacked him. It was the same wolf whose family was saved by the girl. The villian was defeated and Olyvia broke down. The wolf pacified her. It said that he would defend her no matter what as she was his hero. Both Olyvia and the wolf returned to the village. Olyvia glanced at the forest. She was holding her magical skates and was standing next to her new friend. It started snowing and she thought, "I'm glad that everything went well".

This fairy tale shows that generosity is one of the best qualities of character. If we are kind to others they are inevitably openhearted to us.

**A99**

### "A Magical Hat"

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful little girl. Her name was Sophie.

One frosty winter morning Sophie decided to go ice-skating. She had to find a frozen lake that was hidden in the depths of the Magical Forest. All creatures could talk there.

Sophie was walking for hours and hours in that Magical Forest when she suddenly met an enormously big brown wolf. He was crying silently. "Why are you crying?"-little girl asked him.



"I haven't got any food for four days, I'm starving "-said the creature. "Here, take my lunch that my mom packed for me. I don't want you to be hungry"- said Sophie and gave the wolf her meal. "Thank you, child. I want to give you a Magical Hat for being kind to me. Take it and it'll save you in danger." The wolf gave Sophie a small red hat and disappeared.

Sophie was almost near the lake when an ugly beast appeared in front of her. Its teeth were the size of Sophie's hands and its claws were sharp. "A-ha, I finally found a perfect dinner for me! I love eating little children! "- said the beast. "Oh, no!"-Sophie thought-"what would I do now?" Then she remembered the hat that the wolf gave her. She put it on and... disappeared!

It was the Invisibility Hat! The beast could no longer see Sophie, so she ran to the lake. "Thank you, Big Brown Wolf. I saved you and so did you! I'm so happy that I met you and helped you!"

The end.

### **A100**

#### A Girl and a Wolf

It happened long ago in a distant farm in the woods. In this farm lived a beautiful girl who adored red clothing. One day she decided to go to a local mountain, because she loved skiing. But she got lost as there had been a terrible snowstorm last night so the road seemed unfamiliar. And then she met a giant grey wolf. She was terrified. But, to her surprise it didn't pounce on her as the wolf had noticed an amulet on the girl's neck and instead gave her some strawberries. It was a special amulet that her father gave her when she turned five. 'Always wear it, darling. It will keep you safe from any danger.', he said when he gifted it to her. But they could not look at each other forever, as a hunter appeared behind the girl and shot the wolf. 'Sir, please stop that!', she cried. 'Quiet, kid! I am here to rescue you! And, besides, a gray wolf's fur is so expensive!', he said. After hearing that she attacked him, kicking and punching with her little limbs. Meanwhile, the wolf ran as quickly as possible and then the girl ran after it. The hunter chased them but could not keep up. Soon, they reached the farm and it was the time to say goodbye.

Always be grateful and people will be grateful back to you.

### **A103**

Once upon a time, there lived a girl by the name of Mary. A beautiful little girl she was. Her eyes shone blue and her long hair whirled blonde. But a happy life she did not live, for her despicable aunt tormented her every day. This tall, cold-hearted woman forced Mary to work restlessly, all the while sitting in her study room reading through a strange book with unintelligible writings.

That day, however, she was allowed to go for a walk. As Mary was stepping outside, she heard a rage-driven outcry, "Make sure you return by the sunset!" Mary did not say anything and silently closed the door, fearing that she would anger her even more. She headed towards an old bridge that bent above a frozen river. When she was there, she noticed a pair of ice skates

on the ice! Suddenly they rose up in the air and slid onto her feet. Mary could not believe her eyes. "They must be magical!" she exclaimed, and she went down the icy river faster than the wind.

Eventually, the skates stopped, and Mary met an enormous wolf. It seemed friendly, and Mary let it get closer. The ice skates slid off Mary's feet and vanished in the air, and the wolf turned into a human.

It turned out that it was Mary's aunt who did this, and they decided to teach her a lesson. In a blink of an eye, they ended up at Mary's home and confronted the villainous woman. She could not do a thing. The power of friendship diminished her evil magic, and she escaped. And so, Mary lived happily ever after.

#### **A104**

##### **HIDDEN HAPPINESS.**

IN A SMALL VILLAGE THERE LIVED A LITTLE BOY NAMED NICK. HE HAD LONG EARS AND EMERALD EYES. ALL THE VILLAGE BOYS LAUGHED AT HIM BECAUSE HE DIDN'T LOOK LIKE HIS PARENTS.

- "YOU LOOK LIKE AN ELF" - THEY SAID.

AND ONE DAY NICK RAN AWAY TO FIND HIS REAL PARENTS. HE WAS MAKING HIS WAY ALONE INTO THE FOREST, WHERE ELVES WERE SAID TO LIVE, WHERE ADULTS TOLD NEVER TO GO. AND HE FOUND THEM. THE SAME GREEN EYES AND LONG EARS. THEY WERE FLYING AROUND AN OLD BLUE TREE WHOSE LEAVES WERE GOING INTO THE SKY.

- "ARE YOU ONE OF US?" - THEY ASKED. "YOU DON'T HAVE WINGS TO FLY LIKE WE DO" NICK WAS UPSET. HE WAS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL PAIN. SEEING NICK'S SUFFERING, THE OLD ELF TOLD HIM A STORY.

A LONG TIME AGO, AN EVIL WIZARD CURSED A CHILD WITH A MAGIC WAND, WHICH MADE THE BOY LOOK LIKE AN ELF. HIS PARENTS ABANDONED HIM, BUT THE BOY WAS SHELTERED BY ANOTHER FAMILY. THIS BOY'S NAME WAS NICK. AFTER HEARING THE STORY, NICK RAN HOME TO HIS REAL FAMILY.

IN A BRIGHT MEADOW, UNDER THE RAYS OF THE SUN AND THE SINGING OF BIRDS, HE MET HIS PARENTS, WHO WENT IN SEARCH OF HIM.

THE MORAL OF THIS FAIRY TALE IS THAT YOU NEED TO LOVE YOUR PARENTS AND THINK WITH YOUR OWN HEAD.

#### **A106**

Once upon a time, there was a little girl. She lived in a northern town, located near the most frightening forest in the world. According to village folks, it was full of wolves. Our little girl, however, didn't think about it that much.

She dreamt to become a figure skater, although she wasn't really successful in that field. That's why local kids bullied her. The girl was skinny, with a weak and morbid body, so she couldn't fight her bullies.

One day, she went to the frozen lake to try a figure skating jump. Of course, there were the kids

with their leader, tall boy named Billy. "Hello there", he said, "Looks like life doesn't teach you anything". She put on her skates and tried to jump, but suddenly fell. The girl felt ashamed. Her feelings were hurt deeply. Then she remembered something.

Something her mother gave her a long time ago. "The wolves' charmer", a necklace. To activate it one needs to whisper a special prayer. The girl was so desperate she began to speak the words. On the other side of the lake, the wolf appeared.

It approached her. The kids got scared, even Billy, the bravest boy ever. The girl stood up. She saw a light of kindness in the wolf's eyes.

Not everyone's bad, even if you're taught to think so. Trust your heart and make your own opinion.

### **A108**

Once upon a time a little girl went to the skating arena. Snowflakes were whirling in the air while the empty venue froze in unnerving darkness. An ominous silhouette of a crooked old man in torn up garments stood right in the centre of the scene.

"Those foolish kids, they think it's gonna be another wholesome Christmas, he-he. Oh, how funny will Santa look when my anti-aircraft spell finally stops him from delivering gifts ever again!" murmured the one-eyed elder while writing on a scroll.

The girl heard the vile words of the magician. She felt that she had to do something to stop him and approached him.

"Mister, I heard what you have just said and I think you're a bad guy. You should not hurt Santa or anyone else. that's not good" said she bravely.

"Oh, child, I don't care if it's bad or good, I will do whatever I want!" screeched the mage.

The girl wasn't satisfied by that answer - she angrily stomped the ice and, suddenly, the apparently magical blade broke the whole ice floor, the cracks started shining with purple beams and a wolf materialized out of thin air.

"You think a single wolf can stop me, litt—" screamed the arrogant mage before being violently mauled by the animal.

The girl took off the skates, hanged them from her shoulder and waddled of the arena with the wolf. Before exiting, they looked back at the battlefield, and the girl whispered "You shouldn't have been so self-centered, old man"

### **A109**

HEART IN A BOX

Once upon a time in a big-big city there lived a little girl. The girl was very beautiful - long hair, grey eyes and a little curved nose and she had a hobby - figure skating. She dreamt of becoming a professional one day and she was very determined, but not very successful. She lost a competition after competition.

One day, after a failed event, she was sitting in her room. Then, suddenly, there was a knock on the window glass. There was a little bird, trying to get into the room. The girl came up to the window and, "What do you want?" she asked. "Let me in, young lady", the bird sang. The girl opened the window, the bird flew into the room and into a gorgeous young woman. "Thank you, dear," she said, "I am the Witch of the West. If you give me your heart, I will make you the winner!"

And the winner she did become! She won all the competitions, but she felt nothing/ No satisfactions, no rear, no love...

One night she saw a dream. In her dream she was standing in a cave filled with millions of heart beats. All the walls were covered with small boxes that were glowing. She understood it was her heart there and she wanted to get it back. Suddenly she woke up. She was actually in this cave standing on the wet cold ground. The Witch of the West was standing nearby, "Now it's time to pay, young lady", the Witch's eyes becoming narrow, "you need to destroy these people's hearts!" The girl didn't care, but something was wrong! And right then there was a growl behind, "You, wicked Witch! Leave the girl alone!" A big grey wolf appeared out of nowhere. "Don't listen to her! She will destroy your heart too and you will never get it back!" the wolf said to the girl and jumped at the Witch.

#### **A110**

Once a young girl was lost in a forest. The sky grew darker with clouds, the sun was no longer shining. She was scared for her life, and for a good reason, too. "Don't go into the forest!" - her grandmother always warned her - "There's bears and wolves that will eat you!"

"Are you lost, young one?" A hunter appeared seemingly out of nowhere, with a smile on his face. "Don't worry, I know these woods better than anyone else, just follow me.", he said. People always told her not to trust strangers, but it was either that or freezing in the woods, and so she went along.

They were walking and walking, but there seemed to be no sight of a clearing. Then suddenly, in the blink of an eye something burst from a pile of snow. A huge grey wolf pounced on the hunter, but he was quicker and rolled out of the way. The girl was frozen in fear as she turned towards the hunter, his face now pale, nasty, his smile gone, replaced with a sickly snarl. "Oh, not you again! Ruining the life of my grandfather Koschei, and now mine too!", the creature screamed, and pulled out his Never-Miss-Rifle. He fired, and the bullet homed in on the wolf, but before he could shoot again the girl smashed him on the head with a figure skate. Since then, the girl's grandmother healed the poor wolf's paw, and they lived happily ever after and learned a valuable lesson: sometimes, it's not the 'wolves' that are predators.

#### **A111**

## Nova

Once in a medieval village N, there lived a little girl with long blonde hair named Nova. As her name suggested, she loved all things associated with snow and in winter, she was the first one out of her cottage and the last one in. She loved ice-skating the most, but she was too afraid to do so as she didn't believe she skated well.

But, you may ask, why was such a thing as ice-skating known in a medieval village? The matter was that a few years before, a creature had ventured into the village. No one knew how it looked, since the villagers only saw a shadow of the creature which was often blurred together and brown due to unknown reasons.

They all lived in fear of this creature, because one of them had heard that it was a creature capable of burning down their cottages and ruining their crops with a simple thought.

But as days passed, people started coming up with advanced technology and ideas that had been way too early for their time. In a few weeks, skating and reading "Village N Times" were some of the many activities they did every day.

The villagers still lived in fear, despite their many futuristic inventions and ideas. They feared the creature, but they didn't know what it was.

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One winter morning, Nova found a box on the snowy lawn near their cottage. It was simply brown and little, but Nova decided to open it, since she was a little girl with a lot of curiosity.

"Elise! Look here! Look at this box!" she shouted loud enough so that her older sister, Elise, would hear, but instead a beautiful dark maroon being dashed across the lawns. It was a wolf.

Nova grinned.

"Who is this?" she smiled, kneeling down to look the being in the eyes, and very beautiful eyes he had.

"They are turquoise! Turquoise! Elise, come here!"

But the wolf was gone before she could speak again.

She surveyed the box carefully, trying to decipher what it contained, and tried to open it. The lid wouldn't budge.

Her brows furrowed and eyes filled with tears as she was quite young and desired to open the box so much. Piqued by curiosity.

The lid opened.

"Yes!" she exclaimed, laughing joyfully and fully removing the lid with tiny hands.

She saw a new pair of skates carefully placed inside, and a little note saying:

\_"Lani will guide you." \_

At the same time, she looked up and saw the same wolf running towards a forest near the village.

She realized.

"Lani! I'm coming!" she screamed, taking off towards the brown wolf and into the dark forest.

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A few years had passed. The villagers were still fearful of the "strange unknown creature" that could \_possibly \_"burn their cottages" and "destroy the fields", but what they didn't think about was the disappearance of two orphan girls named Elisa and Nova, who were sisters.

And in a winter at that time, deep in the forest there opened a clearing nearly virgin to human sight, touch and hearing.

It was filled with valleys, with a long waterfall cascading down a cliff into the valleys down below.

It was vast.

But at that time in winter, the water had frozen and the waterfall stayed right in the air, tangled in intricately beautiful patterns, different shapes and forms.

And on a large plateau at the top of the cliff, the ground was frozen, creating ice.

A smooth ice surface.

And there on the plateau, a red-clothed girl was skating on beautiful white skates which weren't new, but weren't too old to be worn-out. She was beaming as much as she could using her little face.

Another girl, a bit older, was watching her from a patch of land where there wasn't a lot of ice and smiling as if proud at her friend's accomplishments.

And a wolf was with the older girl, a maroon one, and behind him was a shadow exactly like the one the villagers had seen in their village - a brown blurred-together one. It was sitting and watching, while the girl patted his back.

The girls were sisters. Nova and Elise. And the wolf had been the creature which the villagers had feared.

THE END.

Long, long time ago, there was a little girl. She has long wavy hair and pale skin. Once she wore a red coat and a hat. She was going to skate on the lake. It was a deep winter, so it seemed to be rather safe. But the girl didn't think about the animals in the woods...

At the same time wolf was wandering around thinking about hunting. Despite him there were lots of other animals. Another wolf was so hungry that he couldn't wait to meet his victim. The girl was already near the lake but she heard noise. Then she saw the wolf and shouted: "Help me! Please help!" The wolf attacked her, she was truly frightening.

The wolf who was actually a werewolf heard a loud scream and run to the hotspot. He started to fight with another beast. The wolf was so scared that he quickly ran away. The girl was afraid of both animals because of their appearance. The werewolf became a human and came to her but she was moving backwards. He said: "I want to help, eat this pills", and he gave her pills. She understood her bad condition and ate them. It was magical pills which can recover skin immediately. Then she said to him: "Thanks, who are you?" The werewolf told her about his life, about meeting a kind fairy and took her to home.

The girl realised that appearance doesn't affect character and was very grateful to the werewolf.

### **A113**

Once upon a time there lived a girl. She was pretty, fair-haired and blue-eyed. There was nothing unusual about the girl but for her extraordinary love of skating. She almost never parted with her shiny skates.

One winter morning she left her house for a walk. It was sunny and frosty and the girl was hopping along the snowy path feeling excited about everything around, when out of the blue she heard a scary howling sound. The girl stopped, a bit frightened, turned around and said, "Who's there?"

On the snow she saw a trapped fox, suffering from pain. The kind girl freed the poor fox and the fox addressed her: "I am not just a fox, I am the queen of this forest. For your kindness I will make your skates magical. Whenever you need, you can run away from anyone on these skates." The girl smiled broadly and answered, "Your Majesty, I don't have enemies."

The girl was about to continue her way when suddenly she saw a witch who lived in the neighbourhood. The witch whispered to the girl, "My daughter has always wanted to have such skates. Give them to me. Otherwise I will put a spell on you." The girl remembered about the magical skates and asked the witch to wait a bit as she wanted to say goodbye to her skates. She put them on...and off she went. She was saved! Kindness will always pay off!

**A114**

It was the first time Rebecca visited her orphanage's ice rink when she fell in love with figure skating. When she became older she understood that her aspiration was to become an illustrious skater. She won a local skating competition and got a trip to a training camp.

During one of numerous days spent on the ice rink, Rebecca was soaking up the fantastic atmosphere when she heard a groan. Her friends, also successful young skaters, hurried away. One girl cried: "It must be a wolf! Local wood is fraught with dangers!" However, kind Rebecca would be tortured by remorse if she wouldn't help and she went to the sound. A little adorable wolf had a deep bloody wound. The girl bandaged it with her scarf and brought him some food. The creature told her: "The host of the camp wants to kill us, although we don't bring any harm. All athletes are so indifferent to us". "I won't leave you, don't worry," - the girl promised.

A year after winning the Junior World Championship, she returned to the camp and obtained the host's imprisonment for his cruelty to innocent animals. Once returning from training she noticed that a grey wolf was staring at her. She recognised him by the scar. He gifted her a new pair of skates. Magical skates, that, in addition to her tenacious character, helped her to win all the main competitions and didn't allow her to fail. In relentless pursuit of success we should never forget about our moral responsibilities before those in need.

**A116**

Once upon a time a girl lived in a distant village which was part of a huge kingdom. Her father, former servant of the local Lord was a poor man and couldn't earn money to provide for the family due to his condition. That's why they had to struggle to make both ends meet and the girl from her early days had to work hard in a small corner shop. The owner of the shop was an old woman who was kind to the girl and told her lots of fairytales about various magic creatures which inhabited the forest near the town. The girl enjoyed listening to her and always wondered if she could see all these things with her own eyes, but the lady warned her: "Never, never even think of that! It's too dangerous to go there alone, especially for such a kid like you. If you get into trouble nobody will come to rescue you!", - she cried.

But the girl was so impressed by the stories that she couldn't get rid of the thought to see all the magic stuff herself. That is why one sleepless night she got out of bed, dressed up and left for the forest. When she entered it and walked for at least an hour she heard strange noises somewhere in front of her. She quickly ran there and saw a wolf trapped under the tree. Suddenly he started talking to her: "Hey you, little girl. I am begging you, please, help me escape. I have been stuck here for 3 days already. I can not sustain this pain any longer."

"I see, wolf. I will do it but do not eat me after this", - answered the girl and cut the ropes with a pocket knife.

"Oh thank you so much, my friend. And now it's my turn to give you a favor. I'll show you the road to the location of a magic artefact - the sky skates. They make you so fast you can win any



race or competition you take part in."

So, they went for a few hours until they saw a river covered in ice. In the middle of it there was a huge tree connecting 3 parts of the world. The reaper was standing near it. He was tall, with a bloody red beard, wearing an old-fashioned leather suit with short sleeves and his face was covered with scars. The wolf slowly walked to him, had a chat and after a while he returned to the girl with a pair of skates.

Always try to be kind to others and don't stay indifferent to their problems even if they don't look like you and one day your good actions will be rewarded.

### **A118**

Once upon a time in a far away forest there lived a little girl. No ordinary girl this was: she could withstand the most freezing colds and the most raging blizzards, for she was raised by the wolves. The mighty creatures found her when she was a newborn left all alone in the woods. Since then the pack had taken great care of her so she had become much like them.

On yet another cold and hostile day the wolves and the girl went out to hunt. The little girl was no hunter, but she was of unseen wisdom and had the ability to locate prey. All of a sudden a huge black bear with thick fur and a scar on his snout snatched her and ran away. The bear knew of the girl's gift and wanted to use it for his own good and then eat her. 'Help me!', yelled the girl. She was terrified. 'We must save her', thought all the wolves and rushed after the bear as one.

What a fight it was... Many members of the pack were injured in the battle against the monstrous beast but they managed to save the little girl. In return she healed each of them by summoning her will and letting a teardrop fall onto the animals' fur. She was truly special, having magical tears and the clearest mind.

Be there for the ones close to you and they will be there for you.

### **A119**

Once upon a time there lived a girl named Sally. She had long blonde hair and blue eyes. When she was a baby, her mother gave her a magical hat that gave her the ability to speak to animals. Sally's family had lived happily in the woods until a group of people invaded the forest.

These people wished to cut down a big part of the forest and kill the animals in this area to build a residence for mayor's assistant, John Stevenson. Needless to say, the creatures were not pleased with this. "We cannot stand by and watch our loved ones die," the wolf said. So Sally's parents spoke to Stevenson, but he did not plan on changing his mind. The argument lasted for a long time until one day John went mad and set the house of Sally's family on fire. The girl woke up when she felt the scent of smoke. She was confused. Her parents were not waking up. Then she saw a wolf trying to find her way into the house. Sally quickly grabbed the hat and her

skates. She took a look at her house one last time. She was standing in her red coat with the skates over her shoulder and the hat on her head. The wolf beside her suggested to show Sally the way to John Stevenson.

When they found him, the girl put on her hat on him. The wolf told him about losing her home and children and the pain she had felt. Stevenson finally understood the damage he had done and called off the construction. "I never considered that animals love their own homes and families." He later turned the woods into a reservation area and everyone there lived happily ever after.

#### **A122**

Once upon a time, there lived a girl in a small village. Her name was Chapeau Rouge. She got this name because her grandmother had given a red cap. The girl was kind, smart and hardworking, and she loved skating more than anything else. A good fairy gave her a pair of skates, not simple ones, but magic.

One day the girl decided to go to the ice rink in neighboring village and try them out. Her path ran through the forest. Suddenly, a big and cruel wolf jumped out of the bushes. "Where are you going?" he said. "I'm going to the ice rink" she replied. Then the wolf who also dreamed to learn how to skate, said "Teach me to skate, please!" So, the girl agreed. And they went on together. On their way the wolf told the girl his sad story how he had been bewitched because he had been evil towards other people and only a good deed of a good person could remove the spell. When they came to rink and people saw a wolf everybody got scared and rushed to pick their pitchforks. The wolf sadly turned his back and was about to leave, but the girl stopped him. She told the people that the wolf was kind and wanted to learn skating and she promised to help him. Everybody calmed down. The wolf put on the magic skates and suddenly some power lifted him into the air and he turned into a handsome young prince.

#### **A124**

##### **The Best Friend**

Once upon a time there lived a small albeit gorgeous young lady. Her hair was like gilded and her cheeks were pink as peaches. However, her beauty wasn't only a present but also a sin. Other children from her village were jealous, so the girl had no friends. The only thing that she was really attached to were her special white boots for skating.

One day she went outside to skate on the nearest lake, that was full of kids. Suddenly one of them fell on ice. While others laughed, the girl helped him to stand up.

"I don't need help from an ugly girl!", a little villain cried. Seeing red, he made one wrong step and the ice cracked under him. The child and the girl ended up in the freezing water! The wave of fear was dragging them to the bottom of the lake stronger than their lack of swimming skill.

Suddenly all the children heard a sound from the woods.

"It's a wolf! Run for the hills!", they yelled.

In a moment everyone disappeared from the ice of the lake, save for the two children

underneath it. The wolf showed up from behind the trees. It hoisted two scared children on the ice. Surprisingly, it explained itself. The wolf said that the white boots the girl was wearing were magical boots. The person who wears them will be destined to find a friend. And the wolf had to protect the owner of the boots. Then it ran back to the woods.

Eventually, the children that had left the lake came back. They thought the girl'd saved the other child. But only two soaked to the bone kids knew what had happened. The secret between them became the ground for their strong friendship. And other children in the village learnt that one should never judge a book by its cover.

## **A125**

Once upon the time a Duchess lived with her daughter. Everything was fine until the woman was poisoned by THE IMPERIAL FAMILY as they were displeased with the influence of her family. Other relatives quickly came to get the inheritance. And to get rid of the rightful heiress, Penelope, was married into the most mysterious family in the Empire. The Halstead kin was known for the fact that terrible monsters were born in it. Lord Erden was no exception, and therefore he hid his face under the mask. After marriage Penelope was nicknamed "the monster's wife". But she didn't care about it.

\_Appearance isn't the key.\_ Behind this mask was the kindest and the most vulnerable person. What's more, Erden turned out to be A BLACK-HAIRED HANDSOME MAN WITH BLUE EYES LIKE A GORGEOUS LAKE but he couldn't find out about it as he'd die since the SORCERER made such a wish that he cursed them. Together they were able to protect the empire from the attacks of DEMONS as Penelope was more horrific than some of the supreme ones.

The Lord WAS WORRIED that his wife was uncomfortable with him and offered, \_"Let's get divorced, I don't want you to suffer with ugly me anymore"\_, although he didn't want it in no way. Penelope WAS STUNNED by such a statement but she already loved him too much to ever let him go. \_"Never, honey!"\_ whispered she and kissed him.

AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER AFTER IN THEIR PICTURESQUE AND BEAUTIFUL NORTHERN LANDS.

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## **A129**

Long time ago, there was a brave knight. He was born in a small village, where everyone knew each other. As a kid, the knight was kind and cheerful, and he also had a strong sense of justice. He wanted to become stronger to protect his loved ones, that is why he practiced with the sword every day to improve his skills. The knight was getting better and better with every day passing. His goal was to move to the country's capital and join the prince's army, but there was something about him that was getting in the way. He was born blind. Everyone in the village knew that, but they still supported the knight. That is why as soon as he turned 20, he left his

village and came to the capital.

As soon as he arrived to the capital, he went straight to the prince's castle. The country's prince was famous for being the kindest ruler. Everyone loved the prince. People in the country knew that if you come to him and tell what is bothering you, the prince will listen and try to help you with all he's got. Anyway, the knight went straight to the prince and said:

"Please, let me join your army! I've been practicing for years to be able to become someone who might suit for this duty, and I beg you to lie your eyes on me"

The prince answered:

"I'm pleased to hear that you want to join the country's army. Show me what you've got, young man, and I'll think about it."

The knight was happy that the prince has given him a chance to show himself. He immediately brought his sword out and presented his skills. The prince was surprised by the knight's elegant movements: it was like a ship crossing the water. The knight's hits with the sword were very accurate. He knew exactly where to make the next hit, how to turn his body to dodge the attack from his enemy. The prince said:

"Thank you. That's enough. I see that you are a great soldier. I was impressed by your fight. You are this country's soldier now." - the prince told the knight, and in that exact moment someone had appeared. It was a wizard. He was grinning mischievously and said:

"Oh, mister knight is now an army's soldier? Can you really be one with that disability of yours?" - the wizard said, and in the next moment he was standing next to the prince with a knife. - "Let's see if you can protect the prince. If you fail and the prince die, you'll be the one to blame."

"Stop it!" - the knight shouted, and his sword started glowing. In fact, the sword was a magical object given to him by his grandfather. It helped him to fight enemies, despite the knight being blind - "I'll save the prince!"

The prince, in the meantime, was scared. There wasn't a time he was threatened by someone since everyone loved him. He was breathing heavily, but tried to stay still and not to make excessive moves: who knew what the wizard would do to him if he starts panicking.

The knight didn't want to hurt the wizard. He started talking to him and somehow made the other realise that what he's doing is wrong. The wizard dropped the knife and said:

"Honestly, I have always looking at you. And I envy you. You are a great soldier, have a hot of friends and a loving family, and now you've gotten a place to be you've been dreaming about. I've got nothing of that. Well, it doesn't matter anymore. Good luck with being a part of the army. You've never see me aga-"

The wizard was about to finish the sentence and disappear, when the prince said:

"I can give youn a place to be. You can live here with the knight. He can become your first

friend. Together you can form a nice duo."

"Yes! I see that you know a lot about me, but I know nothing about you. I think it's a bit unfair. I want to know you better! Let's be friends."

And with this, the knight has become the wizards's first friend and the prince's bodyguard, since he has shown what a skilled soldier and a nice person he is. And the wizard has got a friend and a place to be and return to, as he always dreamed.

\_The end. \_

### **A132**

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Emma. Emma was a gorgeous, fair-haired girl with captivating blue eyes. Her parents were very strict, not allowing her to go outside alone. They would often tell her, "Emma, you're only seven! What if something happens to you!"

One day, when Emma was sitting by the fireplace, she heard a knock on her window. To her amazement, Emma saw a wolf. Suddenly, the wolf yelled, "I'm wolf Alex. Let's go skating together!" This offer seemed thrilling to Emma, so she jumped at the chance to skate with a wolf.

Without telling her parents, Emma put on her favourite red coat that would keep her warm and a matching hat. She grabbed her skates and ran towards Alex, whose fur was covered with snow. Before leaving, Emma glanced at her house. "I'll be back soon," Emma thought. But Alex had other intentions. He wanted to eat Emma alive.

When Emma put on her skates, Alex started gnarling at her. Emma was scared stiff. Afraid for her life, she let out a piercing shriek. She closed her eyes and found herself at home, safe and sound. Her magical fast skates delivered her home within seconds.

Emma thanked her skates for saving her. She understood that she should always follow her parents' advice and avoid trusting strangers.

Emma lived happily ever after.

### **A136**

For a long time there have been rumors about the wolf who lived in the forest and attacked people. A long time ago, hunters killed its family, and the wolf wanted a revenge. The wolf, who was actually called James, always seemed as an angry and menacing animal.

Lisa was very beautiful girl, she had blond long hair and charming brown eyes. Also, she had magical skates, it turned out that skates can take the girl on frozen water anywhere. So, Lisa wanted to talk with James and find out why the wolf was so aggressive. Of course, the girl knew that it can be dangerous, nevertheless, she put on her skates, which immediately took Lisa to the forest, where the wolf lived.

Lisa stepped on the ground. Suddenly, the gigantic grey wolf knocked her down.

"What are you doing here? If you don't want to die, you'd better get out of here", said James.

"I'm Lisa, and I'll stay here. Why do you attack innocent people? They don't deserve it", shouted the girl. Lisa was scared but also she felt inspired.

"Hunters killed my family, and you think people don't deserve it? I'll kill them to get a revenge!", growled James.

"I understand your sorrow, but your family was killed by hunters, not by locals. Everyone has their own families, and now you want to let them die like hunters did. I think you should forgive those hunters", said Lisa.

"Your truth... I was so blind and didn't understand it. But what can I do? All people dislike me because I'm a villain", James drawled sadly.

"Come with me! You'll see the world beyond this forest", Lisa suggested. She was very happy because she had known that the wolf just need somebody's help to realise the situation.

"Okay, I'm ready for our trip. I trust you, little girl", said the wolf.

Well, Lisa took her skates, stood next to James and they went to travel. So, don't forget: sometimes it's better to forgive people in order not to become the same as they.

### **A137**

Once upon a time in a remote village lived an ordinary little girl . One cold day she was sent to get pills for her ill grandmother. In case the village was so remote, the only road to the pharmacy was far away and led in an old forest.

It was impossible to delay her plans and our character named "Lisa" stepped up to the forest. It was late at night and the forest seemed even more hazardous. Lisa was holding a skates, that were gifted by her grandmother, granny told that they were magic, because wearing them, you could talk to animals. " I will get this pills, at any cost, to save my grandmother," Lisa said. After that, she lighted the torch and wandered over this spooky trees. Moon and her torch were the only light in this fearfully forest. She was following a way, that granny told her and suddenly she heard a rustle of leaves somewhere far, this noise was increasing and became more louder and gradually closer. Even if Lisa was brave, she scared, that started to shake. Suddenly she saw a wolf, that was bigger three times than her, but he was cowardly running away and followed by a hunter. After that, a hunter shot the wolf in his paw and wolf rolled down to the frozen leg. Lisa quickly putted her skates on, came up to the wolf and asked him, what was going on. The wolf said, " this hunter was following him for an hour , he was an absolute knacker". Lisa bandaged the wolf and he took her to the pharmacy , as a token of gratitude.

Eventually she got home, told about this to her grandmother. Grand mother said, " the only monster on this planet is a human."

### **A138**

Once upon a time in the winter a girl decided to go for a walk. They lived in the secluded forest far away. The girl's mother asked her to bring some wood in order to cook dinner. The mother ordered: "You must return before the sun sets". The girl was very obedient and hard-working. Due to that she immediately rushed to fulfill the request. Actually, it was one of the coldest winters. Little girl was freezing from head to toes. However, she couldn't come home until she found what she was looking for. Unfortunately, it was already getting dark. The girl kept in mind mother's order. She rushed home before the woods would become full with hungry wild animals. On her way home the girl got lost and couldn't find her path because of all the snow and blizzard. Furthermore, she felt terrified, anxious and started panicking. She thought: "Mother must be worried sick..." Poor thing sat down on the cold snow and started crying. As the tears fell down they would turn into icicles. Suddenly she saw a figure coming towards her. It was a middle-aged woman with skin so pale and cold, that she looked like a ghost. Her hair was as white as the snow itself, and her face was covered in glittering snowflakes. The woman asked: "What's the matter? Are you lost?" The girl explained everything that had happened to her. The woman warmly smiled and suggested going skating. She insisted that it would make the girl feel better.

Naive little girl forgot her mother's advice, order and agreed. Magically white skates appeared in girl's tiny hands. They went to the nearest lake and skated for a very long time. Only after sunset the girl realized that she was brainwashed by the Snow Queen herself. The skates were enchanted with dark magic and poor girl couldn't stop. Basically, she would freeze to death and become Snow Queen's servant. She begged for mercy, but the cold-hearted woman laughed back at her. Fortunately, wild animals had already started hunting. The Snow Queen got scared off by the wolf. Surprisingly, the animal wasn't aggressive. It helped the girl find a way back home. The girl looked back at the void of the endless forest and sighed with relief. Eventually, she returned home safe and sound. As it was expected, her mum was extremely worried. In conclusion, the girl learned that you should always listen to your parents, not talk to strangers and remain calm in challenging situations.

### **A139**

Once upon a time, a girl Kelly received wonderful skates as a gift and was eager to skate, but her mother didn't support her idea, as it was snowing heavily. "I don't allow you to go out in such horrible weather!" - exclaimed Kelly's mom Jane. However, the girl was naughty and decided not to listen to the advice, waited until her mom went to sleep in her brother and ran outside.

Later, the girl, walking in the forest through horrible snowstorm, got lost. Her stunning red coat was covered in snow and her knitted hat with a flower was blown away by strong wind. Poor girl was immensely cold and scared. Kelly thought only about her mother, who had a gut feeling that something bad will happen.

Out of the blue, a fox jumped near. Undoubtedly, the animal was about to eat the girl, when a

grey wolf appeared nearby. "Don't touch my lunch!" - shouted the fox, but the wolf scared her, so she ran away. He gave Kelly a stone, which was shining as bright as a diamond. "I know you're lost, this wise stone will lead you home and I'll stand by your side, so you can be safe", said the wolf.

Jane was crying and holding a picture of her daughter, when suddenly Kelly entered the room. Mother jumped for joy, as she thought it would be an uphill task to find her child in such weather.

Finally, lucky Kelly understood, that it's vital to always listen to parents, as they know better what is good for your safety.

**A142**

### Little Red Riding-Hood

Once upon a time there lived a little girl with her mother. The name of the girl was Red Riding Hood as she always wore a red hat, which her grandmother had gifted. Their house was situated in a peaceful village not far from the forest. Red riding Hood enjoyed to walk around the village and pick up flowers in blooming fields.

One day her mother asked Red Riding-Hood to visit her grandmother, who lived in another village and give her some biscuits. The girl was excited and set out immediately.

While going through the woods she met a big wolf. The wolf was hungry but he decided not to eat the girl but to ask her about the way she headed.

"Oh, what a nice girl! Where are you going, sweetheart?"-wondered the wolf.

"Hi! I am going to my Granny. She lives in the village not far from here. I'm gonna give her this biscuits and have tea together!"-answered the girl with excitement.

"You're such a good granddaughter! I want to join you. Let's play a game to make our way more interesting!"- said the wolf with a tricky smile

"Sure!"

"The rules are simple: the person , who reaches your Granny first will be the winner. The prize is a huge candy cone!"

"Wow, I'm in"-shouted a little girl.

That was a tricky plan of the Gray Wolf. Soon he went into the woods and disappeared. The girl followed her path as she did.

During that time the wolf found a shorter path and reached the house faster than the girl. He managed to infiltrate quietly while Granny was sleeping. He took her and carried to the basement of her house.



- "What a genius plan I've made up. Soon I'm gonna have a delicious dinner: the girl, her Granny and biscuits for dessert. " - these were his evil thoughts.

The wolf started to make himself up: he opened a wardrobe to pick up some suitable clothes. After the research his outfit consisted of a pink dress with colourful flowers and a blue Granny's hat. He was also wearing glasses to look like an old person.

Soon the girl came up to the house, she opened the door and found an actual wolf instead of her lovely Granny. The Red Riding Hood understood everything in a second. She started crying and shouting for help. The wolf was ready to eat the girl, his eyes had an evil shine.

The girl shut her eyes but then saw that the flowers she picked up for her Granny started to grow just in her hand. The tears she'd dropped had a magical feature! They made the flowers go alive and become just as humans. After a second the girl was surrounded by colourful plants, who were ready to help her. They tied up the wolf and left him in the deep forest. They also helped the Granny to get out of the basement and calmed down the girl. Finally, the girl and her Granny were sitting in the living room having tea and talking to their new friends. Fortunately, this story has a happy ending but no one knows what could happen instead. So, children remember to be careful and don't talk with the strangers!

#### **A144**

It was a sunny day in January when Masha and Artem stayed at their grandma's house in the ghost town in the middle of Siberia. Virtually everyone left due to one legend, when every year blonde-haired children between five and ten years old suddenly disappeared.

Artem didn't believe such fairy tales, and he regretted not believing it. It happened at midnight. Artem heard a scream in Masha's bedroom. Drifted in and saw a note where was written, 'You will never find her!' Artem was terrified, as he knew, his sister bore striking resemblance to those children who were kidnapped. He needed to find his sister! Artem was an athlete, so it wasn't a difficulty for him to run through the blizzard.

He ran, losing hope, but he saw a light. It led to a lake. He saw that the lake wasn't frozen! He was totally blown away and asked himself, 'How is it even possible?' Nevertheless, he saw his sister skating on the water! He didn't believe his eyes! 'These skates, they are magical, aren't they?' he asked. 'They are!' replied the wolf who was standing near Masha and took her away saying, 'See? You'll never find her. Now wake up Artem!'

He woke up and screamed. His sister was standing next to him with a pancake and tea. 'Don't you remember when mom told you multiple times not to play 'Tiny Bunny' before the bed?' she asked me. 'I do, Masha. Thank God, it was a nightmare!' I replied, hugged her and went down for breakfast.

#### **A145**

Once upon a time there was a boy named Timmy, 18 years of age, who just started working on himself. From reading literature to going to the gym, he was happy, but on one faithful night, his inner beast started monologuing. "You do not deserve affection, nor do you deserve any praise, you are useless" - said the beast. Timmy was confused and dazed on why such thoughts are in him. Each day his anger and jealousy grew. "You remember Mary? Well she is dating your friend now, how come not you?" - said the beast luring Timmy to seek revenge against his friend. The gargoyle-like beast inside was pitch black colored with fiery eyes. Timmy tried fighting the inner "demon" feeling rage. He was helpless, and the only thing that saved him was a magic star wand. It was like it fell from the sky. Now it was Timmy's turn to pounce the "demon". A rain of stars fell on the beast and not just any stars, they were each named differently: Love, Hope, Determination. Picturing what happened: stars - pouring from the sky and the will power of Timmy made the final blow. The boy felt better than never, he just tamed his inner beast - his ego, making him a better version of himself. The moral of the story is no matter the emotional pain you could endure during self-improvement, hard work always pays off.

#### **A146**

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Maria. She had long beautiful hair and bright grey eyes. One day, her friends asked her to go ice skating with them. Maria really wanted to go, but her mother was very strict about it:

"If you go there, you must promise me not to talk to strangers. Don't let them take you anywhere either!"

Maria nodded cheerfully. Before leaving the house, Maria made sure to take her wolf plushie with her. It was a gift from her father. The plushie was old and dusty, but Maria loved it nonetheless.

When the girl arrived to the lake where she was supposed to meet with her friends, she noticed that they weren't there. Maria felt so upset that tears started running down her face. Suddenly, she heard a strange voice.

"Hello, little girl..." - the voice called out to her, - "Why are you crying?"

Maria had completely forgotten about her mother's warning, so she answered honestly:

"I'm crying because my friends left me."

"Oh, you poor child!" - the voice continued. - "Why don't you go with me? I have a lot of candy in my house, just for you!"

But then Maria remembered that she shouldn't go anywhere with strangers, so she politely said no.

"How dare you?!" - the voice yelled angrily.

An old white-haired witch jumped out of the bushes.

"You will go with me, whether you like it or not!"

She tried to grab the little girl's arm, but suddenly the plushie Maria brought with her jumped out of her hands. A huge wolf was standing near Maria, staring at the wicked witch. It started growling and the evil witch ran away, shrieking. The wolf helped Maria get home safely and then turned back into a plushie.

The moral of the story is not to go anywhere with strangers. It's best to listen to your parents and stay safe.

## **A150**

### THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

Once upon a time, there lived a girl whose name was Maria. She was just like any of her peers, living a typical life and having her own interests. She was particularly fond of ice-skating and was a participant of countless competitions. As any child, she kept her own secrets, among which was her envy. She had a so-called rival, a girl named Kate. As Maria believed, she was no match to her. Kate had a stunning appearance - she had long blond hair and mesmerising eyes. Besides, she was a much more talented ice-skater.

One day, before an ordinary training, Maria sneaked into the locker room, took Kate's skates while she was away... and cast a magic spell upon them. That was her plan of revenge.

A moment later, Maria came onto the rink and started skating. At first, all went quite well, Maria and Kate showed good results. All of a sudden, Kate lost her balance and fell over.

'It worked!' whispered Maria in sheer amazement. Obviously, that was too loud and Kate heard Maria say that.

'It is your fault!' she yelled, outraged beyond the limit. She was seeing red.

'You can't prove it,' Maria responded, giggling.

Kate took her skates off, waved her hand... and Maria turned into a wolverine.

'Now I don't have to prove anything. It will serve you good,' Kate replied.

And then... Maria woke up, realising that it was just a dream, which afterwards taught her an important lesson. So Maria lived happily ever after, trying not to envy others.

## **A152**

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The moment she got outside, she started dancing around in the snow. That was when her mother saw her. She immediately went outside and brought Anna back into the house, locking her in her room. "You should think about what you've done, young lady." said her mother. "But mom!" Anna tried to reply. However, her mother slammed the door in Anna's face.

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Once upon a time there lived a little girl. One day she wandered into the winter forest get to the river to figure skate all alone and got lost. It was dark and cold around.

Suddenly, the girl saw a big wolf hiding in the bushes. She got scared and ran away rapidly. She

could hear the wolf following her and started crying for help. Finally, the girl saw something. There was a shack behind the trees where a pretty woman lived. The woman had long dark hair and beautiful blue eyes. She was so kind and welcoming that she almost seemed like a fairy. She saw the girl and let her in. "The wolf won't catch you here, my dear", the woman said.

Unfortunately, the woman was a witch who kidnapped children lost in the woods to cook them. She locked the girl in the basement and went away to prepare the kitchen for the dinner. Fear of death once again struck the girl's heart. She was afraid she would never see her family again. Suddenly, the wolf appeared before her. "Here, take this, little girl", the wolf said and wagged its tail. Then, a warm red hat appeared. The girl put it on and became invisible. "Follow me", the wolf said once again and snatched the girl out of the house. The wolf helped the girl find her way home and ran back into the forest. Since that day the girl never went into the forest alone.

### **A160**

Once upon a time a young girl lived in a village. Her name was Marisa. The girl was good mannered and kind. One day she went to the forest to collect firewood. She got lost and came out on a snowy clearing in the middle of which a large grey-brown wolf was lying. When the girl came a little closer, the wolf jumped up on his four paws and began to grawl, but in his evil mug Marisa saw kind human eyes. The wolf was magical because he could talk.

"I was an ordinary boy, a prankster. Once I made an evil joke on an old woman and as she turned to be a mighty witch. So, she turned me into this terrible creature," said the wolf. Marisa couldn't say a word.

"I will be able to become a human again only when I start loving people. But when I become a wolf, my only goal was to hunt," he said.

The girl was really shocked by this story, but she decided to visit the wolf every day. One snowy morning she came to him with her skates and they went together to the frozen lake where Marisa showed him how she could skate. Soon the wolf felt some love from the girl and became a boy again. He returned to his family and appologised to the old woman. So, his life became very happy.

The boy realized that you need to treat people with kindness, then you and people around you will be happy.

### **A161**

Once upon a time, a little girl Lisa lived in a small village in the cold north country named Winterland. She lived with her grandma because her parents died some yeares ago. Lisa didn't have any friends, so an only entertainment she had was listeting to her grandma's stories.

That day the girl was sitting in a cosy room near the fireplace and was drawing a picture. Her grandma was sitting in an old armchair while knitting yellow socks. Suddenly, she began speaking:

- Honey, I want to tell you a story about the Black forest. I had a friend Mary. She was a little beautiful girl with big blue eyes like you have. And one time in the middle of december she decided to go skating with her sisters. The girls went a little earlier than Mary. Mary went out of her house when it was already dark and got lost in the forest. Nobody have seen her ever since, but some hunters told us that a big grey wolf attacked her. That`s why I don`t let you in the forest.

Grandmother got silent, sighed heavily, then came to Lisa, kissed her and went to the bedroom. Lisa had been sitting still for a few minutes and then run to the shelf with her clothes. She wore the red coat, red hat and the warm gloves.

- I know that he is just lonely, - the girl whispered and opened the door.

Wind was strong, snow covered the way, but Lisa was heading to the forest desperately. She was almost running. When she finally entered the Black forest, she yelled:"Wolf, where are you?". At the exact moment she saw a pair of bright eyes between pines.

- Why are you searching for me? - the big Wolf with the dark grey fur asked. - You should be scared of me like everyone.

- But I`m not, - said Lisa. - I want to be your friend.

The wolf stared at the girl with disbelief. Then he came closer and sniffed the girl.

- I know that you bored living alone all these years. Me too! We can play together, - the girl said happily and pet the Wolf.

- You have a big heart. I want to give you a present.

Suddenly, a pair of skating boots appeared near the girl. She smiled and hugged the Wolf.

- I knew that I shouldn`t believe the gossips about someone I don`t know. It`s always better to talk to them and judge on your own.

### **A163**

#### **Help**

Once there lived a little girl named Anna. She shared a small cottage with her precious grandmother.

Anna adored stories about animals and elves that her granny told her. The girl always imagined herself meeting some beautiful creatures.

Would you believe how happy Anna was when allowed to go and gather mushrooms in the woods? She even took her favorite skates to give them to elves as a present.

In the woods all the astounding noises, colors and smells made Anna dizzy. Her grandmother

was busy looking for mushrooms. Without even noticing, the girl got lost. The trees surrounded Anna; the nature didn't seem as welcoming anymore.

"Come closer," whispered the gracious trees. Anna knew from the stories there were evil spirits in the forests. But the temptation to follow the voice was irresistible. Anna approached the darkness of the evergreen trees.

"Become our queen, and we'll make you young forever," the voice felt like silk. Anna couldn't help stepping closer.

But then she heard a growl.

"Don't touch the child!"

Anna turned around and saw a big scary wolf. It had kind eyes and grey fur.

"Let's go, dear, I'll show you the way home," the wolf whispered softly. "Don't trust the trees, they can hurt you."

So the animal helped the girl to find her grand mother and disappeared in the forest.

Anna teared up, grateful for this unexpected help. From then on she knew: the first impression may be misleading.

## **A165**

### Sudden escape

Once upon a time a little girl whose name was Lizzi and her parents were having a stroll in a forest. It snowed heavily and Lizzi blamed her parents for the bad weater. That's why they couldn't enjoy their stroll thoroughly and had to go back home. Suddenly while three of them were heading to their place a wind started to blow so severely that it lifted Lizzi up to the sky so quickly that her parents couldn't give her a hand to keep her to the ground...

Within a few seconds a helpless frightened to death girl turned out to be in a marvellous winter palace. It seemed that there wasn't a single person alive nearby.

She was greeted a real Snow Qeen. She wore a huge silver crown and a beautiful dress which even more made to her significant view. As Lizzi had always thought that she was a made up she couldn't believe her ears now when Snow Qeen turned to her.

"Hello, little girl! Since this moment you will leave here with me. The servants will bring you warm clothes in a second. Now go to your bedroom please"-said the qeen.

Lizzi was pushed to the exit and then led to her room. She entered and sat on the bed. She had been completely uncouncious for the last half a hour.

Lizzi had nothing to but burst into crying. She found a suitable windowsill and her salt tears ran

down her cheeks.

When she finished her touching scene she looked out of the window to give it a try to find her lovely house but she failed. Though she glanced a wolf running around. She called him and to her surprise he answered.

"Who are you and how did you get to this palace?"- asked the wolf. "Are you in danger?"-the wolf added.

Lizzi without uttering a single word jumped out of the window and turned to be on the puffy back of the wolf.

A few seconds later they were several miles away from the palace. Lizzi explained everything to the wolf and said that she missed her parents awfully. He ran as fast as he could.

Soon when they reached Lizzi's house there was neither her father nor her mother. Lizzi became even more startled and had no idea what to do. While Lizzi was wondering where her parents were they had already called on all their neighbours who lived in the same village. They hoped that one of them might see their daughter. Unfortunately, none of the villagers had noticed her but one of them told them about the snow queen who used to take little children and never let them get back. However, Lizzi's parents didn't believe in that story which they thought was imagined.

So they headed home. Both of them were deeply upset and felt miserable. But immediately after they entered the house and saw their daughter they were happier than ever. Lizzi apologized so hard to them for her being disobedient but her parents only repeated once again how much they loved despite any difficulties.

This way every member of the family satisfied and happy!

#### **A166**

Once upon a time there was a girl who lived in the woods with her grandmother. And the name of the girl was Agatha which means "good". She had long golden hair, her eyes were the same colour as the sky, she really liked her new red coat and the knitted hat her grandma had made for her. The old lady told Agatha "I need you to go to the village and ask for some sugar for Christmas dishes". The girl was happy to hear that she would go on an adventure.

Agatha was wondering among the trees knowing where to go. She also knew that the shortest way was going across the river on ice. Agatha was very brave so she was getting to the shore. Suddenly, a strange noise came from the bush. The girl was a little bit scared. A big wolf holding skates appeared and said "There is a witch who lives in the water and drowns everyone who steps on ice, only the magical skates can save you".

Agatha did not believe a word the wolf said, he was suspicious, she ran to the bridge and got to another side. She saw a lonely house and decided to ask for the sugar there. The pretty woman with bright red hair and deep green eyes dressed in layers of patterned clothes opened the door. She was very nice, offered a cup of tea but Agatha refused. The woman asked if the girl



had seen anything unusual and said she once had saved a kid who was drowning because he had put on the magic skates. It turned out the wolves had found a new way to hunt with the help of magic forces.

The girl returned home safe and sound. Now she was sure that she should not believe everything said. The Christmas table was wonderful!

## **A168**

Alex and Amy's Big Adventure.

Once upon a time, in a land far away, there lived a boy who wanted to travel the world, but his parents were always too busy. One day he took his father's magic flying dark blue car and took off for an adventure. The car wanted to go on an adventure too, so she let him. But unfortunately, he didn't know how to navigate the car, so he crash landed in a village not too far from his own. As soon as he got out of the car, he noticed a girl.

She had fiery red hair, green eyes and was wearing a blue dress with little green flowers on it. She ran out of her house, when she heard the crash. "Hi, are you alright?" asked the girl, "My name is Amy, and you are?". The boy told that his name is Alex and asked girl to go on an adventure with him. And so, they went together.

They flew across the big cities bustling with life, and small towns with beautiful gardens, and fields, and lakes. The kids were happy, at last they got to travel and see so many new and interesting things. When they got hungry, they landed in a town and went to find some food.

"Hey kids, you hungry?" asked a man in a tall hat. "Yes, do you know where the market is?" said Alex. The man promised to take them there, but as soon as they arrived, he disappeared and Alex didn't notice that he took car keys. Amy and Alex had a small picnic on a hill from where you could see the whole town. It was getting dark. "We should head home." said Amy and they went to find their magic car, but it wasn't where they left it.

"The man in a tall hat took my keys and stole our car. What should we do now?" It was getting darker and the kids were scared, they were alone in a strange place and their parents had no idea where they were.

A Palace Guard saw two lost children and asked them if there was something he could do to help. With tears in her eyes Amy told him their story. "Well, I think I can help you with that." said the guard.

Together they went to the central square, where a man was trying to start the car. But the car was magical and really liked her adventure with Amy and Alex, so she decided not to leave them. The Guard arrested the man and sent children back home.

When Amy and Alex returned to their parents, Amy's mom told them that they got very lucky that the Guard was there to help them and that the kids must never leave without telling where they are going. And Alex's father promised to take the children on a new trip tomorrow.

### **A170**

Once upon a time there lived a royal family. The king and the queen spent their days in a glorious castle, which was surrounded by a mysterious forest. There was a legend that a wicked witch casted a spell on the royals. The only way to break the curse was to give the queen's firstborn to the witch at the age of 10.

Years have passed, and the day when their first child was born has come. It was a beautiful girl named Melody. Her eyes were piercing blue and her locks were golden. The parents were extremely excited and heartbroken at the same time.

-Do you understand that giving her away in the future is the only way to break the curse?,- the king asked.

-I do. But a mother's heart cannot make such a horrible decision,- the queen answered.

10 years later, Melody was ice skating on the lake in her parents' garden. Suddenly, she saw a mysterious creature hiding in the woods. The wicked witch has turned into a wolf to steal the girl from her parents. The wolf speedily ran towards her, but then a miracle happened: Melody's red hood started glowing, picked the girl up from the ground and carried her to her parents. The witch had no choice but to run away and hide.

After that, Melody's parents rushed to the girl to help her. They were crying the tears of happiness. The girl was saved and everyone lived happily ever after.

It was the day when everyone understood that family is the real treasure, and no one has the right to take it away.

### **A171**

Once upon a time there were a King and a Queen who lived in complete harmony with all the subjects of their kingdom. Only one was wrong with them - the queen was desperate to give a birth to a daughter but could not.

Once when the queen was walking in the garden near the castle she lived in she met an ugly old woman. She seemed to be waiting for somebody, and, as soon as the queen got closer to her, she said:

- Your Majesty, I know you have a problem I could easily solve if only you promise me something.

Without hesitating for a second, the queen replied:

- I will agree to any conditions!

- Well, you will have a baby but once she turns seven you'll never see her again.

- I still agree with this. Are you a witch?

- Yes, a kind of...

After that incident in the garden the queen never met the witch again. Soon she became pregnant and in no time a pretty little girl was born. The little princess was called Adelina. Her hair resembled solid gold and her cheeks were like rosebuds. The eyes of the princess were big and pure as the lakes of the country were. The birds admired her singing and all the people of the kingdom were constantly bringing various presents to her.

The time passed, and Adelina grew, becoming more and more beautiful. When she was already six, the queen had completely forgot the promise she gave to the witch. On her seventh birthday princess Adelina asked the Queen and the King to let her go to the forest. Although it was dangerous, the parents could not resist their daughter so she and a couple of servants took horses and went to the forest.

It was a splendid snowy winter day, and nothing foreshadowed trouble. However, there was no princess among those who accompanied her and nobody noticed when she vanished into thin air.

It was the worst day in the history of the kingdom. Everyone was searching for the girl, but nobody managed to find her.

It is not difficult to surmise that it was the witch who had stolen Adelina. The princess was alive but very afraid of the place she was taken to. She was sitting in a small wooden house at the edge of the forest on an island in the middle of a river with an ugly old witch who was eager to eat her roasted meat. There was also a giant wolf in a cage.

Once the witch left the house to search for something in the forest and the girl heard a very strange sound as the wolf was talking to her:

- Come to me, don't be afraid, Adelina. I am a prisoner of this ugly witch and I have no hope to escape from her house but you have.

- Are you talking? - asked Adelina.

- Yes, I am. Listen to me. In the corner of the room, there is a pair of skates. Take them and put them on. These are the magic skates. You will reach the castle in no time if only you put them on.

- Thanks a lot. How can I help you?

- Run away from this place as soon as you can. Nobody has ever left it alive. I am sure you will be the first.

Adelina went out of the house and put the skates on. When she touched the ice of the river, everything spun around her. In some second she was standing in front of the castle.

It is difficult to describe the joy with which the King and the Queen met Adelina. She told them where she was and made them to save the talking wolf. As soon as he left the witch's house, he turned into a 7 year old boy.

Adelina and the boy became good friends. When they reached their 18s, they married and lived happily ever after.

This story tells us why it is important to listen to conditions other people set to us

### **A173**

Two years ago I met a guy who told me his story, but I should warn you it sounds like a fairy tale.

The guy, his name's Peter, always wanted to be a famous artist. He'd been spending all his time trying to create pictures which would look like a real foto. He'd been developing and improving his drawing skills as his desire's so strong.

One day, before Christmas, he decided to make a wish:

- Sants Claus, if you hear me, please help me and give me a power to draw a real picture!

His wish was heard by Gregory Timpson, he's an evil magician with a red long. Gregory gave a bewitched brush. Peter was so excited and happy, but he hadn't known yet that this brush would cause lots of problems.

Peter started to create his art works, and all of them looked like fotoes. In one day the guy made lots of paintings and some of them were with creatures, wild animals and monsters.

Unsurprisingly, at 12 o'clock that kind of pictures came to life, it was a main Gregory's design. The whole planet was engulfed in haos. All people were in panic, so Peter decided to ruin the brush that he loved as it's the easiest way to reach his ambitious:

- I don't need the brush anymore! I will try to do my best!- he shouted and broke the brush.

After a long hard-working period of his life, he's become a popular artist. His the best-known picture 'Girl in the forest' looks like a foto and you can see it now.

If you desire to do something is strong enough, you won't need easy ways to come your dreams true. Just try to do your best.

### **A174**

Lily was a little girl with blond hair and kind grey eyes, who lived in a small hut at the edge of the forest. It was her lifelong dream to get a pair of skates, but they were too expensive for her poor family to buy. However, one day her parents saved enough money and gave the skates to Lily as a Christmas present.

One chilling winter day Lily went to the forest to skate. The woods were dense and shadowy, so Lily felt uneasy. Suddenly she noticed a pair of piercing yellow eyes behind a bush, and an

ominous black creature appeared. The monster growled: "I'll kill you, little girl." Lily screamed shrilly. Without thinking, she put on her skates and glided through the woods.

All of a sudden, in a flash of white, all was gone, and the girl found herself in another part of the forest, where she saw a huge and scary wolf. Instead of escaping, Lily patted the wolf's head and gently stroked him. He smiled and said: "I always help kind people, and you aren't trying to hurt me. What has happened?" Lily explained her ordeal, and the wolf told her: "Those skates are magical ones. They'll save you from any villain. Keep them - they are priceless".

Indeed, the skates were the gift of her loving parents, who had spent what little money they had to make Lily happy. Moreover, the wolf had responded to her kindness and helped her, though he could have easily killed the child. Lily truly understood the value of kindness, and she was happy and joyful as she returned home to dine with her family.

### **A176**

Once upon a time, a princess of a powerful and rich kingdom Fairyland Anna fell in love with an ordinary guy. His name was Henry. He was a son of a poor baker. They loved each other madly and everything was just like in a dream. The only problem was that Anna's father, the king Arthur, was strongly against their relationships. He would often say: "I hate him! He doesn't deserve dating you! I've always thought that my daughter would marry a rich prince!". Anna loved both her father and Henry, so these words were extremely hurtful for her. Everything changed over one night.

It was a very early morning. The Sun was just beginning to rise, the air was fresh and humid, birds sang beautiful songs. Anna used to walk every day at that time. But this time was different. Her maid thought that she was sleeping until lunch but then it occurred, that Anna had disappeared. No one knew where she was. The king and the queen were devastated. Henry couldn't stay in one place, so he went searching for her. He went to the lake near the castle. Anna loved this place. Unfortunately, Anna wasn't there but, luckily, Henry noticed a magical tree by the shore of the lake. Henry asked:

- "Dear tree, have you seen a gorgeous princess with long fair hair and funny freckles wearing a beautiful dress here?"

The tree answered:

- "Yes. She wasn't alone. She was taken here by a knight. He seemed evil and forced her to go with him."

Henry was in shock. He realised, that the love of his life got into a serious trouble and that he had to find her. He searched through the whole forest and, finally, saw Anna. She was very scared and frustrated. She said:

- "Henry! Finally! I thought that no one would save me!"

- "Hurry up! Let's go home", Henry answered.

- "We can't! The knight said that my boyfriend should fight him at first. "

- "Alright, then I'll do it"

The battle was very dangerous but Henry beat the kidnapper. It showed how courageous Henry was and how much he loved Anna. After that, they safely got back home.

The king Arthur was astonished by Henry. He finally understood, that money do not mean anything and that a good person doesn't have to be wealthy. Therefore, he let Anna marry Henry and they lived happily ever after.

## **A177**

### **AN ACCIDENT ON A LAKE**

Once upon a time in a small village lived a girl, Amelie. She was so beautiful that everyone was jealous of her. She had long blonde hair, grey eyes and full lips. And there was another girl, Anna. She had short black hair, brown eyes and thin lips and she was also really pretty, but Amelie still got all the attention, so despite the fact that Anna and Amelie were friends, Anna hated Amelie with her whole heart.

One day Amelie went for a walk in the forest. Eventually she met a wolf there. Amelie got scared but surprisingly the wolf said:

"Don't be afraid of me. I'm your friend. I know that there's someone who's planning to harm you. I'll give you a mirror, but it's not just a mirror. It can help you to keep in touch with me. Just say the following if you want me to appear: 'Mirror, mirror, show me to the wolf, if he's there, I'll thank you'. If anything happens I will be there for you."

Amelie thanked wolf for such a gift, even though she was still shocked by what happened. Amelie went back home and continued living her life.

Three days after the meeting in the forest Anna and Amelie went on a lake to do skating. Anna wanted to get rid of Amelie so she could get all the attention and now it was a perfect chance. There was a place on the lake where the ice is thin and Anna planned to push Amelie there so the ice would break and Amelie could drown in the water because Amelie couldn't swim.

When they were skating Amelie and Anna were holding hands and they were skating really fast. Amelie exclaimed:

"Anna, what are you doing?! We're moving really fast and we're getting closer to the thin ice!".

Anna responded to that:

"You were always the one who was getting all the attention. Now it's time for me to get what I truly deserve."

As they were getting closer to the thin ice Amelie took the magic mirror out of the pocket of

her coat and did what she was supposed to do. She said:

"Mirror, mirror show me to the wolf, if he's there, I'll thank you".

At the moment when Anna was about to push Amelie wolf appeared and by his roar shook Anna so she accidentally slid to the thin ice. Amelie couldn't let her friend drown on the lake and started crying. Anna was apologising and asking the wolf to get her out of there. And then the wolf said one important thing:

"Now you see what consequences may be if you are jealous. I will save you but remember that jealousy is the worst enemy of a person. We all the amazing in our own way. Jealousy never leads to anything good."

The wolf kept his promise, he saved Anna. She realized her mistake. Anabelle forgave Anna, they remained friends and lived happily ever after.

### **A180**

Once upon a time there was a powerful wizard whom folks called "The Lifegiver". He was too tall to enter any house, had the longest and the whitest beard and lived near village called Dirthmouth in an impenetrable castle. The wizard was known for his brilliant ability to animate anything, from the stone walls of his home to some sword, make it sensible and move.

There was also another mage who would do the opposite: crystalise an unsuspected creature into a magnificent statue of itself. It could not move or speak and soon after the unlucky transformation was added into collection of the mage in his castle. He lived far away from Dirthmouth in the deepest part of the Dirthmouth Forest. The mage was not tall or short, had the blackest moustaches and called himself "The Grim".

The story began when the Grim decided to visit the village and renew his collection. In disguise he crawled around and saw a plumpy child by a candlelight on a window, so round and cute. "This would be a fine addition" - the mage thought and grabbed him. Child's older brother Simon awoke from distant crying and quickly left the house to catch the kidnapper. But to no avail: the Grim was already in his castle thanks to magic. Oh, how Simon was sadden so that he lied on the ground in despair.

Simon then in the morning ran to the Lifegivers castle and asked him to find his younger brother. The wizard said: "I can help you find your brother but I ask you to rescue everyone else in the castle.". "But how?" - said Simon. "There is a crystal wand which the Grim uses to inanimate living. If you break it, everyone will come back to life". The brother agreed and was given the clothes made of crystals, which would cover him whole, and was teleported to the Grims castle.

The grim was walking near his castle when he noticed another crystal statue. "Must have mistakingly placed this one here" - the mage thought put Simon in his collection. There on a throne the brother glimpsed the magical wand and when he had the chance broke it. The Grim vanished and all the statues came to life. Everyone was happy afterall.

## **A182**

There lived an old man and an old woman. They had a granddaughter. She had a dream to learn to ice skate. But grandparents were strict and worried about her. They forbade her to ice skate.

Once she went for a walk alone in the forest. And suddenly she met a wolf. The wolf said, "Do you have a dream?". The girl was very excited. She could not believe her eyes. She gladly answered the wolf, "Yes!". The wolf took the girl to the house, which was not so far from the place of their meeting. This house had everything you could ever dream of. There was a magic wand, never ending lollipop, crystal ball, time-turner and little skates in the corner of the room. The wolf said, "You can choose what you want.". The girl looked only at the skates in the corner of the room. She thanked the wolf and took the skates. She was very happy! She quickly put on her new skates. She was wearing a beautiful red coat and had a red hat on her head.

Suddenly an evil gnome climbed into the wolf's house through an open window and stole the time-turner to prevent the meeting of the wolf with the girl, so that everyone in the forest was sad.

The wolf ran after him. He caught up with him and took the time-turner from him.

Dog is a man's friend. Even though there was a wolf in the fairy tale, he also showed the quality of a good friend, protected the girl.

## **A183**

Once upon a time, The Princess of Wizards fell in love. Unfortunately, her lover was neither a prince nor a man of great richness. The Queen of Magical Forest was furious to know about that affair. "Nothing could be less serious than marriage with the man, that doesn't have any value". This was the reason she turned him into wolf.

Little Mary has heard about that tale, but didn't bring it much notice. Her life changed when she encountered The Princess of Wizards herself together with The Wolf. "Mary, you are destined to take these magical ice skaters to The Land of Wizards. Only you can put the spell off my lover".

Mary and The Wolf didn't get along during the journey, as he was irritated by her speeches. Once they sat along the lake to rest, frightening wrinkled face of The Queen appeared. "I told you to stay away from my daughter. I will not let you to transform your disguise back to normal", her long fingers stretched for the ice skaters, "This pair can have an immense power on right feet, didn't you know?". Little girl grabbed them without any hesitation and rapidly put on.

It turned out, that the girl teleported to The Land of Ice. "Please, help The Wolf, he is a good person inside despite his behaviour. He needs this transformation", she said to the Ice Wizards. "Your kindness is something that you should be proud of, Mary. I will help you only for that".

Her kindness payed off, as two lovers became married and Mary started to learn magic.



## A188

### Red Hat and magic skates.

On the very edge of a thick forest there was a small shack. In the shack there lived an old grandmother and her young granddaughter called Red Hat. Some may think, they were poor, but the grandmother and Red Hat were happy with what they had.

The grandmother and Red Hat had a passion for helping people and even animals. They had got magic skates, which can take you everywhere you want if you close your eyes, clap your hands and say: "Take me where I'm wanted!" These skates had a drawback: they delivered you just to destination, so, the way back you have to walk on your own.

In a winter afternoon the granddaughter heard a wolf howling. She understood, that it was a call for help. Without thinking twice Red Hat put on the magic skates, closed her eyes, clapped her hands and said: "Take me where I'm needed!" She found herself near a big pit, where wolf cubs had been trapped. Near it there was a father wolf, strong but helpless. Water was in the pit, and the wolf cubs were about to drown. Red Hat jumped there, and in a second rescued them. "Thank you," the father wolf's eyes said.

She returned to her home quickly. If you are happy, you go fastly. Red Hat felt so because she had assisted someone. Being rich isn't how much you spent, but how much you helped.

## A189

### GIFT FROM A WOLF

Once upon a time, there lived a little girl named Ann who had wavy blond hair, pale complexion, and small blue eyes. When we met, she was walking together with a wolf and holding skates with her right hand. Having understood my confusion because of the wolf beside her, she decided to tell me her story.

Ann lived with her step-mother who always told her that the girl would never succeed in anything. One day, after another quarrel with her step-mother, Ann headed for the nearby forest to cry. The girl was down in the dumps, feeling sombre and gloomy. Suddenly she noticed a wolf. "Please, don't eat me. Although my life is terrible, I want to live!", the girl exclaimed. "I won't eat you", the wolf said. After thinking for a while, the wolf continued, "When you get back home, you'll find skates under your bed. These skates are magical - the one who wears them is bound to reach happiness. They'll make your life better, believe me."

In the end, the wolf's words turned out to be true. Having grown up, Ann became a renowned figure skater, contrary to what her step-mother used to say. That's why we shouldn't pay attention to offensive words that others say about us, since there'll always be someone who'll support and help us during tough times.

### A190

Once upon a time there lived a girl who lives with her parents in a big city. This girl's name is Alice. She is very beautiful and she has long golden hair with unforgettable amazing eyes.

One fine day, Alice's parents decided to take Alice to her grandmother for the weekend. It was the great idea and Alice really liked it, because she did not see her grandmother for a long time.

Alice: How wonderful that I will finally see my granny!

Alice's mother: Just don't tire her with your crazy questions, please.

Alice's father: This exactly what the Alice will not be able to do.

Alice: Dad!

Everyone started laughing out loud.

Finally, the family arrived in a small village, where the grandmother lived. Granny's house was close to a dense forest, which always frightened Alice. As soon as Alice came to her granny, she immediately wanted to go to the lake and go skating. But her granny did not allow her to go there, because the ice was still very thin on the lake. Alice did not listen to her and sneaked into her bedroom where her skates were, but there she saw very strange colorful skates with magic and after that she grabbed them and ran to the lake.

On the lake, Alice lost control of the magical skates and by some miracle, a kind wolf from the forest ran to her and pulled her drowning.

That's why lying to your loved

### A193

Once upon a time there lived a little girl, called Lucy, she had long blond hair and sky-blue eyes. She was as pretty as a picture. She was not an ordinary girl because she could talk to animals and understand them. What is more, she had a big loyal wolf friend who often accompanied her. She enjoyed wearing a red hat and coat of the same color. Lucy had a lot of magic in her life and that was fabulous!

One winter day the weather was fantastic: a bit frosty, big snowflakes were falling down from the sky and the sun was shining. So Lucy made up her mind to go skating with her wolf friend. She merrily started off to the nearest lake to skate with her magical skates over her shoulder. They were magical because when you wear them you can be another creature you would like to be. So that time little Lucy became a princess and danced to the music. Suddenly a ginger fox appeared from the silent forest and scared the girl to death. But at that very moment her wolf friend appeared, he stepped his paw and roared: "Go away!" Lucy was happy to see him. "I feel so lonely without you! I want YOU to go with ME!" Lucy cried. And they went back home

together with magical skates over her shoulder.

At the end of the day Lucy invited her wolf friend to her house and made hot tea and a delicious cake. They talked a lot and enjoyed evening greatly.

**A196**

### TOM'S ADVENTURE

\* A long time ago there lived a boy Tom. He lived near the forest with his mother. Tom was a short, curly boy with blue eyes and a big smile. One day his mother went away on business, but she said "Tom, don't go to the forest, it's dangerous there, play in our garden". Tom agreed with her. At first, Tom was playing in the garden. But then, suddenly, his ball rolled into the forest. The boy didn't know what to do. He decided to go to the forest. 'What can happen to me?' he said.

\* When he ended up in the forest, it was damp and dark there. At once someone took Tom and put him in a bag. A few hours later they got him out of the bag and he turned up in an old house. Next to him there was an old ugly man Wilkins. He wanted to turn Tom into a frog because he didn't like children. Tom was terribly scary and he wanted to back home. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, a kind wizard with his magic wand appeared. He defeated Wilkins, saved Tom and took him home.

\* When they arrived at the house, the wizard told to Tom "Always listen to your parents and don't cross them. Then you'll never get into trouble". The boy took wizard's advice and then he lived happily and long.

THE END

**A197**

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Mary who lived in the woods. Her doting father was a forester, and Mary spent most of her time helping him to manage a household. Her father often went to the town, but Mary never misbehaved when he was absent. 47

One day Mary's father said, "Honey, I want to marry our neighbor, Nina. When your mom passed away, I promised to find a nice woman to take care of you". The news frightened Mary. Apart from being very beautiful, Nina was heartless and rude. Her green eyes, pale skin and dark hair made her look like an evil witch. Mary even thought that she could ride a broomstick. 108

However, Mary's father did not listen to his daughter. His new wife demanded to take to the forest a wolf cub whose whose broken leg Mary was healing. Mary could not put up with it and ran away from home taking the cub with her.

Mary quickly lost her way. She was trembling with cold when she saw a wolf running to her. Mary felt relieved, as her father often told her that wolves were friendly to good-hearted people. "You help my cub, and I want to help you. Take these magical skates, little girl. They will take you home within a second", the wolf said. Mary thanked her savior and in a few seconds she was standing on a doorstep of her house.

Mary's father, who was looking for his missing child all day long, told Nina to leave their house.

Thank to the generous wolf, they lived happily ever after. As the proverb says, the good we do today becomes the happiness tomorrow.

## **A202**

Two sisters and Greedy.

Once upon a time there lived two sisters in a tiny village at the foot of enormous mountain. In this place people were welcoming and highly generous. The girls grew up without parents, but they were very organized and independent. So, the first sister Mary was as pure as driven snow, her beautifully curled brown hair made her look like a fascinating princess, meanwhile her little sister Elsa looked like her twin, but the colour of her hair was golden.

One winter, girls decided to go for a walk in the forest against their house. The weather was fantastic and there was nothing, no warning.

" I expect the Father Frost will gave me the best present for a Christmas!", said Elsa.

" What would you like to find under the Christmas tree?", asked Mary, climbing the hill.

" You know, I want to become the most powerful and beautiful girl on this planet! " cried little Elsa.

" Don` t be so selfish and make up a new wish!" carefully said elder sister.

When gils found the edge of the forest there is suddenly appeared a tremendous spirit of wolf called Greedy. Gils were speechless and totally scared, because they heard a lot about this creature. The wolf had the tendency to steal people and go with them in a unknown direction. Greedy started to ask girls about their wishes for the coming holiday. Elsa decided to use the opportunity to ask for her desire the spirit of a wolf. Mary wanted to prevent her little lovely sister from this step, but Elsa became so furious and covetous, that Mary can` t even say something. She felt hopeless and didn` t know how to help her sister. At that time Greedy offered Elsa a new pair of skates, but he made one condition, that if Elsa decided to put on them she will fulfill all her desires and get all what she wants, but never see her native land and her relatives.

Elsa was silent for a couple of minutes, then she suddenly saw Mary` s shawl on the snow. This tiny thing have brought up warm memories, directly connected with their childhood and all the time they spent together. Elsa understood that she could not imagine her life without her friends and Mary.

"No amount of wealth will replace my sister", screamed Elsa to Greedy.

The girls began to hug and ran home happy.

The end!

## A205

### A Path of Becoming Good

Once upon a time, in a kingdom of Lendia, there was a little boy named Jerry. He was a well-built and always wore a green jacket that his grandmother sewn for him. But one day, an evil magician called Ordelum stole a special potion. Jerry was crying out of despair. "Why would someone do that? I never did anything bad to anyone!", boy exclaimed.

When he stopped crying, Jerry asked his friend Tim to help. Tim gladly agreed. Friends had to search for Ordelum's lair. It was quite hard, so Jerry also asked anyone he could for assistance.

A band of Jerry's friends went on searching an evil magician. They found Deliah, a wise and kind wizard, who agreed to help them. Her ring was capable of teleporting almost anywhere. "My owl can find many things with its sharp wits. We will send it to find Ordelum", wizard replied. And so an owl was sent. While they were waiting, a girl in red and a wolf appeared near Deliah's house. Jerry went to see what they were up to. Girl saw Jerry and said "Could you help me? My ice skates were made blunt. Everyone tried sharpening it and failed."

Owl found a lair and our band Jerry's friends teleported there. "You villain! How could you steal a potion from a boy and make ice skates blunt!? Why?", Tim said. "I might be a villain, but I now want to become a good person. Potion that I stole so it could make me nice. I made skates blunt so that the girl wouldn't hurt herself", Replied Ordelum. "You could have asked me! I always share with anyone in need" said Jerry. Ordelum agreed and everyone lived happily ever after.

## A206

"Mom, tell me a story, please", said the boy, covering himself with a blanket.

"Okay, my love", said mom and began.

"One day a girl wandered into the forest. She was very pretty, so that every living creature in the forest stopped its gaze on her. That girl was shocking with the beauty of her blonde hair and the depth of the color of her bright eyes. The red dress, which was her favourite, matched the red hat. It had a little flower on it.

The girl was carrying skates with her. There were magic ones. They allowed the girl to never fall on the ice during skating and run away from the villains who wanted to steal her because of her beauty.

That day she got into the forest to hide from the villain. It was a huge wolf who always fell down when it went on the ice. The wolf tracked her down in the town and tried to steal her skates, so the girl ran away into the green thicket. She was breathing hard because fear had taken hold of her.

Suddenly the wolf caught her. It shouted her to give him the skates, but it seemed to regret: it

was crying. The girl smiled and said that the wolf should have ask politely and then it would have easily got the skates.

The wolf and the girl became friends. I was that girl", mom showed the picture of her little one and the wolf.

## **A207**

The Red Cap.

Once upon a time in a small northern village a baby girl was found on the threshold of the wooden hut. The housekeeper of that house was an old lady. In the village she was known as Granny Felly. That night Granny Felly heard a loud roar near her hut.

"I didn't expect any gifts from you, my dear," - she told a wolf who was patiently waiting near the door holding a tiny red cap in it's teeth. But the gift from her fluffy friend was accepted. Granny Felly knew that everything that forest creatures give is special.

So that special was a girl found in the wolf's red cap. The village livers were extremely surprised to see their new little neighbour.

"This old witch is completely crazy. Poor Red Cap, poor girl!" - the villagers were saying. However, Granny Felly liked the name and that is how her little ward became a Red Cap because of that cap which she alwa wore.

Red Cap was growing. She was a blondy hair girl, with rosy plumpy chicks and wonderful smile. Granny Felly loved her as her own child. She taught her everything she knew. Skiing on the iced forest lake was Red Cap's favourite hobby. Once little girl came home from school.

"Dear granny, my classmates offend me skiing. What can I do?" - Red Cap complained.

Granny Felly suggested her to pay attention on her cap. It was not as simple as girl thought. The only thing was need is to say some words.

The next day, while Red Cap was skiing on the lake again her classmates came. They laughed at her again.

"Dear wolf, dear wolf come to the Red Cap. Please come and help Red Cap,"- whispered she while holding her cap. A few seconds after the children faces were unrecognizable. A massive wolf was standing behind the Red Cap. He took the girl on his back and ran to the forest thicket. Disappointed children decided to follow them. Soon the path leaded them to another iced lake. There girl could skiing without any fear of children's bully. The kids hided behind trees. Unbelievable scene was performed on the lake. A scary huge wolf and a little girl whose skiing was so stunning. Even animal could estimate such beauty.

Only then children understood: they didn't hate Red Cap. They wanted be like her. Instead of jealousy, they felt sinsear love to Red Cap and became friends. She taught them skiing and her truthful friend Wolf always protected them.

## A208

On the bank of the river there was a small village. In a small hut lived a little girl named Rocky. She had been living here since she was born. Her granny often told her that the forest next to their village is considered to be a very dangerous place. Besides, Rocky was a very clever and erudite child because she had read lots of books during her life.

Oneday the girl wanted to go for a walk. "I have never been in the woods", - thought Rocky and decided to go to the "dangerous" forest. "My granny had never told me, why is it unsafe to visit it. It seems to be so stupid, if I'm afraid of this place for no reason", - kept thinking the girl. Suddenly she heard a strange voice speaking.

- If I were you, I'd go away as soon as possible...

- Who are you? What do you want?

- I want you to go home, silly girl.

This voice was very soothing and deep. Rocky tried to understand, where is the noise source located. It turned out to be a wolf. He was hiding in the bushes near the child. He had grey fur, strong paws and big sharp fangs.

- Wow! You are a big grey and terrible wolf! Do you want to eat me? I used to read about it in my book!

- Haha, why should I eat you? I'm not hungry. You know, you are so funny! What do you want to do here?

- I'm just walking in this forest as I feel lonely and bored. By the way, what for did you want me to leave?

The wolf told her that there is a witch who hates people and kills everybody she sees. No one knows why she is doing this but all animals are afraid of her.

- I will help you! I'm sure we are able to do something to defeat her, - said Rocky.

She felt so brave and determined. The wolf showed her the way to the witch's house. The sorceress went out on the porch and raised her magic wand to enchant Rocky but the girl said: "Stop, please!"

They discussed the witch's life and Rocky understood that she was just unhappy. They decided to be friends threesome.

## A209

## SAVED AND RAISED BY WOLVES

Once upon a time, there lived Rebecca, a mesmerising young girl, who had a very powerful gift — she was able to make people happy with her magic wand. So, a great villain and sorcerer Marcus decided to steal the wand as he didn't like it when people were happy.

One afternoon he arranged everything and abducted Rebecca with her wand. He took her to a forest and decided to kill her in addition but the wolves made it impossible. They seized Marcus and freed Rebecca. Utterly enraged, Jack, the alpha, clasped his teeth, then looked daggers at Marcus, saying, 'This girl is completely innocent! And you wanted to kill her!'. However in the middle of the second sentence Marcus escaped.

Rebecca quickly grew on the wolves, especially Jack. He looked gorgeous, by the way: turf-colour fur, silver-like eyes, pointed nose and ears and long tail. He tried to make our girl happy in every way, so one morning, when she said, 'I want to go ice-skating. Can you take me, please?' he instantly agreed. She dressed warmly, took her skates and went to the lake with Jack.

When they came there, they saw Marcus waiting for them, as if he had known they were coming. But it never rains but it pours, and the villain decided to kill Jack as well. Nonetheless, he didn't manage to hurt them in any — Jack bit his head off. Our friends returned home safe and sound.

So, as you can see, one can never steal and kill. It's morally bad and eventually one gets punished either way.

### A210

"Woolves are villains! Annie told me a story of a girl, who was eaten by one", whispered young figure skater while doing up her boots. "I swear! Keep those vociferous creatures from the forest at bay", answered Ann from the threshold of the rink.

Here Annie was a queen. She managed to outperform even Ms. Witchy's beloved daughter, who hardly could skate as gracefully as Annie. Little girl admired Ms. Witchy, she regarded her as a loyal and loving coach and a second mother for an orphaned Ann.

Fair-haired skater in a red coat was practising her outstanding layback spin when her blades were detached from her boots by some magic force. "Are you all right, Annie?", said the woman in a gentle manner. She took a match box out of her pocket and dusted the blades with some sand. After a little explosion the boots were even better than new ones.

That very moment when Annie was trying to put her foot in the boot, a wolf crept up on Ms. Witchy and growled: "She is a witch! There are pieces of glass there, you will injure your feet". If it hadn't been for the wolf that girl would have lost her unique skating skills.

After that Annie took her skates, gave Ms. Witchy a sinister look and left her forever. She became a prominent performer against all odds and the wicked witch. That case gave her useful advice - never believe people who have a vested interest.



## **A212**

Once upon a time, in a magical icy kingdom a little blonde girl with white skin and blue eyes was born. Her name was Icella. Despite her beauty, nobody could understand her because she was not like everybody else. That's why her elder sisters disliked her and wanted to get rid of her.

One day the whole Icella's family went out skating but wicked sisters cursed her skates so Isella had no control over them. Little girl was taken by these magical skates in the deep dark forest. At first Icella felt terrified and lost but later she started feeling like she finally was right where she belonged. While she was observing unusual trees that seemed alive to her, a big wolf with fierce yellow eyes crawled behind her. "You won't hurt me, will you?"-she carefully asked it, even though she felt no danger at all. In answer the wolf only shook his head in the direction of those envious sisters. "Don't worry. We must never answer to cruelty with bigger cruelty"-calmly said Icella and came closer to the animal. She looked back in the direction of her home that was not dear to her anymore one last time and went deeper into the forest.

Since then, this little blonde girl protects the animals and plants from wicked people and helps the lost in the woods travellers to find their way back home.

## **A213**

### **THE GIRL IN THE WOODS**

Once upon a time there lived a girl named Ann. She was only eight years old when her father decided to take her on hunting with him. He wanted his daughter to become a hunter too in the future. The girl never actually understood her father's love for killing innocent animals, because her soul was as pure as her blue eyes and as gorgeous as her fair hair.

In the forest everything was dim and snowy. Ann was so scared to even hear the gun shots, so she closed her eyes and ears. Suddenly the girl fell asleep and lost the connection with the reality.

When she opened her eyes, Ann felt like she was lying on something fluffy and warm. There were actual wolves around her! However, the brave girl was not scared at all. "Who brought me here?" said Ann. "Oh, little brave lady, we know you do not want to become like your father. We decided to save you from your dad. We have got something to give you," said the wolves. The next moment she saw a magical ball illuminating and sparkling with the blue fireflies. The wolves told her that the ball could give her wonderful magical powers that can save the world.

Eventually, Ann got the powers and stayed in the forest which was truly magical. Animals there loved skating as much as she did! Speaking of her dad, he never found her and swore not to kill a single animal until his death. Little did he know that his daughter was alive and very proud of him. Someday she will come back...

## **A214**

## The new and better world

Once upon a time, there was a small village. At first glance there was nothing out of ordinary about it, however, first impressions don't always tell the whole story. The thing that separated this village from others was that its population mostly consisted of children.

The children of the village were also rather peculiar. Unlike other children they were cruel and selfish. It's not surprising considering that Miss Olga was the one raising them. She was known for her foul personality and cold-heartedness towards everyone.

And this led to children to develop unpleasant personalities as well. However, there was one exception to this. A small, even for her age, girl with long blond hair stood out from the other children. She was sweet and kind and wasn't liked by anyone, especially Miss Olga.

One day Miss Olga was displeased with the girl and decided to lock her in the storage room for a day as punishment. "Stay here and sort everything." Miss Olga said and, after a pause, she added "This way there will be some use of you at least"

The girl was sad and terrified but while obediently carrying out the task when she came upon a picture. It was a pretty picture of a flower. She smiled and reached out to it. The next second she disappeared.

Her absence was noticed by the authorities and because of this Miss Olga was dismissed from her duty. Many years later she received a letter with a picture in it. The letter was from the girl who disappeared. In her letter she told that the magical picture noticed her kind heart amidst the damaged ones and decided to gift her a better life. Even more unbelievable was the picture. In it there was the girl, still young, standing next to a giant wolf.

## A215

What can be more pleasing than wandering around the snowy winter forest? Masha couldn't say more, but suddenly she heard the sound that took her breath away...

\_ You may suppose, "Isn't it dangerous for a weak little lady to go to the kingdom of trees and wild animals alone?" However, Masha didn't care. She lost her family in infancy, and was raised by her older brother Ivan. It was the last straw for a little girl when her only parent figure disappeared in the woods one day. \_

...The thrilling noise was a roar of a wolf, but the animal's voice sounded too familiar. Masha bravely came closer to it and looked in the deep eyes of... Ivan! "Mashenka, it's me, your brother! I understand your amazement, but let's take the long story short..." said Ivan and they headed in the heart of the woods.

Masha slammed the door of a deserted house only to see an old woman with a terrifying smirk on her face inside. "Here you are, witch! Turn my brother back into a human, you stinky villain!" Masha angrily shouted. And while this scary person was whispering some curses, Masha noticed her brother's ice skating boots on the floor and grabbed them. She put them on Ivan's paws and he became a human being again. "I'll be back!" said the girl to the evil witch and finally headed home together with beloved brother.

Well, let's not talk about Masha's fierce revenge. What's more important, Masha and Ivan

lived happily ever after. Everything thanks to the little girl's courage and endless love for her brother.

## **A216**

### The power of beauty

Mira and Jim were twins who lived with their foster parents in the middle of nowhere. Their small house was made of wood and was filled with love and coziness.

Jim was passionate about photography. He could not even sleep without his camera. Mira herself was a gorgeous girl whose long blond hair astonished everyone. Her eyes were turquoise and her cheeks were always rose. She looked like a model, and Jim adored taking pictures of Mira.

Once, after an exhausting day, Mira suggested, "Why don't we go ice-skating?" Jim accepted the idea. The kids were eager to set off, however, their mum suddenly stopped them. "Remember about a pine," she said. Jim was confused, but he could not wait any longer to go.

The forest was covered with snow, huge icings were hanging from trees. Jim was in awe with the whole ambience. His sister got dressed in her best red coat to look like a fairy. They had been walking for forty minutes, when Mira stopped and leaned on a tree to have some rest. All of a sudden a wolf came out of the blue.

"You asked for help with the magic pine" he said. It turned out that Mira noticed someone chasing them in the forest and took her mother's advice. The girl knew about the true power of her beauty and how it could be used with bad intentions. She asked the wolf for help, and he caught the chaser. It revealed to be Mira's best friend Sophie who was envious of her charm. She wanted to use her magic wand, when nobody could help Mira. She did not know that Jim was there. Luckily, the only memory of that walk is a picture that Jim took. He could not believe his eyes when he saw a talking wolf.

Eventually, Mira understood that the most dangerous people could be those who you trusted most. She had never seen Sophie again.

## **A220**

Mary has always been lonely. Outwardly she was beautiful: blue eyes, blond hair, pale face. She was not interested in music or writing. She only liked to skate, however she did not know how, but really wanted to learn.

Once Mary came to the ice rink in the middle of the forest. She put on her skates and began to ride. Suddenly a boy appeared in front of her. It was Mike, short guy with brown hair and beautiful facial features. He was Mary's classmate and he had always offended her.

"You will not achieve anything in the future just by skating!" he said.

Mary started crying and Mike just laughed at her.

Unexpectedly, a big gray wolf came out of the forest. Mike was very scared and hid under a pine tree. The wolf came as close to Mary as she started to breathe into his muzzle and kissed the wolf in the nose. The wolf pulled the string of one skate with his paw and Mary's skates began to shine brightly.

Suddenly, the wolf started to talk.

"For your kindness and courage I turned your skates into magic ones, so now you will skate the best of all" the wolf said and disappeared.

Years later, Mary became a famous figure skater and became the idol of a large number of people. Also for Mike, who that day ran home out of fear and has not seen a real miracle.

### **A223**

Once upon a time there was a young girl named Lucia. She had always had a dream to become the best ice skater, but her family was too poor to afford her desired hobby. The girl, however, never gave up her hopes. Every day she went to the town market and sold hand-made toys to earn some money.

One day, a very skinny and nasty-looking old lady came up to her. She had a very long nose and deep black eyes on her wrinkled face, and she was smiling menacingly at the girl.

"What are you doing out there, sweetie?"

"Well, I'm trying to make money for some ice skates"

"Oh, what a coincidence!"

The woman opened her ragged bag and took out a pair of ice skates, glittering in sunlight.

"These ones are magical! They can make you the best skater in a moment!.. And, they should cost a fortune."

Lucia was too excited to think properly. In a moment, she exchanged all her toys and little money she had for the skates. Once she took them, it seemed like the old woman had vanished: she was nowhere to be seen.

The girl ran eagerly to the frozen river. She skated and skated skillfully down the iced trail, when suddenly the enchantment left her skates, and she ended up deep in the forest. She tried to get back on track but she just couldn't skate properly!

She sat on a treestump, weeping and feeling absolutely devastated. It was when a wise wolf came up to her.

"Why are you crying, little girl?"

"I was tricked! The old woman said those were magical skates, but they are broken! I spent all my money on them, and my parents will be enraged!"

"Well, they aren't broken. You see, you can't just get something and expect to have it mastered. Patience and practise, my friend."

It took some time, but eventually Lucia managed to skate up the river. Tears of joy ran down her face as she was skating better and better. Her parents should be proud of her!

#### **A226**

Once upon a time, there was a girl named Sophie who lived by the forest with her elder sister, Lisa. Together, they often went ice skating. Sophie was always jealous of her sister because she could skate better.

One snowy day, both went skating to a frozen pond near the forest. They were so immersed in their activity that they didn't notice a dark shadow creeping from the woods. When Sophie turned her back, she heard her sister calling for help. She thought Lisa fell down and didn't respond because of her jealousy. Just when Sophie turned around, Lisa was gone.

She started shouting, but there was silence. Feeling guilty, she took her skates and ran into the forest, searching for Lisa.

The deeper she went, the darker it seemed. Suddenly, Sophie saw an animal staring at her from afar. It was a big wolf whose brown fur was covered in fresh snow. The wolf spoke:

"Don't be afraid. I am the spirit of this forest." Upon hearing it, the girl became emotional. "Please help me. I lost my sister, and it's all my fault."

"Don't worry," the wolf said, "Take this gem of light. It will disperse the shadows."

Sophie took the magical gem from the spirit, thanking her, and ran further, lighting her way.

After hours, she finally found her sister surrounded by shadows. She used the gem to create light, and the shadows disappeared. When Lisa woke up, Sophie apologized and promised to never let her jealousy take control again.

#### **A228**

Once upon a time in a magical forest there lived a little girl who was very kind. She looked absolutely lovely: long blonde hair, big eyes and rosy cheeks reflected her soul, pure and

caring. Every day she was feeding birds, deers and other animals which visited her from time to time. To show their respect and gratitude the girl's friends left small presents as like they wanted to pay her. "Why are you gifting me all these things?" - asked the girl while receiving another curious trinket. The mighty wolf which had brought it just blinked and went away. "This one is a bit different" - noticed the girl. Her new present was a necklace, a big purple stone in it was fascinating. The girl put in on, but nothing happened afterwards.

She had been wearing it for a few days already when a black cat came to her house seeking shelter. The girl prepared some milk and was about to pet the cat when it turned into an old wicked wizard who had been looking for someone with a "big heart" and with "angel's beauty". Only this kind of person could grant him the desired power. The little girl was shaking, she was stunned and couldn't make a move. A single tear of desperation fell from her face onto the necklace. The purple stone started shining and at once there appeared a pack of wolves scaring the villain. He ran away and thus was the girl saved.

### **A230**

Long, long time ago there lived a little girl who's passion for skating was immeasurable. The little one despised almost every season besides winter, because skating was the only thing that could cheer her heart up.

The girl lived in the middle of the forest. Having been left by both of her parents at the very beginning of her life, the girl was brought up by a kindly wolf, who once found her in the forest and decided to take care of her. The wolf knew a couple of magic tricks and even owned a magic wand.

"Wolf," the little girl once said, "it is December already. Why isn't the lake frozen?"

The wolf sighed. "Why would I know? Well, if you're growing so impatient, I will freeze it for you." And the wolf did so.

Just when the girl was happily skating, a dark long shadow began rising upon the lake. The girl turned around carefully and saw an old witch, living in the same forest as they did. The witch was craving for that little girl.

Then the girl yelled, "Wolf! Unfreeze the lake!" Happily, the wolf was not quite far away from them and quickly did so. The girl managed to hastily get away, leaving the old witch behind. The lake unfroze, and the witch drowned.

The young lady ran as fast as she could, and when she finally made it to wolf, she squeezed him tight.

"You saved my life! You literally are my hero, Wolfie!"

This was the moment girl knew that there was nothing more precious than the friendship she and the wolf had.

### **A231**

Once upon a time, there were neighbours Maria and Ivan. They lived in a forest village.

They wanted to see how people live in other villages and went to the mountains. The road was long, they needed not to argue.

So, they started their journey. Ivan was fully equipped, Maria dressed in comfortable clothes. They looked happy and looking forward to new experiences.

At first, everything was fine, but then an old man who lived in the mountains and knew how to control the wind noticed them. He made it so that a strong wind started.

- Ivan, I'm tired, I can't walk anymore.

- Stop complaining, there is a long road, we have just started.

Maria walked and cried, her strength was ending, she almost died and hated Ivan.

- If I survive, I will never communicate with you again, you are an awful friend.

- Maria, we will die if we do not continue, let's go faster!

Then there opened a huge mountain lake. Maria could not go because she was very tired.

Suddenly, a wolf appeared with skates in its mouth. Maria put them and realised that they were magic. They quickly carried her to the other side of the lake.

When Ivan reached the end, they saw that they finished their journey.

Ivan was scared that Maria would not communicate with him. But she said, "Thank you for not leaving me".

They hugged and understood: words spoken on emotions can be unfair, actions are more important.

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Once upon a time there in the forest lived a little girl with deer horns on her head. Legends said that she was the daughter of a forest fairy and a deer. Her parents named her Sweet tooth for the fact that the girl loved sweet raspberries from birth. In the morning she ate fresh berries and drank spring water and then played with animals for the rest of the day. So it went on all summer and autumn.

When winter came, Sweet tooth could no longer find berries, but at one point she noticed traces of berry juice on the snow. Following these tracks, she came across an old hut. The girl knocked, and an old lady in a torn coat opened the door for her.

"Hello, darling! I'm very glad to see you. You probably came for berries?" the woman asked.

"Yes, how can I get them?" Sweet tooth answered.



The old lady told the girl to sew a hole in her coat to get berries. Suddenly Sweet tooth pricked her finger with a magic needle and fell to the floor. The woman turned out to be an evil witch who wanted to kill the poor girl to get younger.

Fortunately, a wolf ran past the witch's hut. He ran into the house, grabbed the girl and took her far away from this place. At first, the girl was afraid of the wolf, but then she fell in love with him and never parted with him again.

Soon the witch died of old age, and the girl extended a long and happy life. There was one thing she remembered forever - never trust strangers.

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### **A239**

#### **THE WOLF BROTHER**

In a teeny Dutch village, a girl named Eleanor lived with her older brother Hans. Hans was a haggard young man who worked at the mill and was absent from home all the time. Eleanor's father had passed away five years ago, and Hans tried to be a substitute for him. Eleanor cleaned the house and in free time devoted herself to skiing.

Once, she went skiing on a lake surface, when a perilous situation loomed above her. A humongous grey wolf was slowly approaching. Eleanor screamed and pure horror filled her loins, but the wolf didn't intend to hurt her. Instead, he helped her get back on her feet. Eleanor went to the lake again next day, and the wolf met her there. As time passed, they became friends.

'Where have you been?' asked Hans with livid expression when Eleanor came back home one day.

'Nowhere,' smiled Eleanor.

It was too naive to think Hans would be indifferent to his sister's constant absence. He followed her to the lake next day, taking a gun in case of encountering wild animals, where he saw the wolf.

'Get back!' Hans hollered. Eleanor, knowing what comes next, tried to protect the wolf from bullets. Alas, Hans already shot! Instead of killing Eleanor, the bullet transformed into a colourful bird. In the light of this magical creature, brother and sister were able to see that the wolf was the spirit of their dead father all that time. Hans started to cry, as did Eleanor.

The bird disappeared, but the kids continued hugging the animal.

'Can I go skiing with dad now?' smiled the girl.

'Of course.' Hans was thinking to himself he should spend more time with his sister, the only close person in the whole world.

### **A240**

Once upon a time in an English village lived a little girl Amy. She had a life-long dream. Amy really wanted to learn ice-skating. Amy asked grandparents a lot to buy a pair of skates but they couldn't afford it. Their neighbour was Molly who could skate since she was three. The girl was too arrogant and told Amy: "You will never skate like me". It was very disappointing for Amy and she often walked near the pond alone.

During one of the walks there was a miracle. Amy accidentally noticed a flash and a wolf looking at the girl arose from it. It disappeared soon and left a pair of skates as a present. Amy was on the top of the world and put the present on. When the girl started skating she didn't fall. On the contrary, Amy skated as brilliant as real sportsmen.

The girl spent four hours on the ice. Grandparents were looking for her and screamed: "Amy, Amy!". Then they noticed granddaughter skating. Grandparents were impressed and proud of Amy. Five minutes later came Molly with her equipment. She was really surprised and astonished by Amy's skating. When Amy realised that there was too late and there were spectators she hesitated and stopped. Molly came to her and said: "Sorry about bullying. I was wrong and you're a nice girl. Let's be friends". Amy and Molly started their friendship.

#### **A241**

Once upon there lived a little witch Mara. In fact, she resembled an ordinary blonde-haired and blue-eyed little girl. Nevertheless, Mara possessed magical powers inherited from her mother. After her death Mara was desperate, but one day she came across a wounded wolf. The witch cured the predator and since then it had been protecting her.

Mara was living in a detached wooden house on the edge of the village. She could often be seen picking up herbs, talking to animals and trees. Thus, most dwellers considered Mara to be strange and dangerous. Local children would run away once she approached them.

Therefore, Mara usually felt isolated. She never knew what it is like to have devoted and supportive friends. In order to cope with loneliness, the witch took up skating as a hobby.

One day she was skating around a frozen lake, when she suddenly heard people screaming. A huge dragon was flying above their village, burning all the houses with fire.

The witch took her broom and rushed to the dragon. She jumped onto its back and used all her powers to calm the beast down. Mara managed to tame the dragon and it returned to its cave.

All the dwellers were grateful to Mara. Afterwards they started inviting her to all celebrations, they asked her for any medical advice and highly respected her unordinary abilities. They realised that magical powers can be put to a good use as well.

#### **A243**

Long, long ago, there lived a little girl and her mother. The girl loved ice skating - every winter they went to skate on the lake on the other side of the forest. But this year, the girl had decided

that she was old enough to go on her own:

- Mommy, I want to go to the lake by myself!

- Fine. But before you go, have this magic charm. It can save you from danger. Always keep it with you, and don't give it to anyone!

- I won't.

And so, the little girl went into the forest. The deeper in she went, the more scared she got - the wind was howling and the trees seemed as if they smiling. Soon, she started to become very hungry, when suddenly, a big, hairy Wolf appeared from behind a tree, holding a muffin in his tail:

- Hello girl, are you hungry? Well then just give me your charm, and this muffin is yours!

The girl was about to give him the charm, but then she remembered what her mother told her, and said "No". The Wolf's face turned to an evil grin:

- Then I guess I'll have to get it from you myself!

The Wolf jumped at the girl, but just before he could strike the charm flashed and the wolf disappeared! The girl then soon came to the lake, and after returned back home safely.

And so, the moral of the story is - never listen to strangers.

## **A247**

One upon a time there was a big family that set out on a trip in the forest in december. All of the members liked camping a lot and were very experienced travellers but for 10 years old little Mary it was the first trip.

All of three kids were playing on the field while the parents were grabbing flowers for a bouquet, a sweet memory from the adventure. Suddenly, little Mary saw virtually unnoticeable glimpse of gold light in the very heart of the forest among grim-looking trees with fog swirling around them. Mary was never not afraid of anything unusual because from the very first conscious years of her life she was used to the magic. The thing is that Mary had a mysterious little mirror that could show different people dressed in old-fashioned costumes. It seemed that they could see her as well but she never tried to talk to them. Mary was very amused with her magic object and brought it with her everywhere.

When Mary step forward into the shade of the trees she felt dizziness, the world started to swirl and in a moment she appeared in an old wooden house. There was a very old grey-haired lady standing in front of her. She was all grim and intimidating. Mary, suddenly, thought that she certainly will be eaten by her. "Listen to me, little girl, you are going to give me your mirror unless I will make a delicious soup from you", said the lady with a strange grim. "But why do you need it?", asked the girl fearlessly. "How dare you ask this? Aren't you afraid?", the woman was astonished. "Well, I want to hand it to a person who really deserves it", said Mary. "Do I

deserve it?", mumbles the witch and, suddenly, started crying... She told Mary a sad story about her husband who died 20 years ago. All those 20 years she tried to bring him back to life without any result. That's why when she found out there is a girl with a magic mirror in a forest she thought it could allow her to talk to the husband from the past.

"You should just have said it to me! You can have the mirror, that's my gift" , said kind Mary. "Oh, thank you, little" the lady's face lightened up with a smile. "I will help you to get to your family safe. Just follow my wolf, he will lead you. And there is my gift - the skating boots!" Mary was very pleased with her present and thought that the kindness returns to the people no matter what.

#### **A249**

Once upon a time there was a little girl living in a small village and her name was Alice. Alice was an orphan, that's why she lived in merchant's house and worked for him. Now let me tell you about Alice's beauty. She had a sophisticated appearance: her ocean eyes were virtually attractive, her hair was gold and shiny and her voice was really nice and pleasant. Besides, Alice was always kind and thankful, that's why all villagers loved her. Only her stepmother treated her furiously all the time, because she was jealous of her stepdaughter's beauty. Due to this angry stepmother made poor Alice do all the housework, so little girl didn't have time even for playing with her peers. However, Alice didn't complain about her fate, she was grateful for all that she had. While working she always dreamed of becoming a happy person, this helps her to manage with tasks easier and faster.

One day Alice was making an apple pie for her stepbrother's birthday. It supposed to be a huge celebration for the village and her residents, so little girl was going to spent all her time on the kitchen. As always, she dreamed of getting a happiness and helping others to become happy. Suddenly a little fairy appeared out of nowhere. She looked around and then stared at Alice.

-You are Alice, a stepdaughter of a merchant, aren't you?- she asked confidently.

-Yes, you are right, little amazing creature. Sorry for my question, but who are you? How do you know me?-Alice's voice sounded confused.

-I am one of the blue fairies, we know everything about kind and hearted people. I heard that you want to help people to find their happiness. We need such people in our magic world. If you want to become a fairy and help people, use this magic mirror in the evening and you will find the way to your pleasant future. -said little fairy and left a pretty mirror at the table.

Then she disappeared as fast, as she showed up. Alice heard steps on the ladder and quickly hid the mirror. It was virtually hard for little girl to make the right decision. In the evening she decided to change her life once and for all. The mirror showed her direction to the fairy forest, where she made friends with blue fairies and became one of them. She travelled with other fairies looking for poor people with light souls and helped them to find their right way in the life.

-Are you happy now?-the little fairy asked Alice.

-Definitely,-answered little girl smiling.

And she lived happily ever after. If you are kind and appreciate all that you have, you will get your happiness anyway.

### **A251**

Once upon a time there was a boy who lived in a village. One winter he strolled the frozen lake which in deep in the woods. Near the lake there was a pair of good-looking skates.

Never had he skated that easily. The ice below him was like melted butter and he skated faster than ever. He spent half a day there. He was enthralled and happy because of the skating. Only when the sun started to go down, he decided to finally go home. He came back to the shore, took off his skates and ran towards his village. But even though it was the right path, he realized that he was lost.

"What guest would leave without thanking the host first?", someone said behind him. It was a little girl, around his age, clad in red.

"That house is mine and that is my friend, Wolf", she added while pointing at the big gray wolf that was gazing at him with hungry, angry eyes, "And these skates are also mine".

The skates were now in her hand somehow. "They are magical, anyone could skate in them like a God of skating. For stealing my stuff, Wolf wants to eat you."

"Please, forgive me!" the boy started screaming and crying, "I never wanted to steal them!"

"Very well, I forgive you. After all, I am responsible for leaving them alone. My name is Nelly, I am a witch. Let's be friends" she smiled and started to shake the boy's hand. Nelly showed him the way back to his village. After that incident, they became best friends and lived happily ever after.

The End.

### **A252**

Once upon a time, Gabriel decided to enter a spell contest held by her English-language club at school. She was very excited to finally do some spell casting for which she has been preparing the whole week. "I will try my best" she thought "this will be such a fun experience for me!". The next day her mum and she arrived at the English club theater early because Gabby did not want to come late to the magical contest. She dressed up in a long purple dress with a star pattern and tied her hair in a knot, decorated with magical forget-me-nots. When she came inside and entered the backstage room she saw all the contestants showing off their magical skills and wonderful spells. Her friend, Samantha, was turning a cup into a mouse, a girl with curly hair making little fireworks appear out of thin air and Jackson, the club's popular kid, was casting a small city with little cars and buildings the size of a matchbox.

But something really strange happened - Jackson stood up and came to the firework girl and said "You are so childish! Your magic is so simple! Fireworks, really? I can do those in a second, and even bigger than yours! You don't deserve to participate in a contest!" and he took her magic wand away. The girl was shocked by Jackson's behavior and started crying. She ran away from the room and everyone stared at Jackson angrily. "How dare you be so harsh on her?" the kids said. "She is 3 years younger than you!" the kids said. "We think that you too don't deserve to participate, Mr. SmartPants!". Gabriel stepped in and said "Guys, stop arguing! This is supposed to be a friendly competition! Of course, Jackson has behaved poorly, but you all shouldn't be harsh on him either!". Everyone nodded, including Jackson, who himself regretted his actions. "And you, Jackson, I hope you feel sorry for what you did. I think you should apologize to that girl, and give her the magic wand back". Jackson walked out of the room into the corridor, where the girl ran away to.

Five minutes passed and Jackson returned with the girl. She was hugging his arm and was happy, no traces of tears could be seen on her. "I've got good news, I'm going to be participating with Alyssa! I was wrong about her magic and I think she has great potential if we would work together. Thank you, Gabriel, you're truly a kind and caring girl.". Everyone were happy for Jackson and Alyssa and thanked Gabriel for her kindness to both of them.

Then the contest began. Once Alyssa's and Jackson's number came, everyone waited in suspense. Once both of them came on stage something amazing happened: Jackson flicked his wand and a wonderful city appeared. Everyone clapped. Then, Alyssa made a second flick of the wand and the town became bigger - the size of the kitchen table! You could see the small kids playing in the streets and little cars driving around the skyscrapers. And finally, both of them flicked their wands and made a big, colorful, magical firework that blew everyone away. The audience stood up and clapped loudly, cheering the talent of the contestants. Everyone was happy and Jackson and Alyssa won a medal for the first place! Gabriel wasn't even bummed about her not winning the contest, because today she did something even better - she saved friendship of two people and that's what mattered the most.

### **A253**

Once upon a time there lived a little girl. Katy was very smart and cheerful, with pretty sunny smile. However, the girl had no friends. That was because she was freckled and red-haired. Instead of being the life and soul of the party Katy was the scapegoat.

One day her life turned upside down. Katy was slowly walking to her school when suddenly she noticed something's shining on the road.

"What is this?" - Katy asked herself, picking up a small silver ball.

She examined it with genuine interest and couldn't find the answer to her question. Suddenly the voice from the strange ball said:

"Hello, Katy. From now on I will be at your disposal"

"Hello, strange thing..." - said Katy with caution.

"I'm Magic Bead. I'll be whatever you want: friend, pet, teacher and so on".

"Woow", - Katy screamed from surprise. She put the Bead into her pocket and went to school.

There the girl met her sworn enemy, Pete. He always bullied her, turned all classmates against her and, to be honest, was a real hooligan. And that day, as usual, he came to Katy and angrily pulled her braids. Katy expected his spiteful laughter, but he was moaning from pain in his arms.

"What have you done?!" - shouted boy trying not to cry.

At first, Katy didn't understand what had happened, but than remembered her Magic Bead.

From that day noone has ever offended Katy. All hooligans understood that their bad actions can come back like a boomerang.