

The image shows a handwritten title page on aged, yellowish paper. The text is written in a cursive script and is enclosed within a decorative, hand-drawn rectangular border. The border features ornate, symmetrical flourishes at each corner, consisting of curved lines and small spirals. On the left side of the page, there are four circular holes, two near the top and two near the bottom, suggesting the book was part of a binder or folder. The overall appearance is that of a personal or historical manuscript.

Fairy  
tales  
and  
legends  
of  
Cologne

# Siegfried the dragon slayer

## Facts

- it's a widespread legend in the Germanic area
- was written around 1200 by an anonymous author in Passau (a city in Bavaria).
- it's about a man named Siegfried who has supernatural forces, great courage and great bravery
- the anonymous author locates its origin in the Lower Rhine
- the most famous representation of the narrative is the
  - "Nibelungenlied"

- the legend

- (taken from the „Nibelungenlied“)

Siegfried leaves his home as an adult to marry the Burgundian princess Kriemhilde.

On his way Siegfried has many adventures.

One day Siegfried has to kill a dragon.

After Siegfried had killed the dragon, he bathed in the blood of the dragon.

Siegfried  
killing the  
dragon



- Siegfried becomes invulnerable
- except for one place between the shoulder blades.

After this adventure

Siegfried has to look for a treasure from the King Nibelung. Siegfried gets the treasure after he killed the king and his sons.

Siegfried then ends his journey and bows down to the ruler of Burgundy and marries the princess Kriemhild.

Siegfried becomes a victim during a power struggle in Worms (a city in Rhineland-Palatinate). Siegfried is

- killed by someone who had known about his vulnerable
- spot, piercing a sword between his shoulder blades.

# The elves of Cologne

## Facts

- belong to the group of goblins, imps and dwarfs
- have a small size
- wear pointed hats
- are hardworking
- did their work at night so they wouldn't be seen



## the narrative

- Many years ago, it is said,
- there was a little folk in
  - Cologne, also known as "Heinzelmännchen".

- This very special kind of
- house elves did all the work for the people secretly at night, when everyone was asleep. because they wanted to remain unrecognized. The citizens of Cologne were really thankful for their work because they went to bed carefree every evening.

One day the tailor's wife wanted to prank these house elves because of her great curiosity.

Around midnight when the house elves were about to do their work, loud

- rumbling and shouting
- came from the tailor's workplace.

● The tailor's wife had  
● put peas on the stairs  
so the elves tumbled  
down the stairs. As soon  
as all of them were  
at the end of the last  
step, the tailor's wife  
came outside of a dark  
room and started laughing.

The elves disappeared into  
the dark and never came  
back.

On the next morning, when  
the citizens of Cologne  
awoke, their remaining work  
was not done for the  
people ever again.