# The castle in Přimda

## Duke from Altenburg

Duke Oldřich was hunting in the forest near the Bohemian border and suddenly he saw an unknown castle. He was looking for the owner and also the builder of the castle and he found out this:

There lived a young Duke of Altenburg in the courtyard of the German Emperor. He fell in love with the Princess, the Emperor’s daughter, and he knew that the Emperor wouldn’t agree with their marriage, so the young Duke of Altenburg decided to kidnap her.

Before he made it, he had built a strong castle in the inaccessible deep forests near the Bohemian border and he gathered lots of food and drinks. He killed the builders of the castle and all the people who knew about the building because he didn’t want them to never reveal his secret. He brought the Princess here and as a married couple, they lived happily. After five years, a guest came to the castle. And it was no other than the Emperor himself, who got lost during the hunting in the forest and discovered the count’s mansion. The Duke and his wife brought him food and drink but didn’t recognize him. The Emperor recognized them immediately. He left the second day.

But he returned soon, accompanied by his army and wanted to conquer the castle and punish the count. The Princess said to his father: “If you kill my husband, I will jump down the rock!” Even the soldiers begged the Emperor to have a mercy on him. The Emperor had it done, and he took the young couple to his courtyard and the castle remained desolate.

The Duke Oldřich, using the castle exceptional position near the provincial road, he appointed Přím to became the castle regent. And since then, the castle is called Přimda according to this regent.

## The Giants

The castle in Přimda was supposedly built by twelve giants in the dusky distant past. Their women carried stones for the building in their aprons. When the castle was finally finished, the giants celebrated their work in the cottage in the forest. One of the giants gave a strong sleeping drug into the wine for others. Soon everyone fell asleep – except the poisoner and his wife, who was at the top of the castle. Then, the giant set fire to cottage where others died in a fire. The castle belonged to the evil giant and his wife since then.

The giant became a robber – he attacked the merchants on the nearby road and burned down small villages in the neighbourhood of the castle. One day, the last giant of this family kidnapped the duke’s daughter and it was his end. The aristocracy and the peasants became united against him, conquered the castle and killed the giant.