

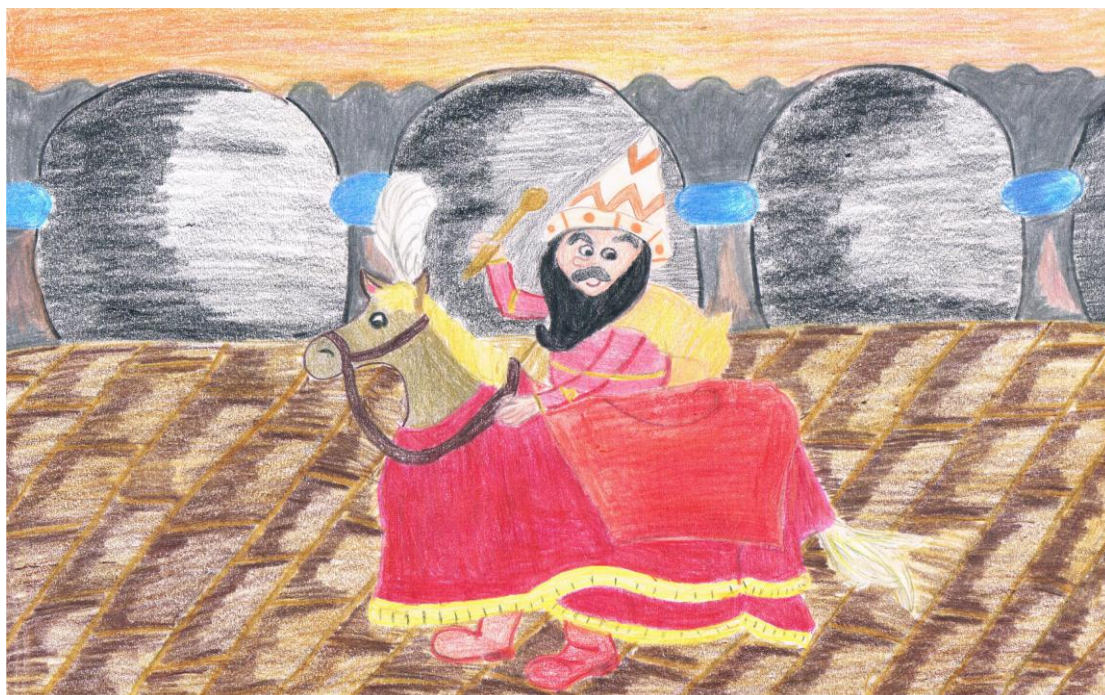


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Polish adventure II - Cracow

This year summer was as usual. I was alone at home watching TV. I didn't think that something exciting may happen. And yet. In the first week of holidays a family with two children moved into my block of flats. At first glance siblings looked weird. Eras was a tall girl with long blond hair and blue eyes and Mus was short and red. They had a dog called Doggy and a cat called Kitty. We all made friends very soon.

Eras and Mus had an uncle Frank who was a sailor. He visited them one day and invited all of us for a trip to Cracow, a city which was the capital of Poland in the past. The first day we visited the Old Town. In the centre of it there is an old market place called Sukiennice. A lot of important historical events took place there. Today different concerts and festivals are organized there. Uncle Frank told us about one of them - Lajkonik's Parade. It is celebrated in honour of the sailors who saved Cracow from the Tatar's attack in the Middle Ages.



When we were busy listening to uncle's story we didn't noticed that Kitty and Doggy had disappeared. We started looking for them. We asked people but nobody saw them. We went on the Wawel hill where are many caves, so the pets could hide there. One of the caves is Dragon's Cave.

The legend says there lived a terrible dragon, which was always hungry. Everyday he went to the fields and ate cows, sheep and horses. The people were angry and frightened, so they went to the King and asked him for help. In the end the dragon was killed by a shoemaker who made a "sheep" out of the wool and filled it with sulphur. The dragon ate the "sheep" and became very thirsty because of the sulphur. He ran to the Vístula River and drank and drank. He got bigger and bigger, until burst like a big balloon. Now its statue is one of the attractions in this place.



So we went into the cave to look for Kitty and Doggy. We heard barking of a dog. We thought it was Doggy. We smelled sulphur. Then we saw a strange orange light, a big white eggshell on the ground and three little dragons. We couldn't believe when we saw Kitty taking care of them. Then appeared Doggy with a sausage in his muzzle. Little dragons ate eagerly. We didn't know what's going on. We ran for the uncle.

When we came back with him, there was nobody in the cave except Kitty and Doggy. Was it a dream or what?

