

The Giöbia

A legend from Lombardy

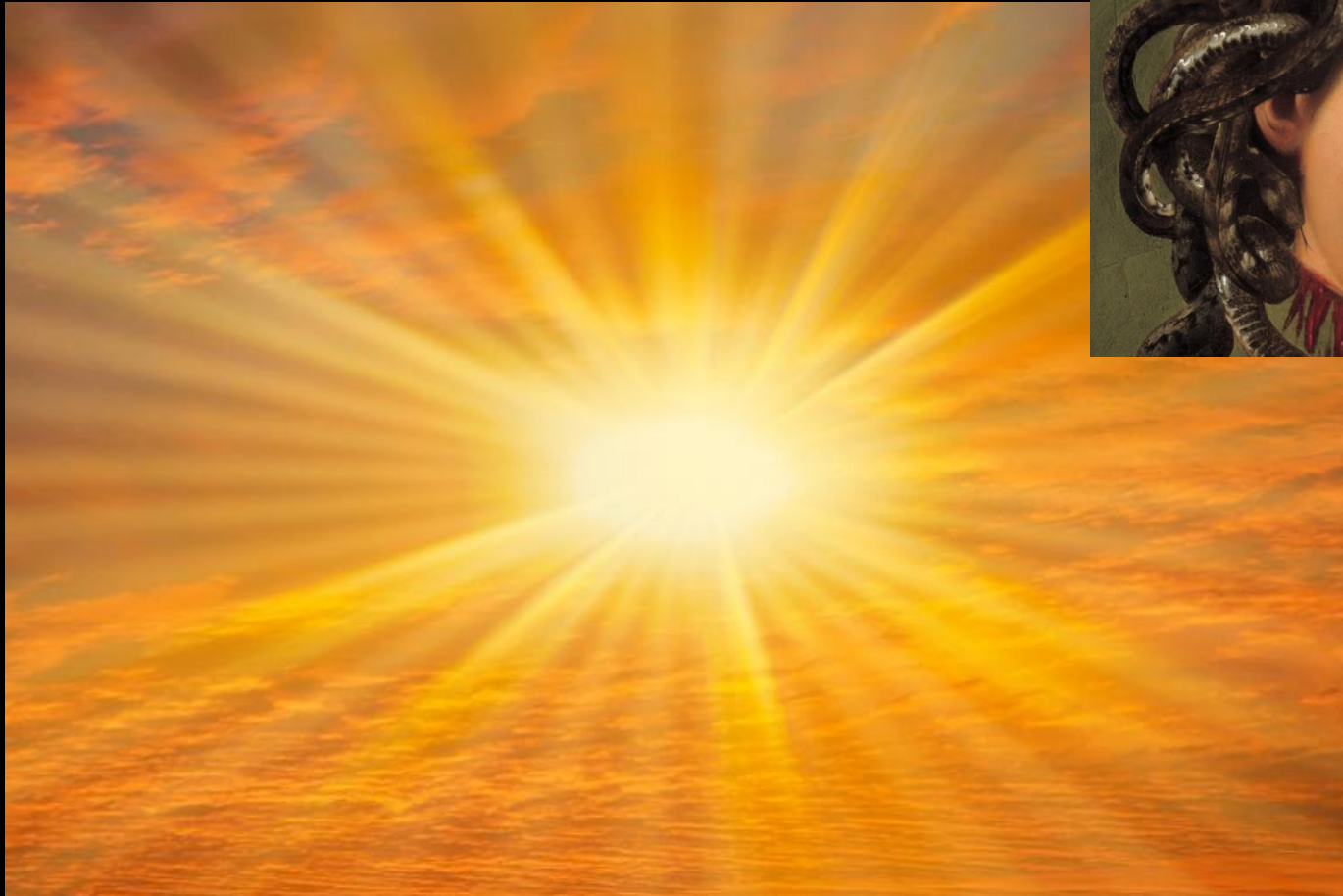
The Giöbia is a winter witch. She lives in the woods.



When she comes out, lakes, trees and animals freeze.



Her enemies are the sun and the fire.



At the end of January, she becomes very bad because the weather gets warmer and she must leave.



Her favourite food is rice with sausage.



She is greedy but she cannot cook.
The last Thursday of January, she comes down the chimney to steal food.



If she does not find any food, she eats children.



One day, the village people prepare a big pot of rice with sausage for the witch.



At night, she comes back and eats it. The pot is big, so she takes all the night to finish it.



When the sun rises, the witch is burnt.



To remember this story, we burn a Giöbia puppet every year, on the last Thursday of January.

