

How Hairy Pot Er met Innygay Easleyway

Innygay opened her eyes. She was laying on the floor of her room by her bed and her ankle was aching so much she wanted to scream, and when Innygay wanted something she did it. So of course Innygay screamed, immediately ten maids came running into her room, stood straight in a line, and said “What is the matter Your Highness princess Innygay?” like this is the ten millionth (and they certainly hoped the last) time that they had said it.

Yes, yes, Innygay was a princess and a *very picky* one at that. At the same time Hairy Pot Er who lived many miles away from Innygay’s kingdom was sipping his milk and reading the newspaper in his cottage. Suddenly, an advertisement caught his eye. It read:

Are you a talented knight looking for special opportunities? If yes, then this is your lucky day. A dragon has been reported roaming around in King and Queen Easleyway’s Kingdom. Who ever can catch and slay it will be given a reward of 5000 tallyticks.

(A tallytick is the equivalent of two dollars in the country of Lamelatell.)

“5000 tallyticks?!” Hairy muttered “Amazing!” So as you may have guessed Hairy took out his wand, his sword, some food and water, his potions kit, his teddy bear

and a few rocks and put them in his sack that he can make anything fit in. Then he ran to the stables and brought out his fastest horse Fella and set off into the big wide world to find the dragon.

After about two miles, Hairy saw an old woman in torn dirty cloths sitting at the edge of the road. He stopped Fella, dismounted, and walked over to her. "Have you a home dear grandmother?" he asked the old lady. "No son but I am not as old as you think, I am really a young woman who has been cursed and the only cure is for the great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson of the fabulous Harry Potter to rub their thumb on my forehead" said the lady. "My dear maiden have no fear for I am the great- great- great- great- great-great-grandson of Harry Potter" replied Hairy. "I will rub my thumb on you only if you give me ten tallyticks." The old woman pulled out ten tallyticks and gave them to Hairy and he rubbed his thumb on the old woman's forehead. But nothing happened. "Oh well" said Hairy "I guess it just didn't work, so I will be on my way."

After Hairy rode on for a while, he noticed it was already getting dark even though it was just midmorning when he met the old woman. Then finally Hairy realized that she had tricked him to delay Hairy from finding the dragon. Hairy looked in his sack and realized that all his money was gone and there was no other explanation about it than that the old woman who must have been an evil witch took it with magic.

Meanwhile at Innygay's palace, Innygay was feeling much worse because to get better she had to eat smooshed vomit-flavored Bertie Botts beans mixed with seventy-year-old butterbeer (ick) but she refused to eat this amazingly wonderful remedy (that probably it does not even work). After Innygay's parents failed to succeed in making Innygay drink their fabulous remedy they took her to a man in their kingdom who claimed to be able to nurse Innygay back to health, so well that she would never in her life get sick again if Innygay stayed with him for two weeks and of course he got paid. With a very heavy heart Innygay's parents agreed.

After five tedious days of bathing in green gooey water, eating moldy stinky cheese, rubbing her ankle with filthy knitting needles and much worse, Innygay could not bear living like that anymore so one day she decided to run away. When night came she did everything as usual and then went to bed. Once Innygay was sure the man was fast asleep, she got up from bed, packed some food, money, and clothes and stepped outside of the cottage in to the cool night air.

Suddenly, she heard the door of the cottage open behind her, she spun around and standing in the doorway was the man. "My darling princess whatever you would be doing here at this time? Go back inside" The next night the same thing happened, and the next but on the fourth night Innygay stayed in her room and got up very early in the morning, one hour before the man usually woke up. Finally she succeeded and began to walk down the road when she heard a voice. At first she thought it was the man but then she realized it wasn't, for the voice wasn't as gruff

and loud as the man's, so she got closer to see who was talking. When she got to the road passing through the village this is what she beheld: a young man (Hairy) lying on the roadside in the sun sharing an apple with horse (Fella). From the moment Innygay saw him she really liked him.

"What in the world are you doing here in this hour?" asked Innygay. "I am on my way to slay the dragon that was reported roaming here" replied Hairy. "There isn't a single dragon here, but there is the terrible sickness drakon and many people have been trying to find the cure for it" replied Innygay. You must have made a mistake. Then Hairy pulled out the newspaper with the article in it from his bag and showed it to Innygay. "Why you are right, we must certainly show this to my parents" "Why?" "Because they must know, they are the King and Queen who sent out the article and they must know at once that the publishers of this newspaper have made a mistake. It is really supposed to say a reward to be given to the person who finds the cure to drakon". "Ohhhhhhhh" was Hairy's answer.

For a minute they stared at each other in silence, finally the quiet was broken when Hairy kneeled down and said "Oh my sweet, I could not live without you. Will you marry me?" "Of course, you dummy!" So with the matter settled the two merry people set off towards the castle and a new life.