

Fairytales Collection

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Once upon a time, in a land not so far away, two sisters lived in a small cottage with their parents. They were twin sisters named, Stella and Ella. Ella was a tall, thin girl with long blonde hair, flawless skin and the most magnificent blue eyes; she was also the first born of the two, so she got everything. She got all the attention, she was smart, she was kind and she was pretty. Stella was a small girl, not very nice to look at; she had black matted hair and brown eyes. Stella wasn't very smart or pretty, but up until her tenth birthday, she had been kind. She didn't mind her sister getting all the attention. But, on her tenth birthday everything changed; something inside her just clicked. Was it that her parents cared more for Ella, or that she simply would never be as good as Ella. Whatever it was, since her tenth birthday, Stella had become dark and twisted and most of all, she hated Ella.

On their fifteenth birthday however, Stella acted particularly nicely towards Ella. Now, Ella didn't find this strange at all, as she was kind and would never think of her sister as an unkind person, so Ella found it perfectly normal when Stella asked her to come on a walk through the woods. Now, as you may have guessed, Stella wasn't the nice per-



son that Ella thought she was. So, on this walk, Stella planned to get Ella lost in the woods and leave her there.

But, as the twins walked through the woods they came to a fork in the road. One of the roads had a lovely brick

path with flowers and fruits growing along it; the other road couldn't really be described as a road; it was more of a trail of flattened grass surrounded by thorn bushes and dead trees. Ella, being the nicer of the two, asked Stella which road she would like to take. Stella chose the road with the thorn bushes and dead trees, as it was the obvious choice to get someone lost on. Ella stared at her with disbelief, but agreed to take the path, so as to not hurt her sister's feelings.

When they arrived at the end of the road, they saw a place where trees grew with the most magnificent fruits and flowers growing everywhere. Stella was horrified. This wasn't what she wanted to happen; she wanted her sister to be lost in a horrible place, not a magical garden. This was all wrong. Her plan was ruined

As they approached the garden, Ella noticed a frog sitting on a large

rock. The twins walked over to the rock and they jumped when it said, hello. Frogs didn't talk, they couldn't.

"Hello," it said, "if you wish to enter, you must give me three things. Firstly, something you hold dear to your heart."

At this, Ella handed over a locket containing pictures of her family. Stella gave the frog her mirror; this proved just how vain



the girl was. "Now a lock of your hair." Said the frog.

The girls exchanged confused looks, but obliged.

"And finally, your shoes," said the frog.

The girls had given up at being confused, and just gave the frog their shoes.

Barefoot, the girls went to enter the garden, but the frog shouted to them. "Remember! Anyone can enter, but only the pure of heart can return."

Ella ignored this, but Stella did not. She thought herself to be lovely and in no need of improvement, and that Ella would be trapped in the garden, because she thought that Ella was impure of heart. This was

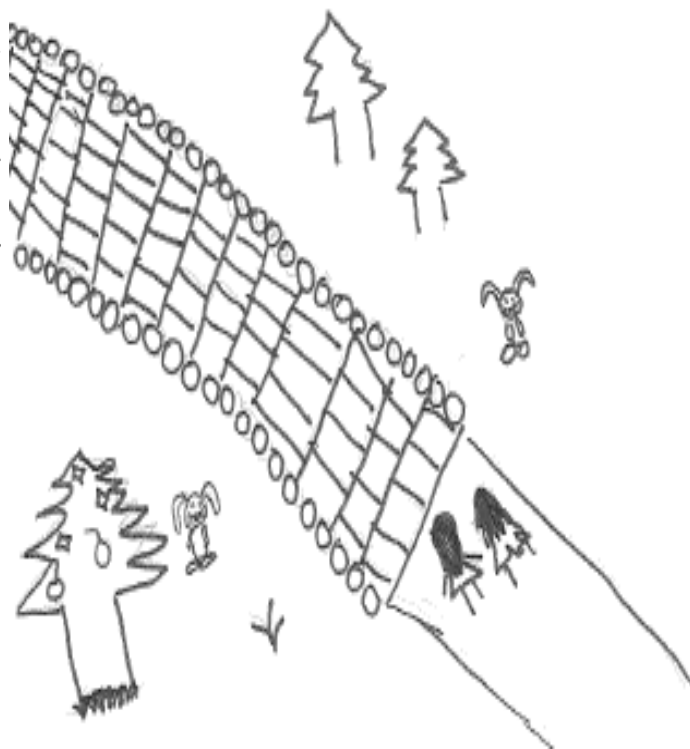
in no way true, but she thought it was. Also, she thought; once Ella was trapped, she would run home and tell her parents of the tragedy.

The girls entered the garden. On first glance, the garden looked normal, but upon closer inspection, the garden had a magical sparkle

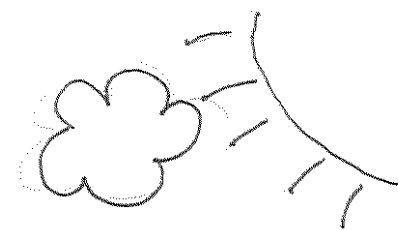
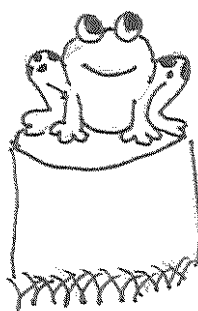
and the animals were different colours. There were pink cats, blue rabbits and yellow deer. Some of the animals danced or played instruments and some were even cooking. There was a lot more going on than you could see from the outside.

On the outside, the garden was beautiful but when you stepped inside it was really beautiful. It was unlike anything the girls had ever seen.

After standing watching the animals' work, the girls started exploring. Even the trees were magical; if you pulled off a fruit, it would grow back immediately. As a result, Stella sat under a pear tree eating to her heart's content. While Stella stuffed her face, Ella was deep in conversation with a pink squirrel about the effects of global warming.



Just as Ella was starting a conversation with a blue rabbit about politics, she was beckoned over by the frog that they had met earlier. She excused herself from the rabbit conversation and walked over to the frog.



This time there was no hello, just a quick wave and the frog got straight to the point. "There is something I forgot to mention before." The frog said. "Anyone who is trapped in the garden will not be stuck in the lovely place you see now. When they are trapped, the garden will become evil and dark. Don't forget to mention this to your sister."

Ella politely said goodbye, but saw no purpose to the conversation, so decided against telling Stella. As the sun set, Ella and Stella decided it was time to go, but Ella was insistent on saying goodbye to all the animals and Stella had to grab as many pears as she could carry.

The twins walked towards the edge of the garden, wishing they could stay longer, but they knew their parents would be worried. Ella walked calmly through the barrier and Stella stared in horror. Her sister had made it. This wasn't supposed to happen. Ella was supposed to be trapped in the garden forever, because she wasn't

pure of heart.

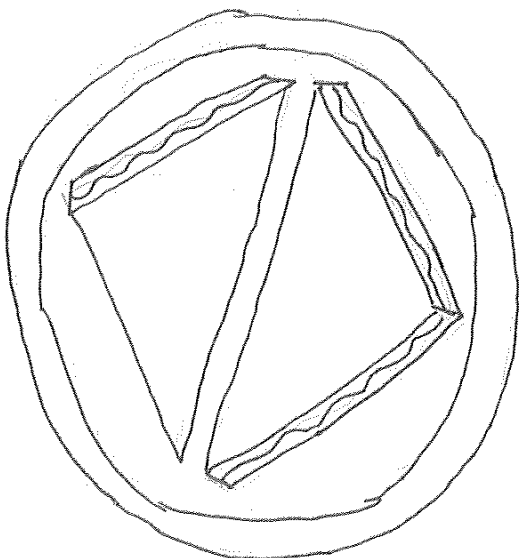
Stella ran towards her sister, but something stopped her, and she was shot back into the garden, and her world became dark.

How could this be? Ella was impure of heart!-Not her! It crossed Stella's mind that Ella

was pure of heart and not visa-versa, but that idea was extinguished pretty quickly.

Ella stood in shock. She realised, her sister was impure of heart! Without saying a word, she ran home to tell her parents the tragedy.

From that day, Stella has been trapped in the garden and Ella often returns to keep her sister company, and to talk to her; not that Stella wanted to listen.



Even so, despite all Stella's hatred, Ella kept coming back, bringing Stella food and telling her stories, because no matter how spiteful Stella was, Ella would always come back.

Over the years, the twins have



grown old, but Ella keeps going to see Stella, till this day. So, as the story comes to an end, Ella is still as kind as ever, and Stella is just as spiteful, and to be honest, not much has changed.

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