

Greedy Tyrants

In ancient times, there was a small kingdom that was ruled by King James. The King was fair and equal to everyone. People loved him. He had a son, Thomas. His wife, the Queen died young. But the King had an evil brother Sebastian who had a son Adam. They were totally opposite to the King James and Prince Thomas. Then once, King James has fallen ill. Soon after, he died. But instead of Prince Thomas, the King's brother Sebastian took the power violently. He was a ruthless tyrant. He raised taxes, and killed many innocent people. He and his son ruled lands with fear and terror. They locked Thomas in "rich prison", in the castle, and he was constantly guarded. There was a legend that said that each king needed to send one of his children into the wood to spend a night at a watermill on a small creek. It was said that royal blood will have the test there, and if it passes it, it will bring gold and power to them.



One day, Adam approached his locked cousin Thomas and told him: "My dear Thomas, this is why we're keeping you alive! You'll serve us tomorrow. At the sunset, you'll go into the woods and into that small stream, you will see the mill. You'll get some food you deserve and spend the night there. Nothing will happen to you, I assure you! But if you refuse, you will die!" Then, King Sebastian told Adam later: "Haha, we will send that damned young boy. If he returns alive, then you'll go the next day to spend the night there and bring us more glory and money!" Adam said: "Yes, after that we'll no longer need him, I will eliminate competition although he is silly, he is no competition to me at all." The next day, they sent Thomas into the wood. They gave him one tiny bread as he deserved that according to them. Then Thomas started his journey. At sunset, after an hour of walking, he finally saw the old mill at a small stream. There was a dog inside, a cat and a rooster. He lightened the candle and started to eat. But he felt sorry for the poor animals so he gave them half of his petty bread thinking that he would give them more but unfortunately, this is all he got. After midnight, some scary voices emerged from the outside. It was a demonic voice! Demons approached the mill claiming that they would kill him and swallow his soul.



Then Thomas said to animals: "Please my dear friends, use your voice for me, start to yell and roar!" Then animals started making noise for him and backed off demons. Demons left that place, and suddenly, at the table, a big chest with gold appeared. The next day at sunrise, Thomas left mill and got back into the castle. He told Sebastian and Adam that he got a gold chest there. King Sebastian replied: "Thank you for your donation, we'll take this chest. Adam, this night you go there and bring another one! You'll get the best food we can prepare for you!" And so be it, they sent Adam with nice bread, meat and wine. After the hour of walking, Adam recognized that mill in the distance as well. When he entered inside he saw the chicken, cat and dog too. He yelled at them: "Go in that corner and do not test me! I will beat you and do not approach me as I do not want to get dirty because of you. And yes, this food is all mine. I am not scared of demons, in fact, that fool Thomas was trying to scare us. If he can get back with gold chest, I can too!" Then he ate all the food and didn't give anything to the poor animals.



At midnight, the same demons emerged telling him that they would break in, kill him and swallow his soul! Then he remembered what Thomas said and called the animals: "Please my dear friends, put your voice for me, start to yell and roar!" But animals replied: "You ate all the food yourself, you drank yourself - then you roar and make noise yourself!"

The next day, at sunrise, his father King Sebastian came in front of the mill and called his son Adam: "Hey, young Prince, did you found it?" Then Adam replied: "Oh come here father, I killed those demons and got many chests, I can't bring them all! We got what we deserve!" Then surprised Sebastian entered the mill and saw body parts of his son scattered all around the mill! Head, chest, hands and legs everywhere! He was shocked. Suddenly, the door closed! After a while, soldiers came to see why the King was missing and discovered him lying dead into the mill as well and body parts of his son!

After that, Thomas became the new king. He ruled those lands as his father did, and even better and he was remembered as the best of all Kings!

