

# DIAMONDS AND LIZARDS

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Once upon a time there lived a handsome Prince. He wanted to marry a Princess so that he could be king. He rode his white stallion to find her. He searched the high mountains, the deep forest, the wide plains and the scary wild. He could not find his Princess. He was about to give up when he came across a huge castle covered in seaweed, surrounded by a moat of boiling lava.

He leaped over the lava and used the seaweed to climb the castle wall. He tiptoed to the throne room. It was about 1000 cupboards long and 10,000 mice wide. In the middle of the room there was a King and two soldiers. The Prince fell to his knees before the King.

"Can I please marry your daughter?" he begged.

"Can't you see I'm busy? A dragon has just drowned our castle!" said the king.

"Can I marry your daughter if I slay this dragon?" said the Prince.

"Fine" said the king.

The dragon lived in a dungeon under an abandoned jail. When the Prince arrived it jumped out and flew right at the Prince's face, but the prince was prepared. He dodged to the right and drew his powerful sword. It was a magic sword, crawling with lightning like the seaweed on the castle wall. He slashed the dragon's wings so he could not fly. The dragon roared in pain and spat a monstrous flame. The Prince jumped over it and jabbed at the dragon's face, making it thrash around in pain. He stabbed at it hundreds of times, till it keeled over, dead.

So the Prince went to the castle with the dragon's wings and, with the King's permission, married the Princess and lived happily ever after.

