



#91 *The Traveling Puppeteer*



A renowned master puppeteer made a wonderful puppet theater.

He took it from town to town as a traveling show. When it arrived in the big town square, children from the smaller villages came to see it. During the show the master puppeteer held ropes that were above the puppets. He was behind a curtain, so the children could not see him; but they could see the puppets. The story was about a brave and beautiful woman riding a white horse. She was searching for a magical tree that could transform her into a princess and show her where to go to find her very own castle in her very own kingdom. Over and over she rode through the same path past the same trees without finding the

magical tree. As she repeated her search, the woods started to become familiar and her life became routine. By and by a sadness befell her and she lay down to sleep.

The village children watched the puppet show with great intensity. They wanted to help the beautiful woman to become a princess. Suddenly, the master puppeteer appeared. He pulled back the curtain to let the children see his hands and arms and the ropes he held from above to allow the puppets to move. He spoke to the children, "Do you want to help the brave woman?"

"YES!", the children shouted as if in one, single voice. "Well, look here," and he pointed to a tree that she had passed over and over, "She cannot tell that this is the magical tree! You can see it is magical if you look from up here, but she is only looking from down on the ground. If you want to help her, you must wake her up and show her that she has to look from above. Tell her to climb the ropes and come join me. This is how to make all of her dreams come true!"

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