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“I’m so tired of being cooped up in the castle,” said the oldest girl to her sisters when her father wasn’t listening. “Let’s sneak outside and explore the forest.”

They had so much fun in the forest. They saw some baby animals, smelled the flowers, and climbed trees. The court Jester saw them leave the castle. He told the king they had disobeyed him. The king was very worried and called for his three most trusted knights.

“Go out at once and search for the girls, and bring them home,” he ordered.

It was getting late, and the girls were heading home. Suddenly they heard a strange, loud noise behind them. Before they could decide what to do, the dragon burst out.

“Help!!” screamed the girls, and they tried to run away. The dragon captured them and took them to his cave.

The three knights were close by and heard their screams. They ran to the dragon’s cave and fought until he surrendered. They rescued the girls and brought them back to the castle. The king was relieved that his daughters were safe, and the daughters agreed to never disobey him again.