The Dragon in the Forest – Oral Reading

Once upon a time, a king and his three daughters lived in a castle near a forest. A mean dragon had moved into the forest over the winter. Now it was the beginning of spring, and the girls were excited to go outside. The king ordered them to stay in the castle. A

“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.” B

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. C 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. D

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Clara Barton

Clara Barton was born on a farm in Oxford, Massachusetts in 1821. As a child, she wanted to help others. She treated pets that were hurt and cared for her brother who fell from a barn.

Clara was a teacher. She taught school for 14 years. She taught at a private school and was paid by the children’s parents. It made her sad to see other children whose parents could not afford to pay a teacher. She offered to teach those children without pay. The town provided a place for her to teach, and she soon had 600 students!

The Civil War started. Clara wanted to help the soldiers. She asked people to give money to help. She made bandages out of sheets and towels for soldiers who were hurt.

She cared for many soldiers. People called her the Angel of the Battlefield. She almost lost her life in the war. Still, she kept working. She comforted the soldiers and made food for them. She searched for missing soldiers. After the Civil War, she helped many soldiers find their families again.

In 1881, Clara started the American Red Cross. At first, the Red Cross only helped soldiers in need. Later, Clara saw that other people needed help when there were floods, earthquakes, and other disasters.

The Red Cross still helps many people in need. We can learn from Clara’s life. All her good work continued to help people for a long time.