

THE SNOW QUEEN
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WHICH TELLS
OF THE LOOKING-GLASS
AND THE BITS OF IT



Attention, please, we're going to begin. When we go to the end of the story we shall know more than we do now. Once there was a **wicked** troll. He had made a looking-glass which had this **property**: everything good and pretty that was **reflected** in it became bad and ugly. And everything that was no good became even worse. The most beautiful **landscapes** looked like boiled spinach, and the best of men looked bad. Their faces were so ugly that they couldn't be **recognized**. It was very funny, the troll said. He couldn't stop laughing at his clever **invention**. Everyone who visited the troll school (for he kept

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a troll school) told the news all about that miracle looking-glass: you could now see, they said, what the world and people really looked like. They ran everywhere with the glass, and at last there wasn't a country or a person left who hadn't been **distorted** in it. After that they decided to fly up to heaven itself and make fun of the angels. The higher they flew with the glass, the more it grimaced. Up and up they flew, and then the glass grimaced so hard that it fell out of their hands and to the ground. It broke into millions of little pieces. Some of them were as big as a **grain of sand**. They flew around the wide world, and when they got into peoples' eyes, they **stuck** there, and from that moment the people saw everything distorted and only looked for the bad things.

Every little **splinter** of the glass had the same power that the whole glass had. Some people got a little bit of the glass into their hearts, and that was horrible, for their hearts became just like ice. Some

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of the pieces were so big that they were used for window glass. Other pieces were made into glasses, and that was a bad thing, if people put them on to see correctly and **judge** rightly. The evil troll laughed at this, for it was very amusing to him. And out in the world little bits of glass were still flying in the air.

Now you shall hear what happened with some of them.

Словарные слова:

- wicked** — злой
property — свойство
reflect — отражаться
landscape — ландшафт
recognize — узнать
invention — изобретение
distorted — искажен
grain of sand — песчинка
stuck — застревать
splinter — осколок
judge — судить

УПРАЖНЕНИЯ:

1. Поставь глаголы в форму прошедшего времени:

- 1) Be
- 2) Have
- 3) Look

2. Объясни, почему:

- 1) The looking glass was unusual.
- 2) The looking glass was dangerous.
- 3) The troll thought it was funny.

3. Ответь на вопросы:

- 1) Was the troll kind?
- 2) What was the evil magic of the looking glass?

4. Что обозначают выделенные слова?

- 1) that was **horrible**
- 2) judge **rightly**
- 3) the glass **grimaced**
- 4) **boiled** spinach

5. Вставь правильные предлоги:

- 1) He couldn't stop laughing ___ his clever invention.
- 2) It broke ___ millions ___ little pieces.
- 3) Some people got a little bit of the glass ___ their hearts

6. Выскажи свое мнение о:

- 1) The troll
- 2) The looking glass

7. Поставь предложения в правильном порядке:

- 1) Some of the pieces were so big that they were used for window glass.
- 2) And out in the world little bits of glass were still flying in the air.
- 3) Attention, please, we're going to begin.
- 4) Some of them were as big as a grain of sand.
- 5) The higher they flew with the glass, the more it grimaced.

8. Дополни предложения с помощью данных слов:

Reflect invention stuck wicked

- 1) We got _____ in mud.
- 2) It was a great _____.
- 3) The king was _____ and cruel.
- 4) The mirror can _____ objects.

9. Составь предложения со словами:

heaven
grimace
power
laugh

10. Поставь глагол в правильную форму.

- 1) They (run) everywhere with the glass.
- 2) It (be) very funny, the troll (say).
- 3) The most beautiful landscapes (look) like boiled spinach, and the best of men looked bad.

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4) After that they (decide) to fly up to heaven itself and make fun of the angels.

STORY THE SECOND

A Little Boy and a Little Girl



