

A Griffin's quest

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Let me tell you a story about a griffin, a dragon, a mermaid looking for 'the beasts'. You should know that the griffin meets others on its way but these two are the most important ones and will make a friendship that will last forever.

Now let's continue the story:

Once there lived a griffin, a very lonely one. You may be wondering 'why was she so lonely?' or 'how this happen?' I will tell you the reason. The reason she was so lonely is because she was the last one of her specie. She lived all alone in a cave beyond human reach.

One day the griffin decided that she would go on a quest to find the 'beasts'. You may be wondering what the 'beasts' are, to explain it as thoughtfully as possible they are us, the humans. You may think 'why be scared of us innocent humans?' or 'I'm not scary!'... but if you were face to face with a creature

much different to you, and there is a lot of them and you know that they were the ones to wipe out the rest of your kind, then surely you would be scared and would probably call them beasts. Wouldn't you? Anyway let's continue the story:

The griffin flew and flew until she came across a massive dragon. "Do you know where I can find them?" asked the griffin. "I'm sure I heard about dragons and 'knights' in a part of the fairy tale my mum used to tell me when I was just a little baby bird that still couldn't fly"

"y-y-yes-s-s?" shuddered the dragon in a frightened tone. "I heard all about them. This horrible creature carry metal sticks and metal or wooden circles", the dragon paused, "do you know what they do with them?"

The griffin stopped to think. "No", she answered. "They grab their metal sticks and cut animals heads right off t-t-then", the dragon stopped. "?Do I have to tell you?"

"I'll tell you..."
wall as if they were a piece of art or they b...
to a 'princess'. Then they get married on the spot
not even knowing each other. Meanies! They never
think about if the dragon wants to have its head
chopped off or if the dragon wants its head hanging
on a wall".

"I feel your pain" said the griffin with a tear in her
eye. "I too have been through something like that. I
am the only one left of my kind, but now I must go
on my quest to find them"

"Wait! May I come with you I would like to visit my
mother ...or at least her head" shouted the dragon
before the griffin had time to leave.

"Actually... having you around sounds good. Just
imagine me going off into a completely different
world all alone" she responded.

Together they carried on their quest to find the
beasts. Soon they stumbled into a forest.

"It's getting dark. Let's stop for the night at this
forest.

We will be safe there", said the dragon.

"Good idea my friend, let's stop here for the night and get some rest."

That's what they did. They stopped to rest at a little dark forest they had never seen before. When they had settled in and fallen asleep. It seemed as if they hadn't slept in years.

A few hours later they woken up quite startled. Something (or someone) was staring straight at them. Then they heard whispering: "Oh ...no! What can we do?" said one of them. "They are going to eat us! just look at the dragon that's probably what he's here for . Have you seen his teeth?"

"H-h-hello?" shivered the griffin. "We won't hurt you, I promise".

"Ok" responded the mysterious voice . "Everyone you can come out !, false alarm!"

Out of nowhere came a herd of majestic unicorns. "Wait, I know your kind, you are those mystical creatures that have magic powers or is it that you fart rainbows? I can't remember" said the griffin.

"I think both" said a young one, "I'm quite sure we are magical ... but I think I should know my unicorn history better, my mum tells me that all the time".

"The sun's rising we better leave. But before we leave can you tell us anything about the humans"

"Yes we can! Get the little ones out of here we don't want them to have nightmares" in a flash all the baby unicorns disappeared. "I've heard that humans put weird stuff on horse backs and tie brown vines around their mouths, Then they sit on them and force them to carry them around in the hot dry dessert. I've also heard that they carry strange metal bendy sticks called 'guns' that make very loud banging noises. Why are you so curious about it anyway?"

"We're going to find the humans" bravely responded the dragon.

"Oh no you don't want to find them they're going to kill you!"

"We must, it's our quest" said the dragon. "Have you ever started something and not finished it?"

"Mmmm.....no, I guess I understand".

Soon the dragon and the griffin set off again on their quest.

"Hello!!!!!!!" said a voice from bellow. "Where are you going?" They looked down, sitting on a rock above the deep blue sea and was a beautiful mermaid. "Hello ma'am what are you doing here?" asked the griffin.

"Oh it's just relaxing and thinking about water, I am so lonely here" she replied "why are you in such a rush anyway?".

"We're looking for humans. Do you know where we can find them?".

"Yes I do".

"Is there anything you can tell us about them".

"Yes I know a lot about them here's a list:

They ride big pieces of wood called 'ships'. They sometimes have wooden legs or metal hands. They fish mermaids out of the sea then turn them into wood and put them at the front of their ships. You don't want to run into them, do you?"

"Yes, we do want to run into them, don't we dragon?" Said the griffin no so sure himself anymore.

"Yes, we do ...but shouldn't we be going now?. We don't want to stay here for ever, do we?" Said the dragon also doubting.

"Wait can I come too" said the mermaid. "Is so long time since I talk with someone..."

"Sure why not? Just how are you going to come."

"I know, I can swim all the way to shore with you then I'll wait at the beach, sounds good!"

"It's perfect !"

On the way they talk about life and adventures. They laugh and dream. As soon they had arrived at a beautiful beach they realised that they have changed their mind. "I think I don't want to see the humans anymore they seem so scary ,I can't do this"

"Me neither let's go back and stay together , we can be friends and never be lonely again, we can live beside each other"

That's exactly what they did. You see, a quest isn't exactly always successful at the end but you can learn all the way new things and find different treasures. So this is the end of the story.

The end!

