The Knight of the Night

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In the spring days of April, there lived a princess named Emilia Black. Something terrible was happening in the village Emilia lived in. Day by day people were starting to disappear from the village. Villagers were too scared to be taking, so they boarded up windows, locked doors and no one ever went out. Even to get more food from the grocery stand. In the palace of the Northern village, the royal family thought about all these people disappearing. "Who knows what could have happened to them," said Emilia's father, who always seemed to care about everything. "Something must have taken them" answered Emilia's mother who wanted to know if everyone was safe. "But what could have taken the people?" asked Emilia's brother Anthony. Anthony was a knight. Emilia adored him. She wanted to be a knight just like her older brother, but her mom said she would be the next gueen so she can't be a knight. Emilia's heart sank. She never argued about it. It wouldn't help anyway. "What about the dragon of the west?" she

asked. Everyone looked at Emilia. "Emilia" mom started. "Do you really think we can go up to the dragon of the west and just take our people

back?". "Well... maybe" Emilia said back. "Emilia we might as well... leave the people there. it's too dangerous to go and take them back" dad adds. "Wow dad" Emilia starts "I thought you cared about our people, what happened to you. You're not the father I remember". "Emilia!" mom snaps "I do not like that tone to your room now!". Emilia stormed up to her room, she slammed the door behind her. Emilia thought to herself. If no one will save our people of the north village I will. It was the evening and Emilia remembered her father telling her that they were going to the southern village for the knight of the year party. They wouldn't be back until the next morning, so when could Emilia sneak out of the palace and rescue her people? "At night!" Emilia screamed as she jumped out of her bed. She could leave at sundown and rescue her people. "Emilia" mom called. "We are heading over to the Knight year party. We will be back tomorrow morning".

"Ok" Emilia answered, smiling. Once mom, dad and Anthony left the palace, Emilia got up and ran over to her brothers room. She found Anthony's armor and put it on. After she got the armor on she creeped downstairs to the basement to borrow the red ruby sword that was kept safe with only a secret code. "Dragon's eye" Emilia said as she put her mouth to the speaker the glass box tuned open Emilia quickly took the

sword and closed the glass box. With some water and food in her pouch, Emilia quietly snuck outside and was surprised to see the outside palace guards sleeping against the pillars. "I am totally telling dad to fire those guards". Emilia walked for a little while and decided to rest against the old brown tree. She looked into her pouch and pulled out a bottle of water took a small sip and put the rest in her pouch. If she was going to to save her town she needed to save up on water. Emilia walked for at least thirty minutes. She was almost there when she remembered that she had to be back by morning. Emilia was thinking about it so much she had not noticed it started raining. A tiny raindrop fell on Emilia's nose. She looked up to see the cloudy night sky. Emilia started to run the rain was getting harsh. She looked around and found a nearby empty cave and settled in. "It's good that this cave is empty" Emilia said but her statement would soon change. Behind her there was a form of a humans somehow looking at her. "Hi!". "Aaaaahh" Emilia screamed as she looked behind her. The human now looked somewhat like an elf. She had a green dress with blonde hair and wore a red hat on her head. "So sorry to scare you!" she said. "What are you? Why are your ears so flat? What did you have for Breakfast?-" As the elf began to continue talking Emilia then realized that this elf talked too much. "Um... thanks?" Emilia said to the elf. "What is

your name?" Emilia asked. "Bella" replied the elf. "Where are you going?". Emilia took a deep breath and spoke. "I am going to the dragon of the west cave to free my people. My name is Princess Emilia Black". "You know what" the elf said "I'm going with you. You can't take on a dragon by yourself". "Really?" Emilia asked. "Really" Bella replied. Emilia and Bella walked west. It had been five hours since Emilia left home. They were almost to the cave. They had walked for two more hours and came face two face with the cave. Bella gave a shudder. "Ready?" Emilia asked. "Mmhm" Bella said in a scared voice. They both walked in quietly to hear the dragon asleep. As they went in they saw people stuck to the walls with stone. A little boy saw Emilia and said "Princess Emilia! She is here to save us!". Emilia looked up at the child "Quiet!" she said in a whisper voice "You'll wake up the dragon". Everyone heard a big mighty roar "Oops" the the boy said. "You free the people!" Emilia said to Bella. "What about you?" Bella asked. "I'll take on the dragon" "But... but you can't, you might die!". Bella replied. "It's not about me... it's time I be the knight I was born to be. Now go!". Bella nodded she was still very scared for Emilia but followed her orders to release the people of the northern village. Emilia on the other hand took out the sword she got from the kingdoms basement the sword she got from the kingdoms basement and went closer

to the dragon. The dragon of the west sensed Emilia coming and used his roar to scare her away. Emilia took a big leap to try to slice the dragon but he caught her with his own hands! Emilia struggled to break free. The dragon squeezed Emilia tighter. Emilia could not take any more of this she freed her hands and stabbed the dragon's arm. The dragon of the west fell to the ground. With the kindness in Emilia, she ripped part of her dress and raped it around the dragon's arm. Emilia limped out of the cave. The squeezing did hurt her. Emilia looked up to see Bella and part of the villagers cheering for her. "You did it!" Bella said "You killed the dragon! Wait, did you kill it? Was the blood nasty? What are we going to eat after? I'm starving. Di-". "Tell you later, " Emilia said. She looked at the sky "Oh no!" Emilia said "It's sunrise!" Emilia and her people all walked home together to See the sight of Emilia's family standing at the gate. "Emilia!" Queen Elizabeth said. "We were so worried" said King Albert. "The people... the people!". "You know what," Anthony said. "I won the knight of the year but you deserve it more. You are a knight".