

The Golden Queen

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Dedicated to Mrs. Dixon who in my mind I thought was the Golden Queen

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Prologue

Diana was not a rightful heir. She was one of the princesses of the golden kingdom where all the people there were rich because they turn their precious things into gold. Diana was special because she could also turn people instead of just objects into gold. In the bronze kingdom where everyone turned things into bronze at will. When all the princesses in the bronze kingdom died (rightful heirs), Diana was the only one worthy enough to take the throne. So she was ordered by the highest Gold Queen Lorelai to protect the bronze land from the nasty Silver Queen and Pharaoh of Wind.

The Beginning

Suddenly in the bronze kingdom, they heard a crash.

"What in the world was that?" asked Diana "I don't know your majesty," said a guard

"Well what are you waiting for? Get troops and go find out. Oh and bring me with you," the queen demanded.

She sped out the pentagonal shaped bronze plated throne room and into the main courtyard. A light rain fell from the sky. Several bronze citizens waved to her. The watch tower walls shaped into shiny heptagons and the towers shaped like rectangles were still intact. Finally, she reached what used to be a moat and almost fell in a giant hole. But with quick reflexes the guard caught the queen by her shimmering gold dress.

Army of One

When the queen reached the site of the explosion no one was there, but there was a strange ditch that she had never seen before outside the edge of the castle.

"I told those guards to be here," the queen murmured to herself.

A whole silver army arose and shot suddenly out of the ditch. The rain came down harder from the sky

and washed bronze paint from her guard revealing silver skin.

"Really by myself? "she murmured again.

She grabbed the guard that had betrayed her and held his neck and started to choke him. Gold started to spread from the guard's neck, all the way to his head, and then down to his toes. He was a golden statue now.

A silver general yelled, "She's a sorcerer! She'll turn us all into gold! Flee!"

The whole army broke into a run screaming in the process. Two bronze people ran towards her. She saw patches of silver on their skin. *They have betrayed me too.* So she grabbed them both by the head. Star shaped gold marks spread from the guards' head. Now they were golden statues.

"Go away now or end up like these soldiers who are now my precious statues made of gold!" the Golden Queen exclaimed.

So the silver army fled back to the ditch and back to their kingdom.

Wow I need better guards, she thought. Maybe I could get some gold ones from my kingdom.

So that night she sent a letter to her home kingdom.

Dear Queen Lorelai,

I would like for you to send me some guards because I just got betrayed by some of the guards. I will send you the gold statues that I made out of them to pay for the guards.

Your fellow Queen,

Dianna

"I can't believe we had silver spies in our midst. I swear one day that I will rule all the land in Metalands. But until then I will have to rule these wretched people," said Golden Queen.

"MY QUEEN, MY QUEEN!" yelled a guard "DRAGONS, DRAGONS!"

"Well what are you waiting for fool? Bring an army to attack or else I will turn YOU into a golden statue!" roared the Queen. "Now scram!"

"Yes my Queen."

The Dragon Army

"Destroy their food, their homes, everything," yelled the dragon king holding his wand high to destroy a bronze hut nearby.

The dragon army all raised their tiny wands and blew ice magic onto the ground. Magic shockwaves turned everyone and everything on the ground into ice.

"YOU STUPID MORONS!" yelled the Queen
"THE'VE ALREADY DESTROYED HALF THE KINGDOM!"
She roared on "CAPTURE THEM! I WANT THOSE
DRAGONS!"

So the Queen sprinted outside. The dragon king met the queen on the ground.

"Now you either come with us or I freeze you and bring you back to our cave!" exclaimed the tall green dragon.

"You're a fool to mess with me!" hollered the queen.

The dragon was about to freeze her. At the last second, the queen shot a beam of gold out of her staff turning the dragon into gold.

"Now I have the sacred dragon wand of ice, I will now add it to my staff," the queen said

Gasps and murmurs spread through the dragon army as they grieved for the loss of their king.

"Now if you don't work for me, you're going to end up like your king, hahaaahaahahaha," she exclaimed. "So turn in your wands. But just in case let me show you what will happen if you try to hurt me."

Then without warning she grabbed a dragon by the head and the gold spread. So all the dragons lumbered to the guards and turned in their wands and their dragon fire breath. That night the Queen received a letter from her home town.

Dear Diana,

I would love to send you guards, but the silver kingdom has been attacking us a lot lately too. So I had to shut the golden gates and I can't let anyone out of the kingdom. I am so sorry but the gate generates a protective force field around the kingdom and can only be activated

once a year. So I am keeping it up until I know the silvers have stopped.

Your friend, Lorelei

P.S I've seen your new fashion, omg I love it.

The Golden Queen could not believe it. The Silvers were attacking every kingdom in Metalands. Well she was going to do something about it.

"Guards!" she yelled.

Three guards scampered in.

"Yes our Queen," the three guards said together.

"I'm going back to my home kingdom so I'm giving you the gold privilege to protect your kingdom while I'm gone. Come."

The guards came up and the Queen tapped them on the shoulders three times with her staff. Suddenly they all started melting into gold puddles then they reformed into gold people. But instead of statues, they could move.

"Now use your powers," she said.

So the guards used their powers. But instead of turning things into bronze, they turned them into gold. Their mouths fell open in awe at the sight of gold they just made.

"I guess that's why the silvers want me so bad," the Queen said. "I am the only gold Queen in centuries that can do this."

Right then the queen suddenly put all her weight on her staff and nearly collapsed.

"Be aware I have the power to give this magic but also to take it away. If I die then you'll lose your powers," he said as she shrugged. "Oh and you'll die also."

"Thank you my queen," the guards said.

"I'm off to visit my grandpa."

She staggered to her stagecoach and closed the door. As her stagecoach pressed on, she quickly fell asleep and it took several hours for her energy to return.

The Trip

The Queen loved visiting her grandpa. That's where she got the sorcerer part of her. But the desert shortcut way that she usually took had grown treacherous. Last time, she had to turn several snakes into gold that were about to bite her. She knew one thing that she did not like about going to grandpas, it was too close the Silver kingdom. Plus it took a day to reach it. She thought if the stagecoach kept this pace through the forest then she would get to grandpas by the end of the day. The queen imagined how she could convince her grandpa to give away the sorcerer's eye. It was the first step in her plan to get revenge on the silver kingdom for killing her friend Athena.

The queen saw several monkeys swinging on vines close by. What are they doing? she thought.

It looked like they were heading right towards the stage coach. They kept getting closer. She heard a crash and then the stagecoach started tipping. So she began to climb out the window on the side of the stagecoach. It was heading directly toward quicksand. Once she squirmed out, she jumped free of the stage coach. The stage coach slid on its side into the quicksand with a thud and instantly began sinking. The monkeys jumped up and down on it to make it sink faster.

The Golden queen was so furious that she totally obliterated the monkeys with a golden beam. She found the dead body of the stagecoach rider in the quicksand. Well at least I am only five miles away and it's only the afternoon.

I wish I could have taken the desert route, but the forest route was the safest way, except for those stupid monkeys. Everything here is so slimy she thought ewe what did I just step in? She looked down. It was muddy pond slime and it was all over her dress. With a shiver she grabbed a golden handkerchief from her sleeve and wiped the muck off her dress.

The tall trees in this rainforest blocked most all of the warm sunlight. The Golden Queen loved her dress when it shimmered in the sunlight. She saw an opening in the rainforest. There was a fallen log near her. But before she sat on it, she turned it to gold. I wonder how those guards are doing. Hopefully by the time I get back, the kingdom won't be destroyed she thought. After resting for a little bit she got back up to start walking again.

When it was night, she finally reached the end of the rainforest. She saw her grandpa's house in the distance. She was almost there. It took another hour to reach it. She went up and knocked on the door, and the door swung open.

"Diana, Diana come in my sweet girl!" exclaimed grandpa cleaning tea of his blue robes.

"Have some tea," he said with a grin on his face.

"Hi grandpa," said the Queen as she wiped some leaves from her dress. "Do you have a bed to spare tonight?"

"Of course," he replied

So as the Queen settled in bed after a cup of tea, she wondered how the golden kingdom was doing.

The Sorcerer's Eye

When the Gold Queen woke up, grandpa was out in his garden pruning the roses. She went outside and met with grandpa.

"Gramps, do you know where the sorcerer's eye is?" asked the golden Queen.

"No, but let's go inside. The wind is a little chilly," said grandpa.

The Gold Queen was confused because it was quite nice out. But, she followed him inside the house anyway.

"Well" said grandpa wiping fertilizer from his robe "The other day I saw some silver looking people trying to steal the orb."

"Did you try to stop them?" she asked.

"Of course I did," Grandpa said. "I drove them off until they were gone and then I used my magic to make the orb invisible. The Pharaoh of the wind has many spies and it is not safe to talk outside."

"Where did you make it invisible?" the Golden Queen asked.

"That's a secret," he replied. "I am sorry Dianna but I can't risk having it stolen."

"The Silver Kingdom is getting stronger each day with the help of the Pharaoh of the wind. They attacked the Bronze Kingdom and would have taken it

over if I had not intervened. I am risking it falling to the Silver Kingdom as we speak by getting your help," she said. "If no one stands up to them soon, then there will be nothing to stand up for."

"Well, you do have a point and are young enough and have enough energy to fight," he replied. "I tell you what, if you can find the invisible orb on your own without any help, then you are capable and worthy enough to use it."

So the queen looked all around. Her grandfather chuckled at the crazy places she looked. Finally, she went outside to the garden filled with pretty roses and found a patch with no flowers.

"I wonder if he hid it there," she murmured to herself.

So she found a shovel nearby, fished golden gloves from her sleeve, put them on, and started digging. After a while she hit something hard. So she threw a magical spell at the ground. In a flash of light, a pink, purple, and green orb appeared in the dirt.

Just then, a large flock of pitch black crows landed all around her and cawed to the wind.

To be continued.