Princess Mimi Saves the Day
by Lydia Lukidis

What a terrible, terrible day. Princess Mimi’s dog, Bibi, has been kidnapped by the fierce dragon Atchoo! Whatever will she do? Will she ever reunite with her best friend?

Characters (in order of appearance):
Princess Mimi
King
Narrator
Sir Vanity

Princess Mimi:
Oh Father, I am so sad! My little dog Bibi has been kidnapped! Now my days are empty. And I cannot sleep at night.

King:
Not to worry my dear, I will get my best knight on the case. I will call on Sir Vanity. He will save your precious Bibi!

Narrator:
Sir Vanity agreed to the challenge. But Atchoo the dragon was very smart. He found out that Sir Vanity was coming to his castle and knew just how to trick him. When Sir Vanity got there, he was surprised to find a huge room full of mirrors. There were tall mirrors and small mirrors, golden mirrors and bronze mirrors. The entire room, from wall to wall, was filled with mirrors of all kinds. It was quite a sight.

Sir Vanity:
Oh my! Look at all these mirrors! Let me just take a pause to look. I can admire myself from every angle!
And admire himself he did. All day and all night long, Sir Vanity lovingly stared at his reflection. In fact, Sir Vanity completely forgot about his mission to rescue Bibi. He was simply too busy admiring himself.

Word got back to the King.

Princess Mimi:
Father! Prince Vanity has not saved Bibi! Whatever shall we do?

King:
Not to worry my dear, I will get another knight to rescue Bibi. I will call for Sir Eats-a-lot! He will surely know what to do.

Narrator:
Sir Eats-a-lot also agreed to the challenge. Once again, Atchoo the dragon was prepared to trick him. When Sir Eats-a-lot got there, the knight smelled something delicious in the air. He followed the smell and ended up in a gigantic dining hall. There was a table filled with a feast fit for a King. In fact it was enough for ten Kings!

Sir Eats-a-lot:
For the love of stuffed turkey and triple chocolate pies! Look at all this food!

Narrator:
Sir Eats-a-lot simply could not resist. He sat down and gobbled everything up, right down to the last scrumptious bite. He ate so much that when he finished, he was so enormous that he could not move. Atchoo the dragon locked the door and kept him as his prisoner.

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Princess Mimi:
Father! Sir Eats-a-lot has also failed the mission! This is terrible!

King:
Not to worry my dear, I will get another knight to rescue Bibi. How about Sir Drowsy? I am certain that he can get the job done.
Princess Mimi:  
Not Sir Drowsy! He will surely fall asleep.

King:  
Oh you’re quite right my dear. Hmm...how about Sir Jokes-a-lot?

Princess Mimi:  
He probably wouldn’t take this seriously.

King:  
What about Sir Lazy?

Princess Mimi:  
No! Father, I think I may need to go rescue Bibi myself! I don’t need a knight to do it.

King: 
Well, to begin with, Archio the dragon is very dangerous! You are not trained in dragon fighting.

Princess Mimi:  
That may be true, but I’m very smart. I will be able to outsmart him.

King:  
I will only allow it if someone goes with you, to make sure you are safe. I will appoint my knight Sir Valor to be your assistant and protector.

Princess Mimi:  
Alright Father.

King:  
You have one week to save your dog Bibi, otherwise you must return home.

Narrator:  
Princess Mimi agreed and met with Sir Valor.
Sir Valor:
   My dear princess, what is the plan?

Princess Mimi:
   We leave at dawn tomorrow! I do have a plan, I will tell you tomorrow morning as we ride to Atchoo the dragon’s castle.

Narrator:
   The next morning, Princess Mimi and Sir Valor rode together and talked about the plan. Sir Valor was very impressed with the young girl. She was certainly very smart! And she

Princess Mimi:
   Stand aside, Atchoo! I am here to rescue my dog Bibi!

Atchoo:
   Hahaha! You may try, my dear, but I have a few tricks up my sleeve.

Princess Mimi:
   So do I! Quick, Sir Valor, get the feathers!

Narrator:
   Sir Valor got out a huge bag of feathers and cast them in the air. Atchoo the dragon started sneezing immediately. You see, he was allergic to feathers.

Atchoo:
   Ah...ah....ATCHOO!

Narrator:
   While the dragon sneezed uncontrollably, Princess Mimi ran into the castle to find her dog.

Princess Mimi:
   Bibi! Bibi! Where are you?
Narrator:
She heard her beloved dog barking. Princess Mimi followed the sounds. She found Bibi hiding in a closet. She was shivering. Princess Mimi scooped her up and placed her in her bag. She ran out as fast as she could.

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Sir Valor:
Hurry! We must leave at once! I am running out of feathers and Atchoo will soon stop sneezing.

Narrator:
Princess Mimi, Bibi and Sir Valor galloped away on their horses just in time. When they arrived at the Kingdom, they were greeted by many smiling faces.

King:
My dear daughter! I am very proud of you. Here is a medal of honor for your courage and wit. I will never underestimate you again.

Narrator:
That night, Princess Mimi lay sound asleep with her best friend Bibi by her side. Everything was as it should be.

About the Author

Lydia Lukidis is a published children's author with a multi-disciplinary background that spans the fields of literature, theater and puppetry.

Lydia's picture book, Gerbs in the House: The Dilly Dally Bedtime Routine, is now available. Find out if Mocha will ever get his silly son to sleep!

1. In the story, “Princess Mimi Saves the Day,” the knights that the king proposes to rescue Princess Mimi’s dog have unusual names. What is unusual about the knights’ names?

   a. The knights’ names are very long.
   b. The knights’ names are hard to pronounce.
   c. The knights’ names begin with the same letter.
   d. The knights’ names match their character.

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   a. sneezing powder
   b. dust
   c. feathers
   d. pepper

4. Circle the name of the hero/heroine of the story.

   Sir Valor  The King  Princess Mimi  Sir Vanity
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Match each vocabulary word from the article with the correct definition.

____ 1. admire
   a. a ditch that was dug around a castle

____ 2. enormous
   b. dangerous; very strong

____ 5. precious
   e. very tasty; delicious

____ 6. fierce
   f. to feel respect for someone or something

____ 7. vanity
   g. very special or loved

____ 8. scrumptious
   h. right away

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In the story, “Princess Mimi Saves the Day,” Princess Mimi thinks that the King does not want Mimi to rescue her dog Bibi because she is a girl. On the lines below, describe a time when someone told you that you couldn’t do something because of who you are. Tell how you proved that person wrong.

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