
















# Rusalka




Dryads flirt with  Vodnik, the water spirit.  Rusalka, his daughter,  Confesses she is in love with a man.  She wishes to walk on land and become mortal. 

Though sad, he sends her to visit the witch, Ježibaba.

     Rusalka sings to the moon... asking it to tell the Prince of her love. 

She summons the  witch and asks for a human soul. Ježibaba warns she will become  mute. If betrayed  she will be  cursed, banned from the worlds of both water nymphs and humans.




 A magic brew transforms  Rusalka; Vodnik  despairs.

The Prince  comes to the lake shore... seeing  Rusalka, he falls instantly in love. 

Unable to speak, she throws herself into his arms. Her sisters grieve.   

At the castle, all are preparing for the Prince's wedding to an unknown, mute girl.

The Gamekeeper  and his nephew  suspect dark  magic is at work.



The prince is  mystified by his shy, silent bride, hoping she will warm to his passion . They are wed. A jealous  princess, attending the wedding, comes between the Prince and Rusalka.

Vodnik witnesses the Prince expressing his desire for the seductive Princess.



Rusalka rushes to the Prince, but he  rejects her.





Vodnik whisks Rusalka away as the princess mocks the Prince.



 Rusalka is transformed by the broken  spell into a will-o-the-wisp death-spirit.


 Ježibaba's cure: the Prince must die by a magic dagger. Rusalka  refuses this.



Her sisters must reject her as she sinks into the lake.

The Gamekeeper and his nephew visit Ježibaba seeking a cure  for the Prince Who is wasting away having been betrayed in love. A  furious, Vodnik rises out of the Lake revealing it was the Prince who betrayed Rusalka! The pair flee in terror...

Even the joyful Dryads weep at hearing of Rusalka's fate.    

The prince searches for Rusalka. She appears and explains through his betrayal, she is  cursed, And her kiss  brings certain death. He begs for forgiveness and asks her to kiss him, giving him peace.

She agrees  he dies in her arms. Praying for God to have mercy on his soul,

 She sinks beneath the surface of the lake, resigned to fate. 

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