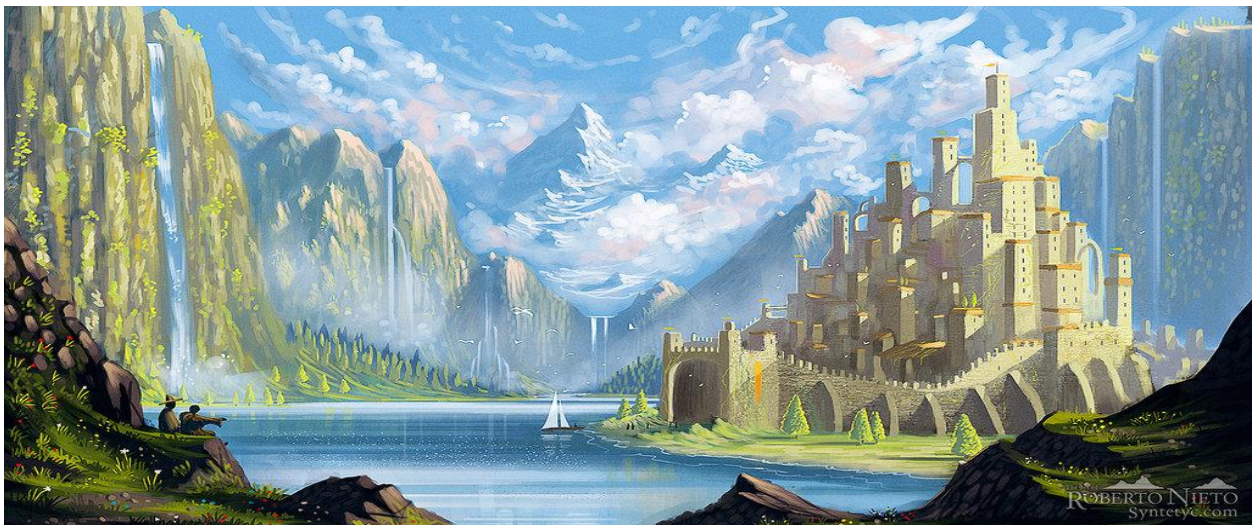




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Once upon a time in the land of Heartsville, Hearty the Valentine fairy was preparing for his long trip to Kaysville, Utah to deliver a special note to a very special person. The person of course does not want her name printed. It was from Hearty's friend, Love. Love needed to ask when she would come to Heartsville. Of course, she would get lost, so when she wrote back, she replied "never," That kind of got Hearty's attention and arranged a marriage on February 14 (which was Valentine's Day) so Love asked Hearty to take the letter to her for the marriage. When the day came, she did not come. So, Hearty took her from Kaysville. There, she got forced to marry Hearty. Hearty lived happily ever after, but the girl spent her days writing letter to her family. Here is one:

Dear Dearest Family,

Please Get Me Out Of Here. HELP! I Am Begging You. Uh, Oh Here He Comes! Bye!

Of course, this never got there, because why would Hearty take the letter? Well, everyone (except the girl) lived happily ever after.

The End

Ethel and the Arrow of Love

By: Ashlyn Sillito and Ellie Wood

Once upon a time in the land of Heartsville, there was a little old lady. Her name was Ethel and she had many wrinkles. Lucky for her, it was February 14, Valentine's Day! I bet you can guess what happens next. Yes, she fell in love, but let me tell you how.

Ethel lived in a small shack in a small town called Heartsville, which was not a very fitting name for a place for her to live. Though Ethel was 90 years old, she was still single. Very single in fact. She longed to have someone in her life who could make her some money and keep her company. She spent day after day searching, for any man that would except her. But there was no one, no one but her old cat Douglas.

One day, everything changed. The day began as usual. Ethel woke up in her cozy bed to the purring and the licking of Douglas, and the tweeting of the birds outside her window. As usual, she went to her small kitchen and made herself some eggs and fixed Douglas some dirt. She began to tidy things up when she heard someone scream. She scurried outside to see what it was. To her astonishment it was Douglas! But how? How has her cat learned to sing?

However, Douglas was not alone. He was standing in front of the most beautiful hairless cat. She then realized that he wasn't screaming, but he was singing to this cat that he had fallen in love with. Ethel longed for the love that she saw in the two animal's eyes. The love that she saw made her jealous. She wanted someone that would do the same for her. The cats were very in love and would soon be married. She decided to call this mysterious hairless cat Pokey.

With some investigating, Ethel soon found out that both Douglas and Pokey had been shot by arrows of Cupid. What she found out made her say wow. When this was discovered, she went on a hunt to find the Master of Love. What made her go on this journey was the longing for a forever companion. When she would find Cupid, she would make him shoot her and a man of her choosing with the love arrows. The men she was hoping for would be too farfetched. They were Dylan O'Brien and Chris Pine. Unfortunately, the journey to the land of Heartsville would be very difficult for Ethel. It is true that she lives in Heartsville, but she has never been outside of her neighborhood. This, of course, would explain her loneliness.

Anywho, this trip would also be difficult because of her lack of exercise. To get to the pink, fluffy, heart-shaped cloud on which Cupid settled, Ethel would have to travel across Town Square of Hearts, voyage across the River of Love, and hike up Mount Interest. Of course, these places were only feet away and require the fitness level of a crawling infant, but it seemed like a real challenge for someone as wide as poor, poor Ethel. But it would all be worth it, if in the end she would find love.

Ethel began her journey with Pokey and Douglas trotting along beside her, the morning of February 13. She needed to hurry so she could spend her Valentine's Day with her true love. She traveled all day, through the night, and at dawn, she was finally at the Town Square of Hearts. To her surprise, she saw Cupid. Apparently, he had been out and about shooting people with arrows for the special day. Ethel finally chose to use her old, old brain for once. So, just when Cupid was about to shoot a giggling girl, she acted before thinking. Ethel, the 90-year-old

single lady, did a roundoff, backhandspring, backtuck, full, layout, and stuck the landing. Yes, she accomplished all five of those gymnastic tricks while simultaneously jumping into the arrow's path. WABAM! The arrow smacked her splat in the hand! She did it! She finally was shot by a love arrow, but now the question is, who is her love? She searched far and wide for the one she'd love most.

After hours of searching, in Ethel's time, she gave up. She was really only searching for around 10-15 minutes, but to 90-year-old Ethel it felt like an eternity. When she arrived back home, faster than ever, she found rose petals on her doorstep. After following the trail through her shack, she found three perfectly placed roses lying gracefully on her bed. This made her search again for her admirer. She searched and searched, but nobody gave her the tingles of love.

When she arrived back home, it was after dark and time for bed. When she put on her nightgown and got into her covers, she felt the fur of a mammal. She was confused because Douglas had moved away to live with his wife, Pokey. If Douglas was gone, what was she feeling? She began to sweat, for no particular reason. *This is it*, she thought. *My love is close!*

When Ethel lifted her blankets, she found a squirrel, but his was no ordinary squirrel. He was wearing the most charming Tuxedo and was holding the most beautiful dead flowers. Ethel kicked with excitement. She had finally found her true love! It was the squirrel of her dreams! But then when she thought things couldn't get any better, the squirrel, who would soon be called Ethan, pulls out a ring and kneels on one knee. He then said, "Wuff! Wuff wuff woouuff woof wuff woof wuff. Wuff woof wooff woof wee?" With another screech and a kick, Ethel replied with a yes. Nobody knows how she understood him, but who knows? Maybe it's the love.

So that is the story of how Ethel Figerten Squirrel finally found love at age 90. Sadly, their marriage did not last too long. After a few weeks of love and laughter, Ethel was tragically smashed by a rock. Not long after, Ethan died of old age. Luckily, they died happy and in love.

The End

“Once upon a time in the land of Heartsville....”

By: Jania Pearson

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Once upon a time in the land of Heartsville, there was a beautiful princess named Jenny. Jenny was trapped in a 1,000 foot tall tower. Jenny was on the top, with a fire breathing dragon keeping watch over her. If she tried to escape, she would become “fried princess.” Her only hope of escaping would be if a brave, or stupid prince came to try to save her. The only prince willing to do it was prince Stltus. In case you did not know, Stltus is Latin for stupid. His father named him well.

Prince Stltus started his journey. His father yelled to him as he was leaving, that there was a dragon keeping watch of the tower. He just ignored him and was walking away. If he was paying attention, he would have never gone. He was too busy walking in slow motion towards the tower. He could see the tower easily, for it was only a half a mile away from the village. It took a week to get there, because he was walking in slow motion the whole time. He saw the dragon and he ran away crying.

The prince went into a cave and sobbed for hours. He was disappointed that he could not save the princess. Suddenly, “POOF!” a magical wizard appeared. The wizard said that he could have 3 wishes because he cried in his cave. He wished that he was brave and strong. He also wished that his name was changed to Fortem, Latin for brave. His final wish was that he had his fear of dragons lost.

He went back to the tower and the princess saw him and wished that another different prince came to save him. For she did not know about the wishes. He told her, “Jenny, I met a wizard and he made me brave and strong. I also changed my name to Fortem. I am no longer afraid of dragons.” Fortem slayed the dragon and saved princess Jenny. He got her down and took her back to Heartsville. They lived happily ever after.

The End