

## The Good Neighbours and the Golden Princess

Once upon a winding way a beautiful baby was born to a loving family, with golden hair and golden eyes and a smile like sunshine, who brought joy to all who saw her. But she was born with a powerful curse in her heart, and so, to protect her until she was old enough to know how to properly use it, her family sent her away to the Material Plane to be raised by a friendly hag with a comfortable tower. As the girl grew happy and healthy and full of mischief, as all good Fey children are, her hair grew with her. So much that by her 20th year when she was to return home, she and the hag were cutting her golden hair daily, braiding it into fine strong rope and selling it to the local villagers for beans and cows and straw.

One day a greedy Prince heard of the golden rope weaver and wanted this treasure for himself. When he found out that the rope was made from hair, and came from a beautiful girl, his desire was unquenchable. He broke into the tower to steal the girl - threatening to kill the old hag unless the girl agreed to marry him. As they fought, the hag was thrown from the tower and in her last moments was able to send one panicked message to the girl's mother as she fell, the girl screaming in the background.

In fear for her daughter's life, the mother sent a call out on the wind:

*"O' Neighbours you are summoned  
From battle or from rest  
to save my golden daughter  
now this must be your quest!"*

*Your master owes me greatly  
And offers up your aid,  
So save my golden princess  
And the debt will be repaid."*

Walking the hidden paths with stealth and fury, the Good Neighbours arrived at the tower to find it broken and dark and silent. For a while they thought all hope of saving the girl was lost until the Leprechaun saw a single thread of sunlight tangled on a bush. Following the golden trail left by the brave girl, the Good Neighbours hunted the evil Prince for three nights and three days before arriving at his dark keep.

With sharpest blade, vengeful mind and silent step they crept within to recover that which had been stolen. The dark Prince and his henchmen paid in death and days and destiny, and the Neighbours watched their work and saw that it was good. And the golden eladrin girl? She was saved and reunited with her family in the Feywild, ready to step into her power.