



Enchantment Everywhere

The Brave Little Tailor

The Brothers Grimm Version of the Story

There was once a little Tailor who killed seven flies with one blow. He was so proud of his achievement that he made a sash with the words “Seven with One Blow” and set off to seek his fortune. On his journey he met a Giant who thought that “Seven with One Blow” meant that the Tailor had killed seven men at once instead of seven flies! The Giant challenged the Tailor to a match of strength, but the Tailor bested the Giant using his cleverness and wits. The Giant invited the Tailor to visit his cave and meet his fellow giants. The Giants offered the Tailor a huge bed to sleep in, but the Tailor was so uncomfortable in the lumpy bed that he went to sleep in a corner of the cave instead. The Giants jumped on the bed, thinking that they were killing the Tailor. When the Tailor woke the next morning, the Giants had gone, so the Tailor continued on his journey.

The Tailor arrived at a large castle, but was so tired that he lay down at the castle gates to sleep. Two townspeople saw him sleeping and read his sash. They thought he must be a great warrior and they ran to tell the King. The King resolved to appoint the Tailor as his General, but all the soldiers were upset because they were afraid that this new general would kill seven of them with one blow if he got angry. The King then decided to give the Tailor an impossible task to get rid of him. The King asked the Tailor to defeat the Giants that were plundering the kingdom, and if he did so he could have half his kingdom and the hand of the Princess in marriage.

The Tailor went off alone to find the Giants. He hid in a tree, and when the Giants lay down to sleep next to it, he threw a rock at one and then the other. Each Giant thought the other was doing this instead of the Tailor, so they began to fight and killed one another. The Tailor triumphantly went back to the King to tell him that the Giants were dead. The King was astonished and gave the Tailor one more task before he could have his reward. He asked the Tailor to capture a unicorn who was running wild in the forest. The Tailor cleverly trapped the unicorn when its horn got caught in a tree and he brought it back to the King. The King gave the Tailor one last task, to trap a dangerous wild boar. The Tailor coaxed the wild boar into a small chapel in the woods and again went back to the King to seek his reward. This time the King had no choice but to give the Tailor his daughter in marriage and half his kingdom.

The Princess overheard the Tailor talking in his sleep about sewing clothes and she told her father that he must be nothing but a common tailor. The King arranged to have his servants

attack the Tailor while he was sleeping, but the Tailor scared the servants by calling out that he had killed seven in one blow and he wasn't afraid of a few servants hiding by his door. The servants ran away and the King never bothered the Tailor again.

The Enchantment Everywhere Version of the Story

Once upon a time there was a little Tailor who worked very hard at his trade. One day a beautiful Princess came by his stall and bought some fine sewing from him. At last he was able to purchase a bit of jam and bread! However, just as he sat down to eat, flies landed on his jam. He picked up a piece of cloth and killed seven of the flies all at once. He was so proud of this accomplishment that he made a sash with the words "Seven with One Blow" sewn across it. He hoped to win the Princess's hand in marriage and he set off to make his fortune.

As he journeyed, he met a Giant who thought that the Tailor had killed seven men instead of seven flies and challenged him to a duel of strength. The Tailor cleverly defeated the Giant. Then the Giant invited the Tailor to his cave and introduced him to his brother Giant. The Tailor jumped into the Giant's bed to sleep while the two Giants plotted to kill him. The Tailor was so uncomfortable in the lumpy bed that he went to sleep in a corner of the cave instead. The Giants attacked the bed with their clubs and thought that they had killed the Tailor. The Giants went to sleep and when the Tailor cheerfully woke them in the morning, they ran off in fright.

The Tailor continued on his journey and arrived at the castle. He was so tired from his travels that he fell asleep. Two townspeople saw him and read his sash. They hurriedly ran to tell the King about the great warrior who was asleep at the castle gates. The King told his Courtier to make the Tailor his new General. The Courtier did as he was asked but was jealous of the Tailor and convinced the King that the Tailor was a dangerous fellow who might kill them all with one blow if he got angry. The King decided to send the Tailor off on an impossible mission to get rid of him. He told the Tailor that he would give him the Princess' hand in marriage and half of his kingdom if the Tailor could capture a dangerous Rhinoceros who was running wild in the forest.

The Tailor went in search of the Rhinoceros and fooled it into getting its horn caught in a tree. The Tailor freed the Rhino and brought it back to the King as a present. The Rhino frightened the cowardly Courtier, but the Princess took it as a pet. She recognized the Tailor but did not reveal his secret. The King then told the Tailor that he could have his reward if he could do just one more task: defeat the Giants who were robbing and scaring the villagers. The Tailor set off to find the Giants. He hid in a tree and when the Giants fell asleep under it, he bopped one on the head and then the other, making them think that they were doing this to each other. The Giants began to fight and they killed one another. The Tailor returned to the King with their clubs as proof that he had killed them.

Just as the King was trying to think of another task for the Tailor, a villager ran into the court announcing that there was a Dragon in the forest. The King sent the Tailor off to kill the Dragon. The Princess told the Tailor she believed in him and the Tailor fearfully set off. This time the

Tailor wasn't sure how he was going to defeat the Dragon. When the Dragon appeared, the Tailor tried to use his sash as a weapon, but the Dragon took it from him. Just as the Tailor was about to get eaten by the Dragon, a mysterious warrior appeared and killed the Dragon. It was the Princess in disguise. She gave the Tailor the Dragon's tail as proof of his victory and told him not to tell anyone that it was she who killed the dragon. The Tailor returned to the court with the Dragon's tail, but he told the King that it was the Princess who had killed the Dragon and that he wasn't a warrior at all but only a simple Tailor. The King was astonished but recognized the bravery of his daughter and the cleverness of the Tailor and their love for one another. He gave the Tailor his reward and sent the Courtier off in disgrace.