

Fairy Tale - The Invisible Boy and the Land of Good Intentions

Once upon a time, a handsome, yet poor and wounded young man left his home in a large but desperate kingdom and found himself in a distant land, searching for a new start in life. It wasn't long and he was able to find suitable work constructing new buildings in a new kingdom; which was far from the angry land of his youth, and seemed to hold a promise for the new life he was searching for.

One day, this wounded and searching young man went out to explore the country side of his adopted homeland, in search of a good meal and an evening's entertainment, and found a beautiful, yet equally poor and wounded young lady. He seemed to know his search for a new start in life was over. She felt the same. They were quickly married and started their own little kingdom next to the lady's mother and father in quiet land, not far from a cool stream; which ran through a never-ending forest.

Within three years of their first meeting, there were born two heirs to the new kingdom, prompting the young man to spend more and more time outside the kingdom to provide for his growing charges. His bride was left to manage the small kingdom and care for the needs of their quickly growing family; Prince David, the first born and Lady Beatrice, who with an appetite for drama would both delight and challenge her already weary mother. David soon tacitly accepted the role of the leader of the heirs and tried very hard to show he was up to the task. Having any help keeping Beatrice occupied was so welcomed by their mother that she gladly abdicated daily management of the young heirs to him, allowing her to take on more work and become wearier.

So it was when Adam; a small boy with wide eyes and a tender heart was born to an absent king and a weary queen. Heir number three was efficiently added into the fold of the absent and the tired, where he learned to quietly follow as David ineptly tried to lead, and Beatrice clamored for the attention of us all. As much as Adam craved the resources only his mother and father could provide, he knew there was not enough to go around. Adam soon learned to be content in the kingdom by entertaining himself, and exploring the land around the cool stream; which ran through a never-ending forest. Whether or not he was able to embrace his role in the kingdom was soon of little consequence, for heir number four, a little princess named Elizabeth was born into the kingdom, thus cementing his fate. Elizabeth became the pride and joy of her parents, Adam quietly limped along, Beatrice danced and cried, and David clumsily led them all through childhood. Still, Adam loved his exhausted mother and his distant father.

No one seems to know for sure when the anomaly began, but a strange thing began to happen to Adam. After returning to the castle from exploring the land around the cool stream which ran through the never-ending forest, he began to feel as if he could pass before the king and queen without being noticed. With each trip of exploration he made, the condition worsened until he was convinced he had actually become invisible to most everyone in the kingdom. Adam's strange condition seemed to go unnoticed by everyone except himself, his kind grandparents, and the creatures who inhabited the never-ending forest. But all too soon Adam's grandparents went away, and the little boy grew up and found the forest really did have an end, and he began to search for someone who could see him.

One day the Invisible boy met a girl with golden hair and lots of secrets. She said she could see him just fine; in fact she pointed out lots of things about him that even the invisible boy himself didn't know, things like the invisible boy's family was far from normal and not worthy of his love, they could never love and accept him like she could, and that there would never be anyone else who would be able to see him as clearly as she could. They were quickly married and started their own kingdom near the golden girl's parents. They would start their life together, give birth to Grace; a beautiful little princess with her mother's golden hair and her father's tender heart. Adam was convinced he had found a family who could see him and his needs would be met. For Grace he had a love he had not known existed. She was the apple of his eye and the most prized jewel in his young kingdom. However Adam's joy would soon turn to sorrow when the secrets held by the girl with the golden hair began to be revealed

and she fled to a distant country with Grace, leaving Adam again to be swallowed up by his curse of invisibility.

It was in his poor and wounded condition Adam returned to the safety of the cool stream, which ran through the forest, which at one time had no end. Having no one left who could see him, he cried out to the spirit of the endless woods. It had been so long since the boy and this mighty spirit spoke, however they seemed to pick up right where they left off years ago. The Spirit of the endless woods could see Adam completely, with all of his hurt and with all of his anger and shame. He invited Adam to come and live with him in his kingdom. He would love him, protect him and share with him all of the riches of his kingdom. The Spirit of the Endless Woods would treat him as his adopted son and never allow him ever again to become invisible.

Poor and wounded, yet happy and strangely content, Adam moves to his adopted kingdom and meets a poor and wounded, yet strangely content girl with hair and eyes as dark as the night, and a prince and princess of her own. She could see Adam for everything he was, inside and out, and loved him just as he was. Not long after, a new prince was born to Adam and his queen. He had his mother's dark hair and eyes, his father's tender heart, and an uncanny ability to see not only his father, but everyone he met with amazing clarity. Together, the four of them built a new kingdom, not far from the cool stream, which ran through the never ending woods