

## The Beautiful Bird

One day the king saw a troll with a beautiful bird. “It is cruel to keep that bird in a small cage. I will rescue it and give it to the queen.”

“Troll, give me the bird. I will give it to the queen, who will not treat it cruelly,” said the king.

“If you want the bird, you will have to follow my three clues,” said the troll.

The king followed the three clues. The last clue took him to a bridge where the troll waited with the bird. “I have followed the clues. Now give me the bird,” said the king.

“No, first you must win a duel,” said the troll.

“I will not fight a duel,” said the king. “I am taking the bird.”

The troll began to argue. “You can’t take my bird, King!” he roared.

“Yes, I can!” said the king. He took the cage and opened it. The bird flew out and followed the king home, where he lived happily ever after with the king and queen.



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