

## Guinevere and the Giant Spider

Once in a town called Beamish Lake lived a young girl called Guinevere. She felt unnoticed because she was poor and people laughed at her. One day there was chaos in the town, for a monstrous beast had come down in the night. Everyone gathered to see was going on, for everyone had someone in their family missing! Even Guinevere had someone missing, her baby brother, Stanley, was gone. She rushed to his bed side only to find bones scattered and blood squirted everywhere, everyone new something was up.

That night Guinevere watched out the window, she saw a black shadow whoosh by. Suddenly there was a loud scream Guinevere rushed downstairs only to find her mother was missing and the door had been smashed, this time she was furious and she knew she had to protect the rest of her family.

Then something caught Guinevere's eye, it was a long, thin line of shiny thread. Guinevere decided to follow it and when she got to the end she saw a horrible sight and that sight was a giant web. A web with dead bodies on it, including her younger brother and her mother! She got so mad, she wanted to kill this deadly spider.

Guinevere had a plan, she thought to herself, 'perhaps the Duke of Beamish would provide me with the right armour to kill this wretched beast'. So she went to the duke and asked him politely but he laughed, "Ha, you really think I would let you do this dangerous job? My father always told me to never send a girl to do a boys job, only boys get this job!"

Guinevere was so mad that she stormed but she knew that she had an excellent idea - she would dress up like a boy knight then she would get the job. She went to the Duke's home the next day dressed like a knight and told him about her plan.

" To prove myself true," said she, " I shall help you confuse the beast. Tell all the town to cover the floors in hay,