

Lexie's Conquest

“RAWR!” 12 year old Lexie was fighting a huge dragon and was currently losing. Before you start thinking “why was a 12 year old fighting a dragon?” let me explain. In the tiny and poor town of Zimmel, a girl called Lexie lived with her family. They were very poor and lived in a 2 bedroom flat in a crusty old apartment building. Food was always a worry in their household.

Tonight, Lexie, her younger siblings Laura and Landon, and her parents were sharing a bowl of soup, a quarter of a loaf, and a slice of fruitcake which was made by their neighbor. It

wasn't very much and for sure it wasn't filling enough. They made do with it anyway. The next morning, while Lexie and her siblings were walking to school, she saw a wanted poster for the evil fairy Grotty (the fairy who cursed Sleeping Beauty). The thing that caught her eye was the reward - 10,000 gold coins! She knew right away that this was the golden opportunity she needed to feed her family. So, after dropping Laura and Landon, Lexie slyly made her way to the

Crime Halters Headquarters, to get the details and tools she needed to nab Grotty. She made her way to the receptionist and declared that she, Lexie Hillinger would catch the undetectable and untraceable Grotty. Everyone started laughing and wheezing. “Why are you guys laughing? I'm being serious!” snapped Lexie. “ Listen up kid, you clearly don't know how dangerous this fairy is. Also, you barely have any meat on your bones. How could someone like **you** defeat the undefeated Grotty?” snarled the hulky receptionist. Lexie just huffed and took the file and briefcase with everything she needed.

That evening, Lexie sat with her bestie Serena and explained her plan and even said she would give her 40% of the reward. 4,000 gold coins really didn't make much of a difference for Serena since her family was fairly well off. Serena refused and insisted that Lexie shouldn't do it since

Grotty was the biggest villain out there. Lexie on the other hand would not back away. She knew

deep down that she could do it and truly her intuition had never been wrong. "Fine, I'll do it myself, soon you'll see my face and my name all over town." said Lexie. The next morning, she set out to capture Grotty. She hoped she would make it back alive and hopefully before her family woke up. She wandered into the Wicked Woods. Grotty had been last spotted there, preparing for a ritual which was supposed to take place on the next full moon. Coincidentally, it was today. Lexie trekked through the long grass, thorny brambles, mushy swamps, and anything else you can think of. At last, she saw Grotty from the corner of her eye. She was surrounded by what seemed like a million jars full of eyeballs, legs, webs, worms, slimes, etc. She was reciting something from what Lexie recognised as the oldest and most powerful spell book in the history of Zimmel. "Come here my dear child, Lexie," said Grotty. "Um, how did you know I was here?"

"I was hiding behind that bush." asked Lexie. Grotty replied "Dear, why do you think I showed myself to the public? Of course, I knew one or another person would have made their way here. All I needed to finish this enchantment is the soul of a brave, kind, and selfless human. You my child, you were that human all along."

"So, what is your last wish? You have 1 hour until I need to add your soul into my cauldron." Grotty announced. Lexie wasn't expecting this at all but she knew that one or another challenge would show up. She confidently stated that she would like to battle Grotty and if she won she would get to turn Grotty in, but if Grotty won she could take her soul. The wicked fairy thought about this very carefully and finally said yes. Then, Grotty blew her conch shell to commence

the battle. In the blink of an eye, Grotty turned into a dragon. "Wait, what!" yelled Lexie. "You never specified the rules, did you?" cackled Grotty. Lexie knew it was too late to change anything. She fought with all her might. Lexie first tried whacking Grotty with a huge metal bat that Lexie could barely hold. However, Grotty just breathed fire and melted it. Then, Grotty tried stomping on Lexie but missed and caused an avalanche in the neighboring town Kibble. Lexie had to think fast because if Grotty kept on stomping it would destroy the whole Earth. Just then the scene from her favorite book Harry Potter where the Phoenix snatched the Basilisk's eye, flashed through her mind. Lexie thought she could do something of the same sort. She briskly grabbed the dagger off the enchantment table and aimed it at Grotty's eye. She lanced it and it sliced the dragon's eyeball in half. Grotty screeched and started pawing the air trying to find Lexie. Lexie tried running away but the dragon's claws pierced through her arm very badly. She fell to the ground in excruciating pain. She couldn't give up, so she tied an old rag on it and got up.

It seemed like Lexie was going to lose until, she pulled out an Evilnesseradicater 2000 (a gun from the Crime Halters Headquarters, that zaps evil and eradicates it) . Lexie knew that it was over. She zapped Grotty with it and the wicked fairy fell down motionless. Lexie dragged the body back to Zimmel and went directly to the Crime Halters Headquarters. Every single person there was awestruck. "She really did it" muttered the hulky receptionist. Everyone was happy! Lexie got her 10,000 gold coins and Zimmel was saved! She was a true hero, showcasing how you don't need to be big or strong to be brave.

The End.