

Ragnfridur

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Once upon a time, there was a girl named Ragnfridur. She lived in the country with just her dad. Her mother died when she was only two. Now she is 13. They lived in a regular turf house.

Ragnfridur's dad is a tour guide in Iceland. He worked every other month and left Ragnfridur at home for a whole month each time. He thought that if his daughter had to stay home herself, then she will be scared and lonely. Then he thought, "Why not marry again?"

The week after that, he married a women named Hilda. Hilda has two daughters, but the two girls were very very greedy. When the stepsisters saw Ragnfridur, they treated her very nicely. But when Hilda saw Ragnfridur,

she was very jealous of Ragnfridur and was very mean to her. She was jealous at Ragnfridur because her face was as beautiful as a swan and her daughters' faces were as ugly as witches. When she knew her daughters were nice to Ragnfridur, Hilda yelled at them and told them to be greedy and make her do everything.

Since Hilda was so jealous, she planned to make Ragnfridur be a maid. She told Ragnfridur's dad he can leave for a year to do his job. Hilda did this so Ragnfridur's dad won't know that she will treat his daughter badly. Ragnfridur's dad agreed to go, so he can make more money for his family. And he left on January 1st, 1986. After Ragnfridur's dad left, she missed him very much. She missed him more and more as time went by. For a whole year, Ragnfridur had to do chores every

day. Her stepsisters did nothing, but asked her to do things for them.

One day, from the city a prince named Baldur came to the country to give out invitations. The prince lived in the presidential palace with the king and queen. The king was getting old and decided to retire. So they wanted to have a ball party to celebrate Oskudagur. The queen also wanted to find a girl for his son during the ball.

The invitation read: You are invited to a ball that will be hosted by the prince. It is at the castle in the city. The prince first will introduce himself. Then we will celebrate Oskudagur. There will be lots of challenges. There will be a special boat coming to the country to pick up every teenager that is a girl.

Hilda couldn't go because she was not a teenager, she was an adult. Hilda did not want

Ragnfridur to go either. She hoped at least one of her daughters could make a good impression with the prince. She knew that if Ragnfridur was there, her daughters would have less chances to be selected. Ragnfridur also wanted to go. So she ran back to her room and cried on her bed.

The next day at 2:00 in the afternoon, a big colorful boat came to pick up all the girls. Hilda left Ragnfridur in her room and never told her to come out. Instead she gave her a lot of work to do. One hour later, the boat left without Ragnfridur. Ragnfridur figured out that they were trying to trick her, so she wouldn't get to go. She went outside hoping that she could catch up to the boat. When she saw that the boat was already in the middle of the river, she started crying.

Suddenly, an old lady appeared. She said her name was Ragnbjor. She is Ragnfridur's

godmother. She asked Ragnfridur: "Why are you crying?" Ragnfridur explained everything that just happened. Ragnbjor said calmly: "I can help you. But you will have to give me some tools. I will need a floating noodle, two sticks and I will make a boat for you."

In a few minutes, a beautiful shining boat appeared besides them. Ragnfridur was so excited. She jumped up and down. She thought she was ready to go. But Ragnbjor said: "Wait a minute! You need a beautiful gown." Ragnbjor found a piece of paper, she drew a dress on it, and pulled it out. It turned into a big beautiful gown and it fit Ragnfridur perfectly. Then she found another piece of paper and drew a pair of slippers on it. She then pulled it out and turned into a pair of beautiful glass slippers. Ragnfridur and her godmother went into her stepmother's room. Her stepmother was cursed. Ragnfridur

grabbed the invitation. Then she realized she forgot to wear a piece of jewelry. She went back to her own room and grabbed a random piece of jewelry and put it on herself.

Ragnfridur then got on the magic ferry boat. The fairy godmother told her that she had to come back before 12:00AM, otherwise the magic boat would disappear. She got to the ball right after it started. When she got there, everyone stared at her. At this time the prince came out. He glanced around the room. He politely introduced himself to everybody in the room. The stepsisters loved the prince and fought over him. But the prince was attracted to Ragnfridur. The challenge started with the fashion show. Ragnfridur went on first. Then the rest of the girls went on. Nobody could compete with her. She obviously won. Then the other challenges went on and she won each and every one of them of them. The

prince was impressed. He wanted to choose her to be his lady.

Time flew. Ragnfridur suddenly noticed that it was almost 12 o'clock in the morning. She ran out toward the ferry boat. While she was running out, her bracelet dropped on the steps. The prince did not know her name. He followed her when she ran outside. He couldn't catch her, but he found her bracelet on one of the steps. The prince told everyone to try to find her. He reminded everyone when they were leaving.

The stepmother and stepsisters talked all night about the pretty girl at the ball. The next morning, everyone crowded around Ragnfridur's house because that was the only house that no one had checked yet. One person knocked on the door, and said: "Is there anyone in your house that lost this bracelet?" Ragnfridur opened the door, still

wearing the dress. She said: "That looks like my bracelet." They all said: "You are the GIRL!" They quickly went back and told the prince. The prince said happily: "Bring her to me."

One hour later, they met again. The prince gave Ragnfridur a ring and asked her to marry him. She said: "Yes." And they got married. And they lived happily ever after.

The End

Agape: The Greek Cinderella

By Lydia You

Once there was a girl who was born as a beautiful baby. Her parents held her close. She was named Agape, which means love. Agape grew up happily until the age of five.

In her fifth year of life, her father died of disease. Agape's mother needed someone to help look after her. So, she remarried a man with two sons. The man's name was AbDDōn, which means destruction. His name reflected his character, and he would often say to Agape,

"Your mother does not like you! You must earn your food--like a man! Do the laundry and clean the house! Or no food!"

Although her stepfather was mean enough, her stepbrothers were a whole different story. They taunted her and lied to their father that Agape was not doing her chores. Even though she had little food, doing the chores was building her strength. At the age of 12, she was stronger and taller than her 15-year-old brothers.

The Olympics was coming up, and her brothers started training harder than ever. Agape wanted to train with them but had many chores. Soon, the day was here. She saw her stepfather and stepbrothers leaving early in the morning before the sun rose. Oh, how much she wanted to go! She began to weep. Agape fell to the ground and accidentally knocked over a vase that her father had made for her. Then to her surprise, the vase jumped out of her hands and started to hop around the room.

"Hi! I'm a magic vase!" the vase said to her.

"Uhhh, hi?" replied Agape, surprised by the fact that she could still speak.

"I was asked by your father to look after you and so I will grant you three wishes. You do want to go to the Olympics, right dear?" said the vase, his eyes squinting up at her.

"Yes! My first wish is that I look like a boy, but only when I am at the Olympics. My second wish is that my brothers won't recognize me when I look like a boy. My third wish is that I can do the same thing tomorrow," Agape said excitedly. "All wishes will be granted!" the vase said, and in the next three seconds she transformed into a boy.

"There is also a rule which you must follow. You cannot talk or touch your stepfather or stepbrothers," said the vase with a warning look.

Agape had to run, as she was late and didn't have any transportation. When she got there, a guard asked "Where is your invitation?"

"Don't bother! He belongs! Look at those muscles! Come on in. You are just in time," said a tall man who also had enormous muscles.

"Let us start the Olympics!" the man shouted. The first event of the day was javelin throw. At the sound of the whistle you would fling the javelin as far as you can.

When the whistle blew all of the men tossed their javelins as far as they could. Agape threw last; her javelin sailed past one, two, three, four, five, and six markers--all the way to the last! Then the prime minister measured and bellowed, "It is a tie! It is a tie between Pericles and that boy!" Other competitors groaned, but Pericles merrily approached Agape and quickly said, "Hi! My name is Pericles! You sure are strong for a young boy like you!" (By the way, Pericles means surrounded by glory.)

The next event was long jump. At the sound of a gun, you would run really fast and then jump into a sand pit as far as you could. In the first round, Pericles won by a meter. In the second round, Agape and Pericles were very close but Agape won by an inch! For the tiebreaker, all of the other competitors went to the bleachers to rest and watch. The gun was fired and Agape ran with all her might and landed with a sound that shook the stadium. Pericles was far behind her.

"This boy won the long jump round!" the prime minister shouted.

Agape looked at her brothers on the bleachers. They grumbled but got ready for the next event, which was sprinting.

For this event, there was a long track that was about 300 feet long and a ribbon at the end. The prime minister would shout, "Ready, set, go!"

At the sound of his voice, everyone started running. Many fell behind but Pericles was in the lead. Suddenly, he stopped and grabbed his ankle. He had gotten a cramp! Although Agape wanted to help, she kept her eyes on the prize, and ended up winning.

Doctors rushed onto the track to help Pericles. Then they carried him off to the hospital wing. She looked over at her brothers and father, who were about to leave. Realizing the urgency, she quickly hurried off to her home, turned back into a regular girl, and waited. Soon, she heard the trip-trap of the horses.

“Why hello! Did you win any events today?” Agape asked eagerly, holding back a knowing smile.

“Ugh, no! Pericles won one and a tall strong boy won two,” one of the boys said with an annoyed expression.

After a good night’s rest, the stepfather and brothers strode out to go back to the Olympic ring. Once they were out of sight, she stepped out the door, and then “Poof!” she was a boy again.

When she was there, everyone welcomed her. Pericles came up to Agape and said,

“The doctor says I cannot compete, so good luck, kid!”

The first event of the day was discus throw. You would throw a frisbee like disc as far as you could. In the first round, a boy with dirty blonde hair won. In the second round Agape won. For the tie breaker, Agape flung it across the field, closed her eyes and hoped she won. She didn’t, but she was a good sport and congratulated the winner.

But then, she saw her brothers talking angrily with the prime minister. They started to beat him up so Agape ran up to them to give them a piece of her mind, but the moment she started speaking a word, she transformed back into a girl! She ran home as fast as she could. Pericles was watching, and saw her leave--he thought she was beautiful, even in rags! He took after her and ordered his horses go after her. Agape had gotten a huge head start and seemed fast for a girl in Pericles’ mind. But he noticed something, her shoe fell off! It was surprisingly small because her mean brothers had only gotten new shoes for her every five years (and they always got them three sizes too small).

“I must ask that girl for her hand in marriage if it’s the last thing I do,” Pericles proclaimed out loud.

The next day Pericles announced that the girls from ages 12 to 15 may try the shoe on and if it fits he will marry her. When Pericles came, her mean stepbrothers stuffed

her into the dingy cellar. They were afraid that Pericles would see Agape and make mean remarks to them. Even before Pericles asked if there was a girl, one of the brothers said, "We don't have any sisters. Now go away!"

As soon as Agape heard this, she pounded hard on the door shouting,

"There is! Let me out!"

Of course, everyone heard it and came running down the steps. When Pericles got there, he unlocked the door and said,

"Please try this on, Mademoiselle!"

Quickly, Agape explained that her brothers had always given her shoes that were many sizes too small. Pericles believed her, as no one else had mentioned something about the size of the shoe. They married that very day and danced for many happy hours.

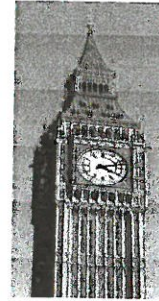
Pericles did not forget about those cruel brothers and father Agape had. He ordered his men to put all three of them into uncomfortable stocks for at least 50 years. Many people still tell this same story, and as for Pericles and Agape, they lived happily ever after!

THE END


A United Kingdom Youtube Trip

By: Seth Poltilove

Once upon a time someone named Phoebe lived with her stepmother Mara and father Harry in an average 2-3 story house. lived in the smallest room of their house beside the attic, her bedroom. bossed around by Mara. They live in London. Phoebe is in 5th grade too much homework and her chores so it is hard to do anything fun. she can do something fun one of the parents make her do more chores credit work.




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One time a famous youtuber called Prince Anwil was coming to a fan meetup, it went from 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Everybody at her school talks about  him because he is one of the most famous youtubers of all time! In order to go the requirements say that you can not walk there and you can not wear rags. One reason she can't go is she doesn't have a car/bus and she can't rent one because a 5th grader can't drive. She only has rags so she can't go for another reason.

One night while Phoebe was doing her homework a fairy godmother named Alesea came out from Phoebe's pencil and introduced herself. Once she was done introducing herself Alesea told Phoebe that her magic wears off after 5 hours and Phoebe decided she would go from 1:00-6:00. It was 12:30 so she had half of an hour to do all of her homework. It took 15 minutes for her homework and 15 minutes for her chores with Alesa's magic. When they were ready Alesea turned a broom that she was doing her chores into a double decker bus, her rags into a fancy dress, and her muddy old boots into fancy shoes. Then she went.

Her mother and father went and they wanted to know who Phoebe was because they wouldn't believe anything about a fairy godmother. When Phoebe was at the front of the line Prince Anwil liked her and fell in love with her. Phoebe met him and told him that she will come back a second day. Then Phoebe got in her double decker bus and went home at 6:00 like on schedule. Prince Anwil now wanted to know who Phoebe was. Phoebe went back feeling very excited that she met one of the most popular youtubers ever.

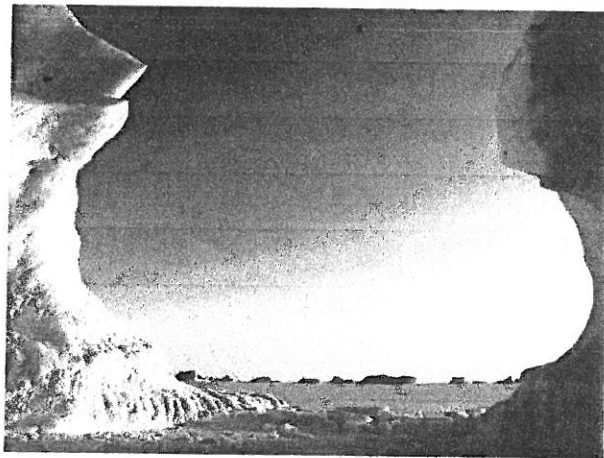
It was a Saturday so she had no homework and chores. The next day she went from 7:00-12:00 because  she already did all of her it was open late tonight. Then the fairy godmother did all of her magic with the next day's homework, shirt, and shoes which this time are even fancier. Then she got in her bus and went over to the meetup. She saw her parents again. It was 10:00 by the time she got there and she had a lot of questions which took the 2 hours. Phoebe just realized it was 12:00 and the magic was wearing off so she ran back to her house leaving a shoe behind. Prince Anwil says he will look all over and marry or at least collaborate with Phoebe. When she is home Phoebe realizes that she left a shoe there.

Then Prince Anwil rides in his own car going to houses searching for the woman who wore the shoe. When the doorbell rings the parents hide Phoebe in the closet and lock the door. Then Prince Anwil opens the door and asks all of the Women in the house to try on the shoe. Then Mara tried on the shoe and squished it on her foot. While she was putting it on her foot Phoebe yelled that she was locked in a closet and wanted help out. Then Prince Anwil immediately unlocked the door. Prince Anwil put the shoe on Phoebe and it fit!

Then Prince Anwil and Phoebe decided to collaborate. They made popular Minecraft videos. Phoebe made Minecraft videos as well as Prince Anwil and played servers like Mypixel and Pixelplex. The build battle. One time her stepmother came and someone was dressed up like a creeper. The guy dressed up like a creeper made a perfect creeper impression and scared Mara away leaving Phoebe with Harry, her nice dad. Then everyone lived happily ever after except for Mara who ran away into Antarctica and froze to death.



The End



The Montenegrin Cinderella

by Juho Bay

Once upon a time, there was a beautiful girl that was born. Mother and father named her Nada, which meant "Hope". They were living in a townhouse in Montenegro. After five years, mother became ill and died. Father was looking for a new wife but Nada didn't want a stepmother. She was comfortable with what she had. She had all the toys, clothes, and food she liked. Father told Nada why he needed to find a new wife. "Daughter, I need to go to work to get some money. Your new mother will play with you, feed you, and dress you up." But Nada's thought was different. She thought her stepmother will make Nada her servant.

Father found a new women and married her. The stepmother's name was Rospija. Father didn't notice that the name Rospija means evil women, witch, and making other people miserable. After two years, father died. Nada asked her stepmother (who is Rospija) to send her to *Kolo Dancing School*. But Rospija refused and said, "Don't ever think about going anywhere! You must stay here and work at the farm, dress me up, feed me, and be a servant!" Nada cried and went to the back door and pushed the door open and worked for the farm. Then Rospija locked the door up. Nada plowed and plowed and worked for the farm. Nada grew up miserably but became a beautiful grown-up woman.

On February, it was almost time for the Mimosa festival. The festival lasts for two weeks in each town in Montenegro. The phone rang and Rospija answered the phone. After the stepmother finished on the phone, she called Nada to come over. She said, "The Prince Miljan doesn't have a bride. So he's coming to each town in Montenegro and looking for a bride and he's coming to our town on the second week of the festival." Nada was so excited and said, "Can I come to the festival too?" Rospija answered, "No! You have to work at my farm, dress me up to go to the festival, and prepare my meals!" Nada cried and went back to work and plowed some vegetables and fruits. But Nada kept something secret to herself. She had a *kolo dancing book* with her and practiced *kolo dancing* by herself. Nada secretly planned to go to the festival. But the problem was how to get to the festival. Nada had to figure that out.

At last, it was time for the festival. All the people in the townhouse were getting ready for the festival except for Nada. She was wearing dirty clothes and was busy

dressing her stepmother up. After Nada had finished dressing Rospija beautifully, Nada went back to work in the garden. Stepmother went out of the house and enjoyed the festival. Far away from the townhouse and in the mountains, there lived a fairy godmother. Her name was Mudari, which meant "wise". She was looking at a townhouse with binoculars. She saw a poor dirty girl very exhausted working at the farm. She felt sorry for her so she decided to grant one wish that the girl wanted. Mudari teleported to the garden. She appeared in the garden and right in front of Nada. Nada was surprised and said "Who are you?" The fairy godmother answered, "I'm Mudari the fairy godmother. I saw you so exhausted being a servant to that mean Rospija. So I will grant you one wish you want." Nada answered, "I want to have the key to open the back door and go out and enjoy the festival. But I want to go to the festival on the second week. Prince Miljan will come on the first day of the second week so I want to go to the festival on the second week. The fairy godmother understood and gave the key to Nada and disappeared.

The second week of the festival came and Rospija went to the festival. Nada waited for the fairy godmother to come back. Soon, the fairy godmother came back to the garden. Nada said to the fairy godmother, "How can I go to the festival when I have untidy clothes?" Mudari answered, "I will dress you up and give you the magic transportation if you do what I say. Put a flute, and a hanger right in front of me." Nada did the two things that Mudari said. The fairy godmother tapped her wand on Nada and Nada wore the most beautiful *kolo dancing costume*. She touched the flute and it turned into a magical flute train, and touched the hanger and it turned into the most beautiful necklace. The necklace was more beautiful than the beautiful train and more beautiful than the beautiful *kolo dancing costume*. Also, the necklace only fitted her and the necklace would be too big or too small for anybody else. Nada was ready to go to the Mimosa Festival. But Nada had a time limit of staying at the festival. So Mudari the fairy godmother warned, "You have to come back at nine o'clock, or the spell will be broken and everything will come back to normal".

Nada rode the magical train to get to the festival. When she finally arrived, everyone including the prince looked at the train and saw the most beautiful girl they ever saw coming out of the train. Ten minutes later, Nada performed *kolo dancing* with some other dancers. But everyone was only looking at Nada because she was the prettiest and the best dancer. When dance was finished, Nada passed out tasty smoked salmon and bacons to everyone in the festival. The Prince Miljan fell in love with beautiful and kind Nada and wanted to marry her. But it was 8:59 pm so Nada left the festival and the Prince Miljan did not even get to speak with her.

The next day, Nada dressed more beautifully than the day before and brought more tasty smoked salmon and bacons to people in the festival. But Prine Miljan did not get to talk to her again and this repeated for four more days. On the last day of the festival, when Nada came down from the train for the last time, the Prince immediately approached her and said, "May I dance with you?" Nada said, "Yes, certainly." So, they danced all day until nine o'clock came near. Nada said, "Oh, no! I better go." So, she ran off to the train but her necklace was loose and came off of her neck as she left Prince Miljan behind. The prince picked up the necklace and said to himself, "I am going to try to find that girl even if it takes me to look around the whole Montenegro. The girl who fits this necklace on her neck perfectly will be my bride".

So, the prince rode on his horse and went around the country, looking for the girl he danced with at the Mimosa festival. But, so far, the necklace did not fit into anyone. Days and days went by, and the necklace still did not fit into anyone. On the sixteenth day, Prince Miljan finally reached the Nada's house. When prince reached her house, Nada was preparing the meal for her stepmother and did not see the prince right away. Prince Miljan knocked on the door and the stepmother came out to greet him. Stepmother knew that the prince was going around the country to find his bride, so she wanted to try the necklace to become the prince's bride. But the necklace was too small for the stepmother. Nada heard the prince and came out of the kitchen and said, "Can I try the necklace on?" The prince agreed and tried the necklace on Nada. It fit perfectly on Nada! The prince shouted, "Oh finally, I found you!" But stepmother became angry and said, "This girl did not go to the festival. She has to stay as my servant. She can't be the prince's bride! She is very dirty and even if someone tries to dress her up, she will still be filthy!" Mudari the fairy godmother suddenly appeared. She heard everything and she was so angry at Rospija. Mudari the fairy godmother was able to dress Nada so beautifully and she was angry at Rospija for thinking Nada is so filthy and dirty even if someone dresses her up. So, the fairy godmother made the donkey with her magic and the donkey kicked Rospija with its hind legs and Rospija flew over to the mountains. The next day, Prince Miljan married Nada and they lived happily ever after.

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