

SPARKING DISCUSSION

Once upon a time there was a beautiful princess who was promised to a handsome, powerful prince. As their wedding day approached, a plan was hatched in a nearby town to stop the union from happening. A rival king felt that if the marriage was forged, he would lose the control he held over the region, so he contracted with a wizard to put an end to the marriage by killing the princess.

The wizard ordered his best sorcerer to travel to the castle of the princess with one goal in mind – to poison her. The sorcerer was so distressed by his assignment that he decided to seek counsel from his priest (who in medieval times often held more power than the king). Upon hearing that the sorcerer was troubled by his orders from the wizard, the priest, not wanting to anger the wizard, told the sorcerer he did not want to hear what was ordered. He told him to go and do as he was told.

Rumors of the evil deed reached the ears of the prince, who rode to the castle to warn the princess. He then told her that he was going to hunt down the sorcerer and kill him before he had the chance to harm his bride. The princess begged him to stay with her, knowing that she would feel more secure with him by her side. But he rebuked her, saying that he needed to show the king and his future kingdom that he was a strong warrior. He told the princess to watch for his return.

The princess felt abandoned and scared. She decided to travel to a neighboring village to seek support and protection. On the way to the village, she encountered a kindly old woman who walked with her, kept her company, and handed her the poison apple, sealing her death. Having carried out his orders, the sorcerer turned and followed the path back to the wizard.

Who is responsible for the outcome?

- Princess
- Rival King
- Sorcerer

- Prince
- Wizard
- Priest

