

Silvermoon's greed



Short Story

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Once upon a time, in the kingdom of Drakonis, lived a beautiful silver-scaled young dragon named Silvermoon. Her scales had the most beautiful shimmer in the whole kingdom. Though she was pretty, her personality was anything but beautiful. She never played fair with the other young dragons and perceived herself superior. Her arrogance also stemmed from being the queen's niece. The queen, however, was the opposite: kind, fair and loved by the people of the kingdom.

As Silvermoon grew up, her flaws deepened into something darker. Her **vainglorious** personality repelled those who once tried to care for her. She drifted further from reason. She no longer dreamed of serving the crown;

she hungered to seize it. But for the title you had to challenge the queen and Silvermoon had little to no combat skills. So, she came up with a wicked plan. She went to the throne room with her silvery wings folded – her beauty cloaking her darkness. As the queen arrived, she saw her niece and asked, "Silvermoon, dear, why are you here?" Silvermoon replied, "Your majesty, I have prepared a gift for you!" To hide her cunning plan, she added, "I would love it if you could come to see it!" The queen replied, "Why of course, dear." Silvermoon took off, and the queen followed. After a long flight, Silvermoon landed in a forest, with the queen close behind. The queen trusted her niece, so she didn't bring her security guards. "Why are we in the rainforest, dear?" she asked, baffled. "Because I deserve to be the queen," Silvermoon replied

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devilishly. The queen tried to move forward but got trapped in quicksand! As she sank, mud covered her wings, making it harder to escape. "How dare you, Silvermoon! You will never get away with this!" the queen screamed. Before Silvermoon could reply, guards surrounded the forest. They rushed to save the queen, leaving both of them shocked. "How did you find us?" the queen asked. The guards explained, "Your Majesty, we have known Silvermoon since her childhood. So, when we heard that she got you a gift and wanted you to follow her, it was certainly a trap. We followed and waited, knowing you trusted Silvermoon, we didn't wish to interrupt." The queen was speechless and as guards took Silvermoon away, the queen told her, "I thought you would change but I should have known... Outer beauty doesn't guarantee a kind heart." Silvermoon's beautiful scales never got her anywhere, and neither did her greed - except to land her in the royal prison.

So, what did you learn today?
A new word: Vainglorious
Meaning: Vain and excessively boastful

POEM

My dad, my superhero



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My dad's a superhero, no doubt at all
 My safety net, saving me before I fall
 He's kind, calm, and always stays near
 But hides the remote as cricket's dear

When mom's angry and starts to scold
 Superhero dad flies in, brave and bold
 He calms Ma, 'It's fine, he's just a kid'
 But scolds me for the same thing I did

He teaches, 'Eat veggies and be strong'
 Then gobbles a snack when I'm gone
 He helps me with homework in grace
 Solves math so fast, as if it's a race

But when my mood is sad and down
 He cheers me up, relieving my frown
 With his silly laughs and funny cheer
 He makes all my problems disappear

So, here's to dad, my guide and friend
 Who's always there, right till the end
 His relentless support helps me grow
 I know his love is more than he shows!

It's Me

KNOW ME

My name: Ameshi Arora
My class: II C
My school: AIS Vasundhara 1
My birthday: November 1

MY FAVOURITES

Teacher: Nikita ma'am
Subject: English
Friend: Saarya
Game: Basketball
Cartoon: Tom and Jerry
Food: Sandwich and Popcorn
Mall: Mall of India, Noida
Book: Disney Princess/Beauty and the Beast

MY DREAMS AND GOALS

Hobby: Colouring & painting
I like: Travelling and vacations
I dislike: Junk food
My role model: My mother
I want to become: Doctor (a child specialist)
I want to feature in GT because:
 It will be an honour



Varyaa Agnihotri,
 AIS VYC Lko, III A

Q. Why are frogs so happy?
 A. Because they eat whatever bugs them!



Q. What is a pirate's favourite letter?
 A. AARRR!



Q. How do cats bake cookies?
 A. From scratch!



Q. Where do fishes keep their money?
 A. In a riverbank!



Q. A cow's favourite read?
 A. The cattle-log!



Painting Corner

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