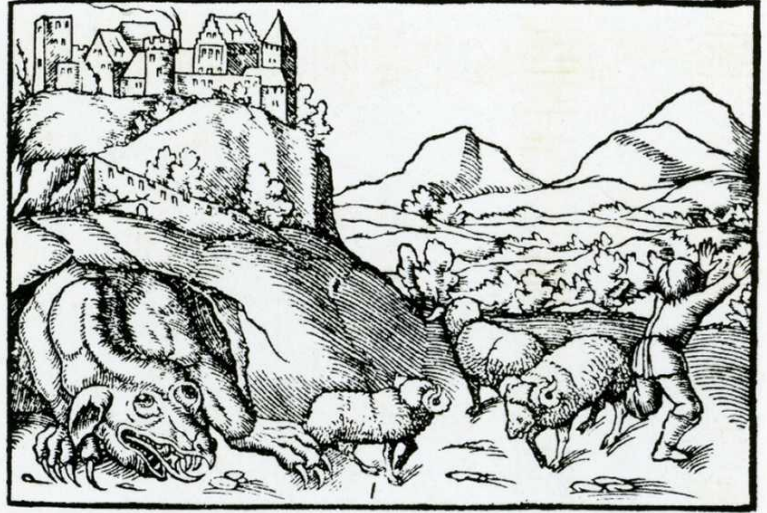


Dragon of Krakow

A Tale from Poland
Adapted by Morgan Cobb



Characters:

Narrator
Dragon of Wawel
King Krak or King Krakus
Princess Wanda
Skuba, a shoemaker
Villager 1
Villager 2
Knight 1
Knight 2

Narrator: Long ago in the country of Poland there was a city called Krakow. Krakow was filled with villagers, (*enter and pose*) a king named King Krak, (*enter and pose*) his daughter Princess Wanda, (*enter and pose*), and...a dragon! (DRAGON *enters and roars*) The dragon lived on Wawel Hill beside the Wistla river and terrorized all of Krakow! (DRAGON *scares off all the people and exits*)

Villager 1: The dragon is so scary! We are all too frightened to even leave our homes!

Villager 2: He will eat us all! Someone has to defeat him!

Narrator: Years passed and no one was ever brave enough to face the dragon, so one day King Krak announced a poem to his people.

King Krak: He, who once and for all outs this dragon shall receive my scepter and my royal crown. So come and defeat this most horrid beast and win my daughter's hand and a wedding feast!

Narrator: After that many knights tried to face the dragon.

Knight 1: (*Enters with bravado*) I am the bravest knight of them all! I shall defeat this dragon! Dragon! Come and fight me! (DRAGON *enters and roars*. KNIGHT 1 *screams and exits comically*. DRAGON *yawns and exits*)

Knight 2: (*Enters with flourish*) I am the strongest knight in the world! I will kill the terrible dragon! Dragon! Come and fight me! (DRAGON *sneaks in and creeps up behind* KINGHT 2)

Dragon: Boo! (KNIGHT 2 *screams and exits similar to* KNIGHT 1. DRAGON *chuckles and exits*)

Narrator: Time passed, and no one was able to defeat the dragon. Fewer knights came each day to face the dragon, until eventually no one came at all. One day, there was a knock on the castle door.

King Krak: Who is there?

Shoemaker: My name is Skuba, I'm a humble shoemaker. I would like try and face the dragon.

King Krak: You? With what skill? What weapons?

Shoemaker: I have no weapons, but I know I can do it!

King Krak: Very well, you can try.

Shoemaker: Thank you sire! I will need a lamb skin, some sulphur, and mustard seeds to defeat the dragon.

King Krak: Whatever you need you shall have!

Narrator: So Skuba took the lamb skin, Sulphur, and mustard seeds and went to work. He stayed up all night working on his plan. He sewed the lamb skin into a bag and filled it with the Sulphur and mustard seeds. In the morning the Shoemaker made his way to the dragon's lair!

Shoemaker: I will place the lamb skin here and call to the dragon. When he sees it, he will think it is food and eat it! Once it is in his belly, it will be so hot that he will need to drink lots of water! He will drink so much water that dragon explode and die! Dragon! Dragon, wake up! (SHOEMAKER *hides onstage*)

Dragon: (*entering yawning*) Who's there? Who dares to face me?! (*sees the lamb skin*) Ooh, food! Thank goodness, I haven't eaten in two hours! (*eats the bag*) Oh...my stomach feels strange and my mouth is on fire! I need water!

Narrator: The dragon began to drink and drink and drink water from the Wisla River.

Villager 1: Look! The river is vanishing!

Villager 2: The dragon is drinking all of the water!

Narrator: Suddenly, all the water in the river was gone except for one last drop! The dragon was so full that he could barely move! He reached down and drank the final drop of the river. The dragon was so full from drinking the entire river that he exploded!!

All: BOOM!!

Narrator: The dragon was at last defeated! All the people of Krakow came out to celebrate!

(*Villagers enter cheering*)

King Krak: Good people! This humble shoemaker has defeated the dragon!

All: Hooray! Finally! Thank you!

King Krak: As promised, you have earned my daughter's hand and we shall all have a great feast!

All: Hooray! Thank you!

Narrator: So the village was safe from the dragon, the Wisla river was gone, Skuba and the Princess Wanda were wed and the people of Krakow lived happily ever after. And that was...

All: The end!