

The King With a Terrible Temper

Key words and actions

King with the terrible temper — "Gr-r-r"

Tall blonde daughter — "ooo-oooh"

Short, red-haired daughter — "harrumph"

Daughter with the beautiful smile — "a-a-aah"

Handsome young prince — "tah-dah"

Mergatroid, the horrible dragon — "sizzle, sizzle, pop"

Trusty steed (horse) — "neigh-eigh-eigh"

The story

Once upon a time, there lived a **King With A Terrible Temper**. He had three daughters: a **Tall Blonde Daughter**, a **Short Red-Haired Daughter** and a **Daughter With The Beautiful Smile**.

One day **Mergatroid, The Horrible Dragon** came to this land and began to eat the inhabitants of the kingdom of the **King With A Terrible Temper**. This caused the **King With A Terrible Temper** much distress, not to say what it did to the digestion of the **Mergatroid, The Horrible Dragon**. So the **King With A Terrible Temper** decreed, throughout the land that anyone who could slay **Mergatroid, The Horrible Dragon** might have as reward: the **Tall Blonde Daughter**, the **Short Red-Haired Daughter**, or the **Daughter With The Beautiful Smile**. Day by day the knights came, but none could slay **Mergatroid, The Horrible Dragon**.

One day, into the kingdom of the **King With A Terrible Temper**, rode a **Handsome Young Prince**, mounted upon his **Trusty Steed**. "Oh, **King With A Terrible Temper**," said the **Handsome Young Prince**, "I have come to slay **Mergatroid, The Horrible Dragon**." "Then do to it!" cried the **King With A Terrible Temper**. So off went the **Handsome Young Prince** to vanquish the dragon!

Mounted on his **Trusty Steed** the **Handsome Young Prince** returned to the **King With A Terrible Temper**. "Now you may choose for your wife one of my three daughters: my **Tall Blonde Daughter**, **Short Red-Haired Daughter**, or my **Daughter With The Beautiful Smile**."

The **Handsome Young Prince** took one look at the **Tall Blonde Daughter** and turned green. He took one look at the **Short Red-Haired Daughter** and turned purple. Then, the **Handsome Young Prince** took one look at the **Daughter With The Beautiful Smile**, and turned cart wheels.

So the **Handsome Young Prince** and the **Daughter With The Beautiful Smile** rode off on his **Trusty Steed**. They spent the rest of their days in the kingdom of the **King With A Terrible Temper** hunting down the descendants of **Mergatroid, The Horrible Dragon**.