

The Witch and the Silver Cup

Dan's English Student Original Story



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Chapter 1: The Castle and the Witch

Elara is a young woman. She is a witch. Elara lives in England. She lives in a small house. The house is near Blackwood Castle. Blackwood Castle is very old. It is very big. It is a big, dark castle.

In the castle lives Lord Thomas. Lord Thomas is an old man. He is a good man, but he is sad. He is always sad.

One day, Elara goes to the town. She sees a man. The man is a servant from the castle. The servant is running. He looks scared. "What is wrong?" Elara asks. The servant stops. He looks at Elara. "The cup! The silver cup is gone!" he says. "A ghost took it. A ghost lives in the castle." Elara thinks, "A ghost? No. I am a witch. I know about ghosts. This is a mystery." She decides to go to the castle.

Chapter 2: The Missing Silver Cup

Elara walks to Blackwood Castle. The castle gate is big and black. She opens the gate. She walks inside. Lord Thomas is in a big, cold room. He is sitting in a big chair. He looks very unhappy.

"Lord Thomas," Elara says. "I hear about your silver cup." "Yes," Lord Thomas says. "It is gone. It is a very old cup. It is a very important cup." "Tell me about the cup," Elara asks. "It was on the small table," Lord Thomas says. "I saw it yesterday. It was there at night." "And this morning?" "This morning, it was not there. The table was empty." "Was the window open?" Elara asks. "No," Lord Thomas says. "The window was closed. The door was locked." "This is a difficult mystery," Elara thinks. "I want to help you," she says. "I will look for the cup." Lord Thomas is not sure. "You? A young woman?" Elara smiles. She is **optimistic**. She always thinks good things will happen. "Yes," she says. "I can find it."

Chapter 3: Looking in the Room

Elara goes to the room where the cup was. The room is big. The walls are high. There are many old things in the room. She looks at the small table. No cup. She looks under the chair. No cup. She looks at the floor. She sees nothing.

Elara looks up. She looks **above** the big window. She sees a dark, high place. Maybe the cup is there. She cannot reach it. It is too high.

She talks to the servant again. "Did you clean the room?" Elara asks. "Yes, I did," the servant says. "Every day." "Did you see the cup move?" "No. But the ghost is here. The ghost walks at night." Elara shakes her head. "No ghost. A person took it."

She asks Lord Thomas again. "Does someone not like the cup?" Lord Thomas is quiet. "The cup is famous. Everyone likes the cup." "But maybe someone does not like the cup's history," Elara says. Lord Thomas says, "I do not know."

Chapter 4: The Quiet Girl

Elara walks through the castle. She sees many servants working. One servant is a young girl. Her name is Lily. Lily is cleaning a door. She looks very nervous. Elara stops. "Hello, Lily," she says. Lily looks up quickly. "Hello, witch," she says. Her voice is low. "The silver cup is gone," Elara says. "Are you sad?" Lily looks down. "No. I do not like the cup." "Why?" Elara asks. "It is old. It is too much history," Lily says. Lily is usually a **spontaneous** girl. She laughs a lot. She speaks fast. But today, Lily is quiet. She is very slow.

Elara thinks, "Lily is different today. Why? Is she scared? Or is she hiding something?" Elara looks at the door Lily is cleaning. It is an old, brown door. The door has a small lock. "What is in this room?" Elara asks. "Just old things. Lord Thomas never uses this room," Lily says. "Do you have the key?" "No. Lord Thomas has the key."

Chapter 5: Magic in the Tower

Elara decides to use magic. It is a small, quiet magic. Nobody can see it. She closes her eyes. She speaks quiet words. A small, blue light comes from her hand. The light is small like a star. "Go," Elara whispers to the light. "Go to the silver cup."

The blue light moves. It goes up. It goes up the stairs. It goes to the castle tower. The tower is the highest place in the castle. Elara follows the light.

She comes to a long, dark hall in the tower. The hall has many doors. The small blue light stops at one door. It is the old, brown door. The door Lily was cleaning. Elara remembers. Lily was nervous here.

Elara touches the door. The lock is strong. She looks around. No one is here. She tries the door. It does not open.

"The key is lost," she remembers Lord Thomas saying. But the blue light says, "The cup is here." Elara thinks, "I must go inside."

Chapter 6: Inside the Dark Room

Elara closes her eyes again. She speaks another spell. It is a simple spell for simple locks. *Click*. The lock opens. The small blue light moves inside. Elara opens the door and walks in.

The room is dark and dusty. There are old boxes and old blankets everywhere. Elara looks at the boxes. The small blue light is on one box. The box is under a blanket. Elara pulls the blanket off the box. She opens the box.

The silver cup is inside! It is a beautiful cup. It is very clean. "So, no ghost," Elara thinks. "A person put the cup here." But why? Why in this old, locked room?

Elara closes the box. She puts the blanket back. She walks out of the room. She locks the door again with her magic. She is going to talk to Lord Thomas and Lily.

Chapter 7: The Truth

Elara goes back to the big room. Lord Thomas is still there. He is looking out the window. He is still sad. "I find the cup," Elara says. Lord Thomas turns fast. "You did? Where?" "In the old room in the tower," Elara says. "But I think Lily put it there."

Lily is walking past the door. She hears Elara's name. She stops and comes in. Her face is white. "Lily," Lord Thomas says. "Is this true? Did you take the cup?" Lily starts to cry. "Yes, Father. I did." Lord Thomas is shocked. "Father? Lily, what are you saying?"

"I am your daughter," Lily says. "My mother told me. You sent me here to work, to learn." "Yes. But why the cup?" Lord Thomas asks. "The cup is bad," Lily says. "It has the name of the bad man. The man who hurt our family a long time ago. He gave the cup to your family." "That is old history, Lily," Lord Thomas says. "The cup is just metal now."

Chapter 8: The Decision

Lily shakes her head. "No. The cup is not just metal. It is sadness. It is bad luck." "I want the castle to be happy," Lily says. "I do not want this bad thing in our house." "So you hide it?" Elara asks. "Yes," Lily says. "I cleaned the room. Then I saw the cup. I had a **spontaneous** idea. I took it. I put it in the locked room." "The key was lost?" Lord Thomas asks. "No," Lily says. "I took the key. I put it on your small table. You did not see it. Then I cleaned the door and gave the key back to the cook." "Oh, Lily," Lord Thomas says.

Lord Thomas looks at the cup in the box. He looks at his daughter. He is no longer sad. He is happy to see his daughter. "I understand, Lily," he says. "The castle does not need a cup of sadness."

Chapter 9: The Plan

"What are you going to do?" Elara asks. Lord Thomas thinks. "I am going to keep the cup safe," he says. "But not here." "We must **pass on** the cup," Lily says. "We must give it to a new place." "Yes," Lord Thomas says. "We will give it to the museum in the big city." "The museum can tell the history," Elara says. "A good history." "Yes," Lord Thomas says. "The museum will keep it. It will be safe there."

Lily smiles. It is the first time she smiles today. "I am happy," Lily says. "The bad thing is leaving." Lord Thomas looks at Elara. "Thank you, young witch. You find the cup and you find the truth." Elara says, "I am happy to help." She is always **optimistic** about helping people.

Chapter 10: Ending the Mystery

The next day, Lord Thomas and Lily put the silver cup in a strong box. They take the cup away from Blackwood Castle. They drive the car to the big city. They **pass on** the silver cup to the museum. The museum is happy to have the famous cup.

Blackwood Castle is quiet now. Lord Thomas is not sad anymore. He is happy. Lily is happy too. She is a cheerful, **spontaneous** girl again. Elara goes back to her small house. She looks up. The sun is shining **above** the castle. There is no mystery now. Just a quiet, happy ending. The young witch knows the castle's secret. It is a good secret. She will wait for the next mystery.