

THE MAGIC SWAN GEESE  
Retelling of a Russian Fairy Tale by Marlene Perez

Characters:

Man

Woman

Girl

Narrator (13)

Hedgehog

Magic Swan Geese (4)

Stove

Apple Tree

River of Milk (2)

Man:

Your mother and I must go to work.

Woman:

Watch your brother while we're gone and do not leave the house.

Narrator 1:

As soon as her parents left, the girl forgot what they'd told her. She put her brother down outside and ran off to play. Magic Swan Geese came by and carried the little boy off.

Girl:

My brother is gone!

Narrator 2:

The girl went looking for her brother. The swan geese had stolen many other children.

Narrator 3:

She rushed after them to get her brother back. She ran and ran until she saw a stove.

Girl:

Stove, where have the geese gone?

Stove:

Eat my rye cake and I will tell you.

Girl:

In my house we do not even eat wheat cakes!

Narrator 4:

The stove did not tell her. She ran farther and saw an apple tree.

Girl:

Apple Tree, where have the geese gone?

Apple Tree:

Eat one of my sour apples and I will tell you.

Girl:

In my house we don't even eat sweet apples!

Narrator 5:

The apple tree did not tell her. She ran farther and saw a river of milk.

Girl:

River of Milk, where have the geese gone?

River of Milk:

Drink some of our milk and we will tell you.

Girl:

In my house we don't even drink cream!

Narrator 6:

The river of milk did not tell her. She ran until she came to a hedgehog.

Girl:

Hedgehog, where have the geese gone?

Hedgehog:

The geese are over there!

Narrator 7:

Her brother was in a little hut. She grabbed him and ran as fast as she could towards home.

Narrator 8:

The geese followed. On her return, she saw the river of milk again.

Girl:

River, please hide us!

River of Milk:

If you drink our milk, we will hide you.

Narrator 9:

So the girl drank the milk, and the river hid them beneath the shore until the geese flew by.

Narrator 10:

The girl and her brother ran on, but the geese spotted them and flew toward them. She saw the apple tree.

Girl:

Apple Tree, please hide us!

Apple Tree:

If you eat my apple, I will hide you.

Narrator 11:

The girl ate the apple and the Apple Tree hid them in its branches and leaves until the geese flew by.

Narrator 12:

The girl and her brother ran on, but the geese spotted them and flew toward them. Luckily there was the stove.

Girl:

Stove, please hide us!

Stove:

If you eat my cake, I will hide you.

Narrator 13:

The girl ate the cake and they went inside the stove and hid. The geese quacked and swooped but finally gave up and flew away.