

## The Mischievous Princesses

Queen Samantha..... \_\_\_\_\_

Princess Rachel (triplet daughter) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Princess Kassondra (triplet daughter)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Princess Christine (triplet daughter)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Sir John (a knight)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Sir Harold (a knight)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Crystal (a mermaid)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Red Hot (a female devil)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Oreo (the devil's cat)..... \_\_\_\_\_

Narrator..... \_\_\_\_\_

Narrator: Many years ago, the Kingdom of Peace was rule by the beautiful Queen Samantha. She had a lovely golden goose that laid golden eggs. Because she had so much gold, she did not have to make the people pay heavy taxes, so all the villagers, her knights, and servants had lots of food and were very content. She had one big worry, however, that right now she is discussing with two of her knights.

Queen Samantha: Sir Harold and Sir John, I am so upset about the princesses. They are getting more and more mischievous every day.

Sir John: you're right to be worried, Queen Samantha. Why just yesterday, when Sir Harold and I were in our armor, they tripped us with a rope. They've been doing it to other knights, too.

Sir Harold: They're not mean girls, Your Majesty. They're just full of pranks. I thought it was very funny the other day when they sprinkled pepper all over and everyone kept sneezing.

Queen Samantha: Well, it certainly is not proper behavior for princesses. (Screaming from off stage.) What's that? Quickly, go see!

(Sir Harold and Sir John go inside the palace and return with the princesses.  
Sir John and Sir Harold are laughing.)

Sir John: The princesses are up to their mischief again. They escaped from their nursemaid and went down to the kitchen.

Sir Harold: What you heard was the scullery maid screaming. The royal princesses gave her a salad with a dead mouse on top.

Princess Christine: Everyone thought it was very funny. The cook had tears running down her face.

Princess Kassondra: And we went through a lot to get the dead mouse away from the cat.

Princess Rachel: Don't look so upset mother. We just get tired being with our nursemaid all the time. We're just having some fun. You know...

The devil is coming.  
The devil is coming.  
Ha, ha, ha, don't you see  
How funny we can be?

Narrator: Queen Samantha doesn't think their pranks are one bit funny. Her scolding does not stop them and they continue to sing their song. Meanwhile, however, unknown to anyone in the Kingdom of Peace, there really is a devil, a female devil, named Red Hot and her cat named Oreo. They live in an underground red house that is always very hot. Their house is at the far edge of Greenland Woods.

(Crystal listens while the devil is talking to her cat.)

Red Hot: Oreo, I must get some more wood. I must keep the fires burning so our house gets hotter and hotter.

Oreo: Meow-w-w, you're right, Ted Hot. I can't stand it when I get cold. Say, isn't it wonderful how mischievous the princesses are lately?

Red Hot: Yes, it's really a joy. But you know what I've been thinking? I ought to make everyone mischievous – the queen, the knights, everyone!

Oreo: Meow-w-w, you know what you ought to do? You ought to get that golden goose. Without all that gold, the Queen will have to collect lots of taxes and then everyone will be unhappy. It will be easier for us to make trouble.

Narrator: back at the palace, Queen Samantha is so upset, she decides to go visit her best friend, Crystal, who lives in the moat.

Sir John: You girls are really worrying your mother. You know, she cares very much about you and after all, you are royal princesses and ought to behave.

Princess Kassondra: Oh, we're just having fun. You bother us too much. Leave us alone! Go shine your armor or take care of the golden goose! Leave now!

Princesses: (taunting)           The devil is coming.  
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  Ha, ha, ha, don't you see  
  How funny we can be?

(knights exit)

Princess Christine: Guess what? We're really alone now. Let's think up something to do. (thinks) I know! Let's get all the creepy crawly things we can and put them in mother's bed.

Princess Rachel: Let's do that later. Why don't we get the golden goose and take it to our private hideout in Greenland Woods. The whole palace will be in an uproar – and then we'll bring it back.

Narrator: The princesses are very excited. They go in the palace, find the golden goose, and take it into Greenland Woods. The Princesses, of course, know nothing about the devil and her cat or that the devil put this new idea into their heads. Meanwhile, Queen Samantha is talking to Crystal.

Crystal: I'm so happy that you came to visit me, Queen Samantha. I've been so sad since mother died and I've been trying and trying to make her recipe for magic powder, but so far it hasn't worked. You look sad also. Is anything wrong?

Queen Samantha: Oh, yes, Crystal! The princesses are so mischievous and it's not proper behavior and they keep singing this song about a devil.

Crystal: Oh, how could I forget to tell you! Just yesterday I was over there and I heard a female devil talking to her cat. They're the ones that are making the princesses mischievous – and they want to make you and everyone mischievous too. In fact, they want to get the golden goose.

Queen Samantha: Oh, no! What are we going to do? Except for the girls, we've had such a peaceful kingdom. If the devil gets the golden goose, we won't have enough gold. Oh, Crystal! You've to think of something!

Crystal: Mother left me her books. Let me get them and I will come with you to the palace. Then we'll look up devils, female devils, that is. The book will tell us what to do.

(They arrive at the courtyard and sit down to read.)

Red Hot: The house is hotter now than it's ever been, Oreo. We ought to be able to cause lots of trouble at the palace now.

Oreo: Look, Red Hot! The princesses are right there! And the golden goose is there too! Meow. Can you believe it?

Red Hot: Come on. Help me get the golden goose and the princesses. Be quiet. I'll get the golden goose and one girl, and you get the other two. We'll just wait for our chance when they're not looking.

Princess Rachel: You know, we've been gone long enough. They must know by now that the golden goose isn't there. Maybe we'd better take it back.

Princess Kassondra: Oh, no, we haven't been gone very long. They probably haven't even missed us yet – or the goose.

Princess Christine: Kassondra's right. Come on let's play. (Sees the devil and her cat) I can't believe it! Look! Our song's come true! We've got to get out of here!

(devil and cat get golden goose and girls)

Oreo: Meow-w-w, it's too late lovely princesses. You're really caught now and you can't get away. Now you have to come with us.

(back at the palace, knights came rushing through the door to the courtyard)

Sir Harold: (excitedly) Queen Samantha, the princesses and the golden goose are missing. What are we going to do? We've looked all over.

Crystal: I'll bet that devil and her cat have them. Sir John and Sir Harold, listen to me very carefully. I just learned from my books that female devils can only cause mischief when they are very hot. The colder they are, the less power they have.

Sir John: Don't worry, Queen Samantha. We'll find your daughters and the golden goose. We'll find a way, no matter what.

(knights start toward woods)

Sir Harold: Wait, John. I have an idea. If devils are helpless when they're cold, then what better place could there be than the moat? We've got to make them fall in the moat.

Narrator: At long last, Sir Harold and Sir John find the devil's house. At that moment, the devil does not know they're there.

Sir John: I'll stay hidden. You get the devil and her cat to chase you to the moat and somehow get them to fall in. After you're gone, I'll get the princesses and take them back to the palace.

(Sir Harold walks boldly up to the devil's house.)

Oreo: Look, Red Hot! A knight! Meow. Come on. Let's get him.

Red Hot: Don't run away. You know we can catch you!

(The devil and her cat chase Sir Harold. They chase him to the moat. Sir Harold stops short. The devil and her cat fall in.)

Narrator: Sir Harold watches the moat for the devil and her cat. Meanwhile, Sir John waited until he was sure they're gone. Now he approaches the princesses.

Princess Christine: Oh, Sir John. You found us! We've been so frightened! We had no idea that there were really devils when we sang that song.

Princess Rachel: We just thought we'd play a joke and hide the golden goose. Oh, mother must be really worried.

Princess Kassondra: Let's go before they come back! Wait for me, Sir John. I'll get the golden goose.

Narrator: While Sir John leads them through Greenland Woods, Sir Harold, who has not seen the devil, decides to go to the palace to tell Queen Samantha the good news.

Crystal: Oh, Queen Samantha. Here comes Sir Harold and he's all alone! I wonder what happened!

Sir Harold: Don't worry, Your Majesty. The devil and her cat fell in the moat and... look over there. Here comes Sir John now with the princesses and the golden goose.

Queen Samantha: Oh, my lovely princesses. I do hope you have really learned your lesson.

Princess Rachel: Oh, we have mother. We'll never think of pranks to do again.

Princess Kassondra: We'll try very hard to learn proper behavior so you will be very proud of us.

Princess Christine: I think it will be very easy because soon after the devil was gone, we didn't feel like being mischievous any more.

Narrator: The devil and her cat were never heard from again. The princesses became more beautiful and lovely each day and now, without the devil, they really lived in a Kingdom of Peace.