

## The Snow Queen

Long ago lived two best friends, Gerda and Kay. One cold, crisp day, Kay was crunching along the snowy path when a tiny snowflake drifted lightly past him. It grew larger and larger until suddenly a beautiful lady in a sparkling, glistening cloak appeared. Kay shouted but the mysterious lady disappeared.

Kay and Gerda were playing outside when a sharp piece of ice flew into Kay's eye. Then everything began to change. Kay began to change. He ripped up Gerda's flowers and laughed at his friends. Why was he so unkind?

The next day, the Snow Queen took Kay away to her ice palace. Kay was bewitched! He couldn't feel his arms or his legs because it was so cold. Soon he forgot about Gerda but she did not forget about Kay. She felt hopeless but decided to be brave and rescue him!

Gerda searched and searched, finally finding the ice palace. She found him and put her hand on his frozen heart. It slowly began to thaw.

An ice-cold tear trickled down Kay's face because he remembered Gerda!

The Snow Queen was furious but Gerda and Kay fled the ice palace and ran home.

Gerda had saved Kay so they could be best friends again.

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