

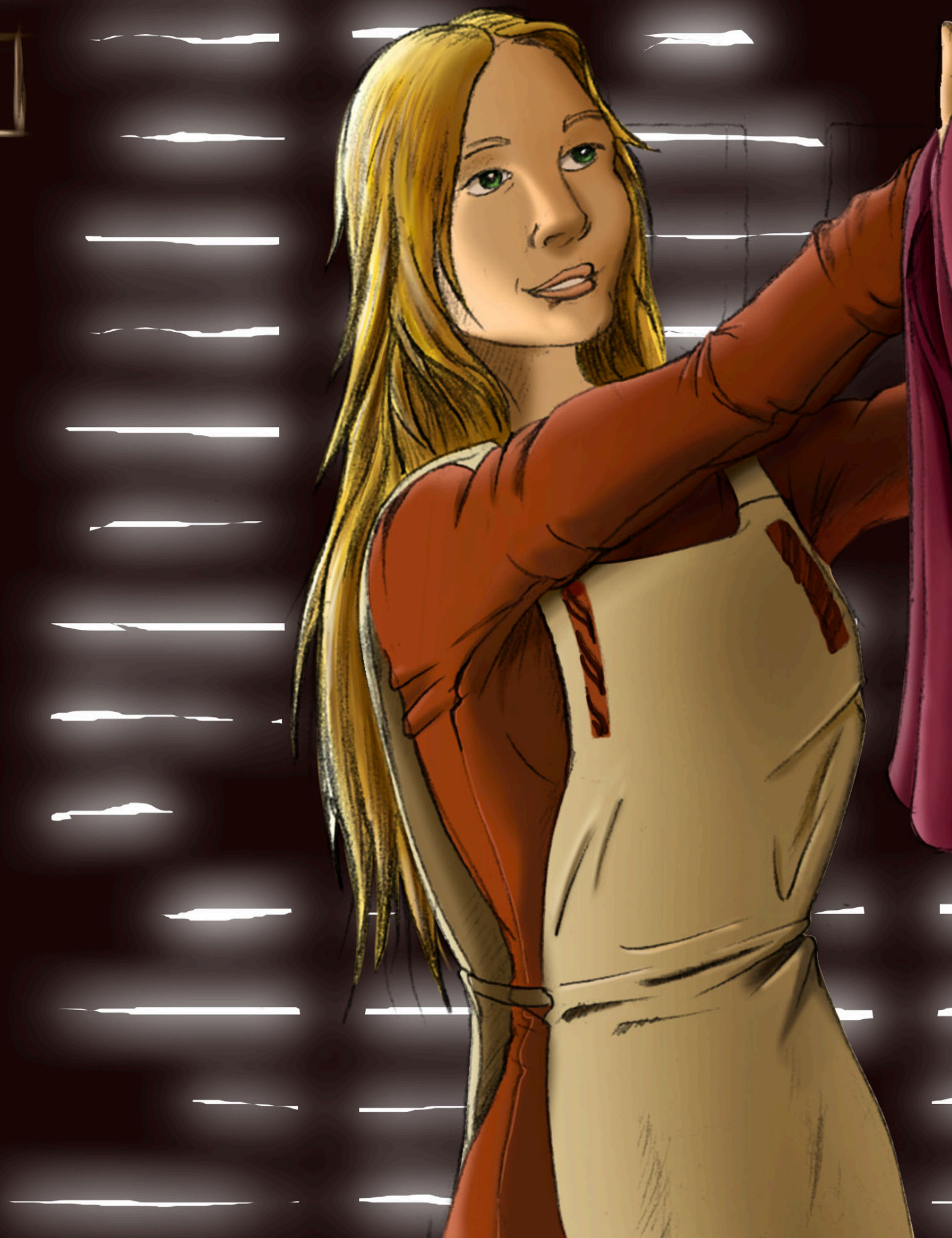
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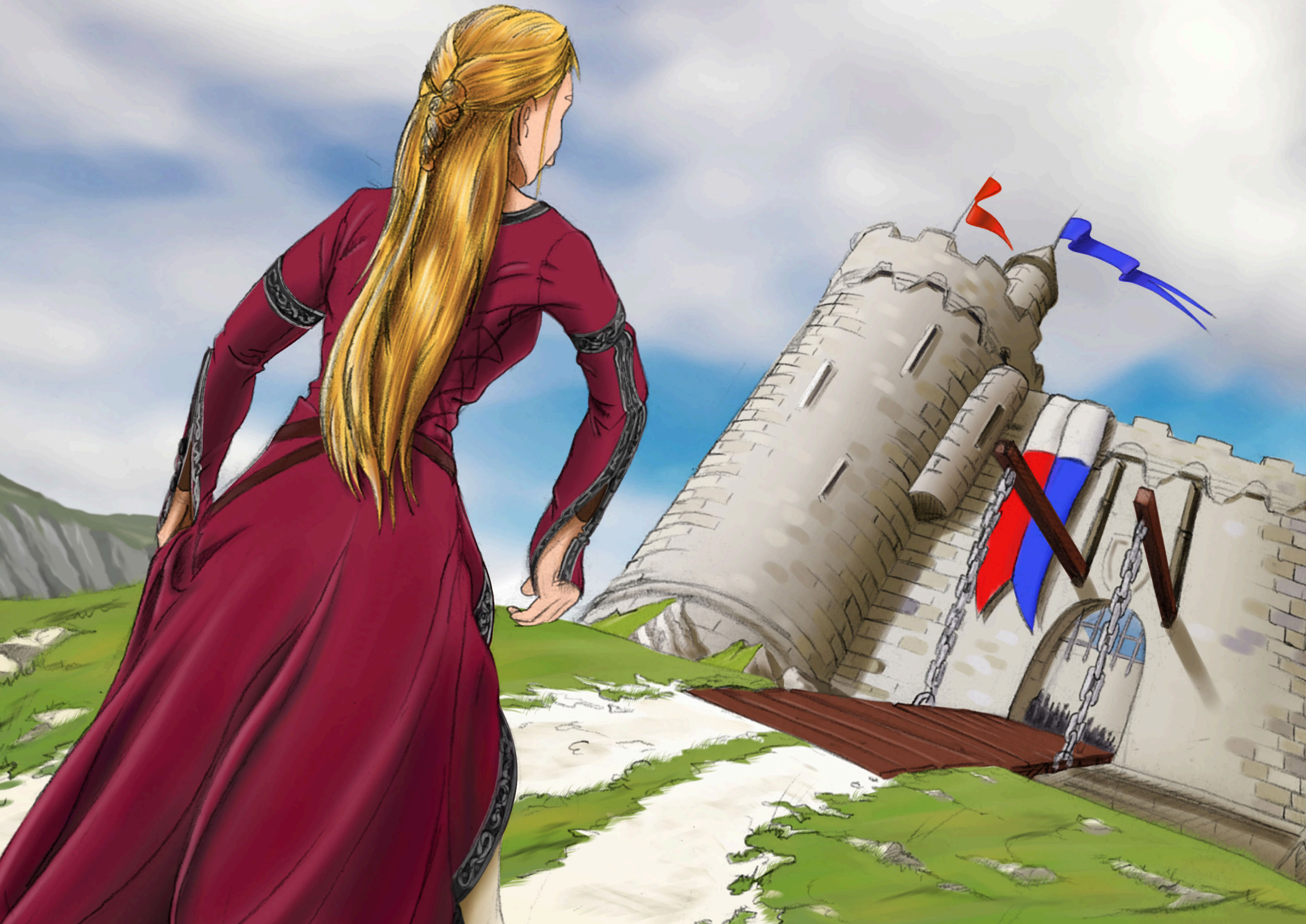


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The story that I am going to tell you has happened in the tombs of the past, at the time of one of the kings Olaf of Norway. We are at the beginning of the summer. A young peasant Gunhild, worked in the fields with the other women, when two riders arrive in a large cloud of dust. When they had dismounted they announced to the women that they came in the name of the King to make an important announcement ! "Our beloved King Olaf wants to marry his son to a young lady of this country. But all the contenders from the best families were rejected because of their foolishness. He therefore invites all those who feel worthy to marry his son, to come to the Château in seven days exactly, at 11h !"



Gunhild, who could not believe what she heard, left her work to go to her home. Putting together a few pieces of shimmering draperies, she began to trim and sew the fabric. Her mother asked her : “Why did you leave your work ? And what are you doing with all these draperies ?” Gunhild answered her that she was planning on making a beautiful dress in order to go to the château in seven days. Ahurie, her mother claimed that she was crazy, and that her position was too modest ! How could she even consider marrying the son of the King Olaf ? And become Queen, A role that she had no skills and even less stature ! But it made no difference, the young girl, firm in her decision, continued to sew.



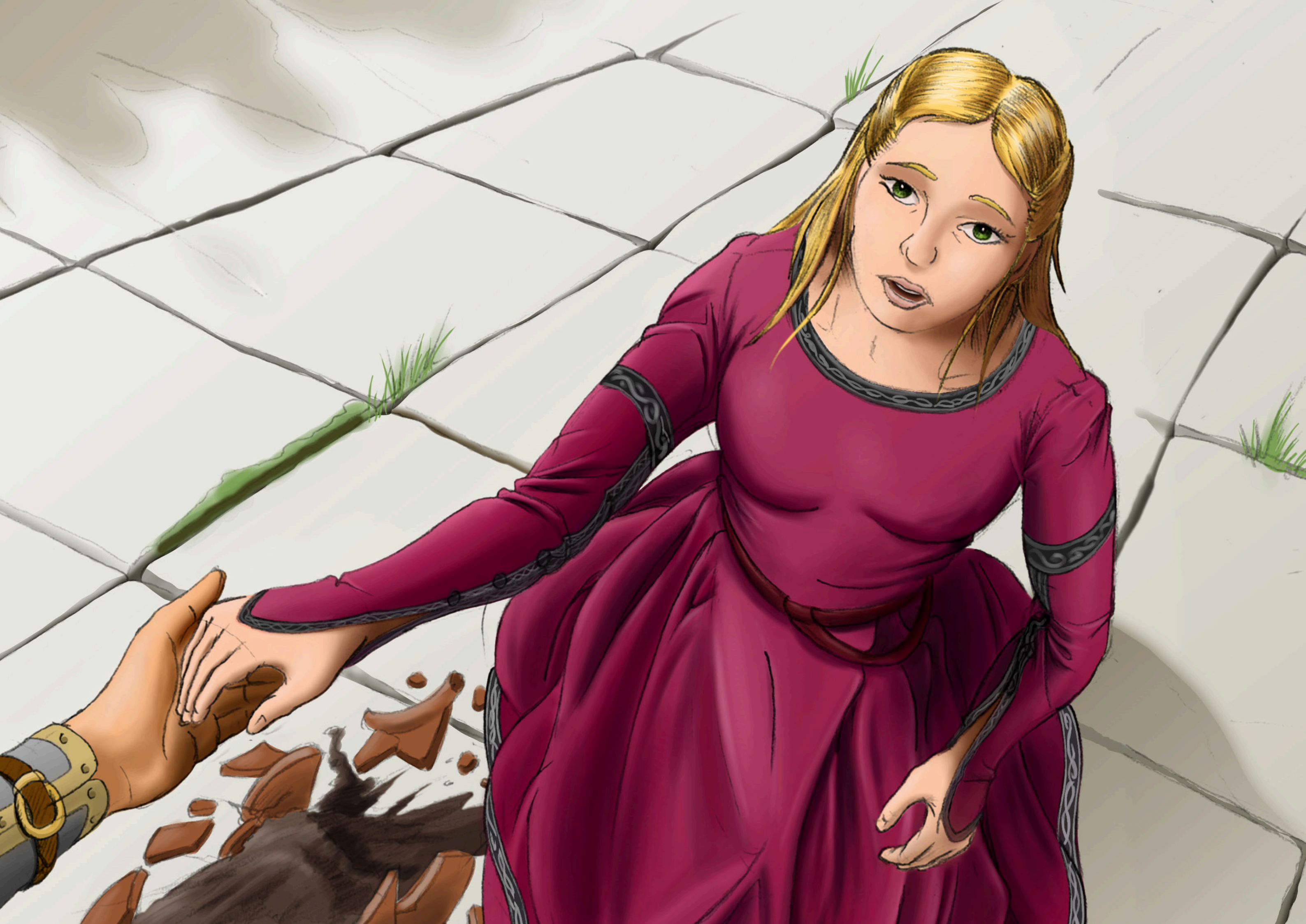
The seventh day, she was ready ! Having put on her beautiful dress, she went In direction of the château of the King. As she crossed the draw bridge, she was very surprised to see in the courtyard, a crowd of young girls, about one thousand, that had come from all over the country in answering the invitation of the King.



The guards asked all the young girls to get into a line. Then they gave to each one, a grain ! The King has given an order to the chief guard to transmit a request to the young women. "Young ladies, we give to you a grain that we ask you to consider like something very precious ! You must take the very best care of it ! Plant it, water it ! And, do it so that it will produce a very beautiful flower. The one that will be able to obtain the most beautiful flower will be considered worthy of marrying the prince. For if you are able to show your tenacity, your caring for the little things, we will confide to you great things."



Gunhild, preciousely held the grain in her hand, was quick to go home. She found a beautiful pot, and some beautiful healthy dirt so she could plant the grain. For the days to come, she watched over the grain like it was a treasure: Having put the pot in a well lit area where there was sufficient sun, She watered it regularly taking care not to drown it ! Then she waited and she watched for the appearance of a flower. The time went by, but nothing came out: Not a small bud, not even one stem ! Gunhild did not understand ! How with all the care that she gave to her plant no flowers appeared ! But she was an expert in cultivating all kinds. Desperate, she cried each time she saw the empty pot. When the time came for her to return to the château, she saw the crowd of young girls, each carrying a soft pot where each had magnificent flowers all different kinds and different colors.



She was the only one that had an empty pot. The King appeared and gave order to the chief of the guards Who passed it on to all the guards. They dismissed all the young girls except one Gunhild, they brought her before the King : She was so afraid to be punished for coming without a flower. She was so ashamed that she was trembling and the pot fell and broke on the ground. This time she was sure that she would be condemned to death. She went to her knees before the King, daring not to look at him. He brought her up with gentleness, touching her cheek. Smiling he said to her : that all the grains that had been given to the crowd of young girls, were all sterile, and that she was the only one to have cultivated the flower honestly. So then she will be entrusted great things ! And it is she that will marry the prince ! The word of God in the Gospel of Luke chapter verse 10 tells us : He who is faithful in a very little thing, is faithful also in much ! And he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much ! We cannot serve two masters. The way is narrow ! Jesus said I am the way, the truth, and the life ! He who follows me, does not walk in the darkness, but he will have in the light Life !