

Excerpt from “The Legend of King Gryut”

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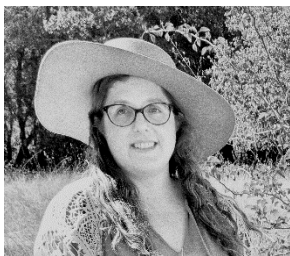
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Tamalan and Erenth ruled for many ages and when at last death claimed him, Erenth, who, being a dragon, was still young, held him in her arms as he passed beyond the veil. Then springing into the air, she took her true form and carrying the body of her love, disappeared into the gathering night.

Then Layellian was to be crowned queen. But Fienna, grieving for the loss of her father, vowed that this would never happen. She called a great dark magic to her and wound it about her sister, so that Layellian fell into a deep sleep from which nothing could wake her. The people tried everything, but ever she lay entranced and still. At last, not knowing that it was Fienna that had cast the spell, they crowned her queen instead. Fienna had a crystal dais built in a chamber of stone and silver and laid her sister out upon it.

But Fienna didn't know that her sister was not only her father's heir but her mother's too, and without her guardianship the gateway to the Blessed Realm began to weaken and the worlds started to slip apart. Thus, Fienna's ill-gotten kingdom fell into a decline. The evil thing she had done to her own sister weighed upon her and though she sought for a way to undo the spell, she could not find one.

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