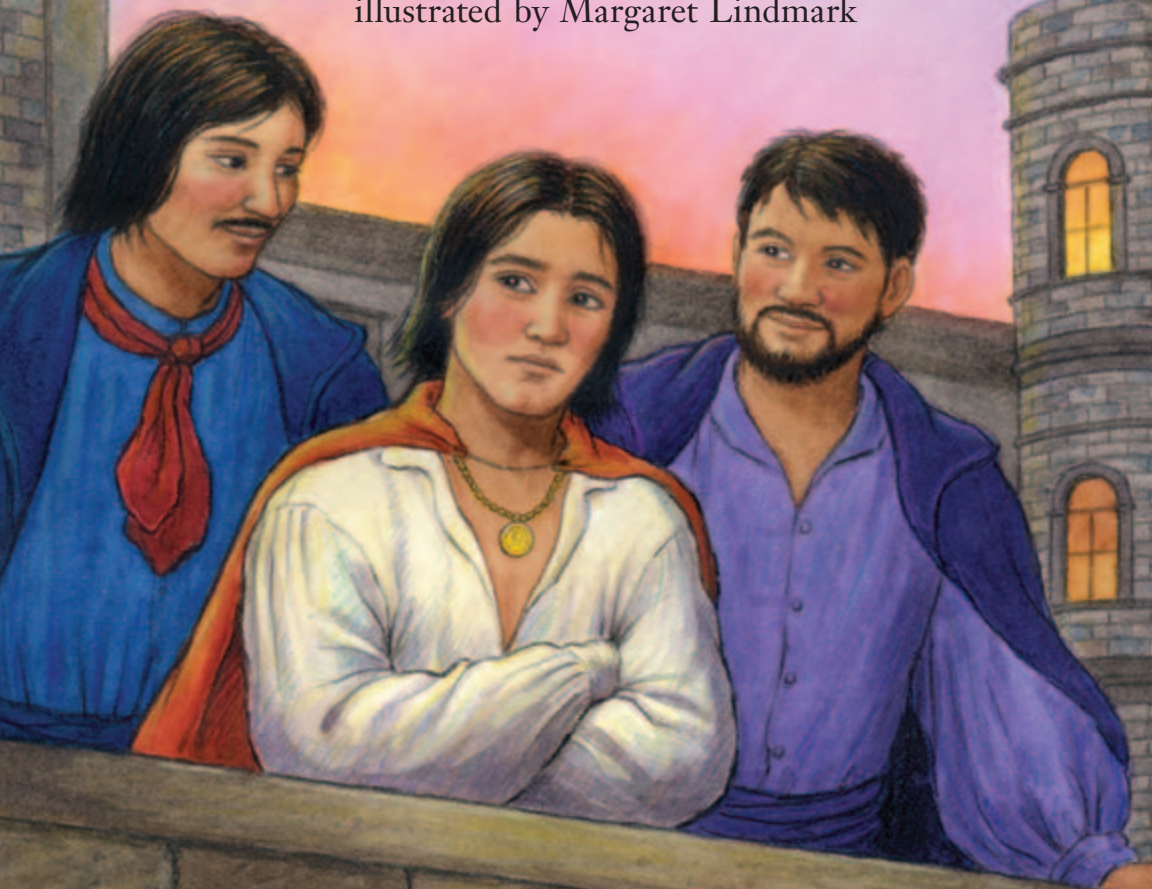




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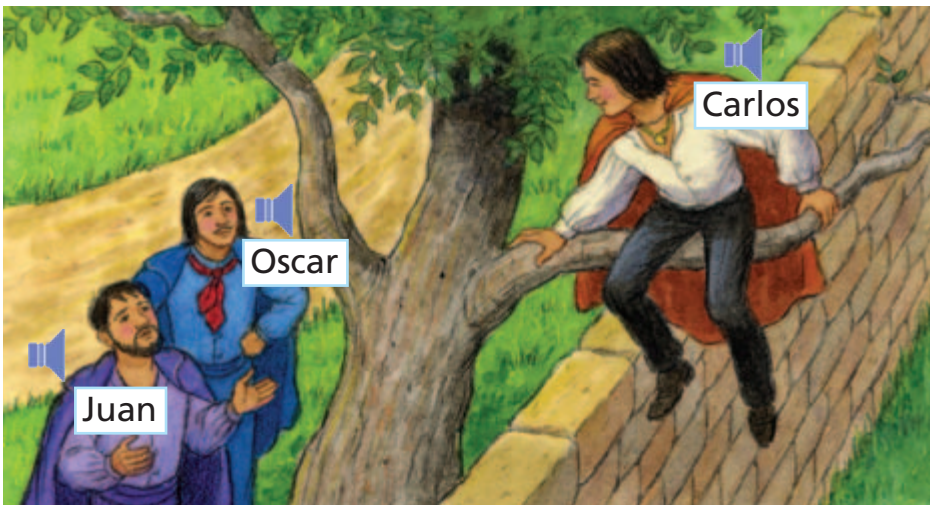
🔊 A king had three sons. The sons were named Oscar, Juan, and Carlos. The king said his sons must not leave the castle.

Carlos was the youngest son. He was not **content**, or happy, to stay inside the castle. He wanted to see the world outside the castle!

Carlos climbed a tall tree in the garden so he could climb on top of the castle wall. Carlos wanted to get over the wall.

“Carlos!” said his brother Juan. “Come down! Father will get mad at you!”

🔊 Juan told Carlos he should not leave the castle.





castle wall

the King

The King was very angry at Carlos.

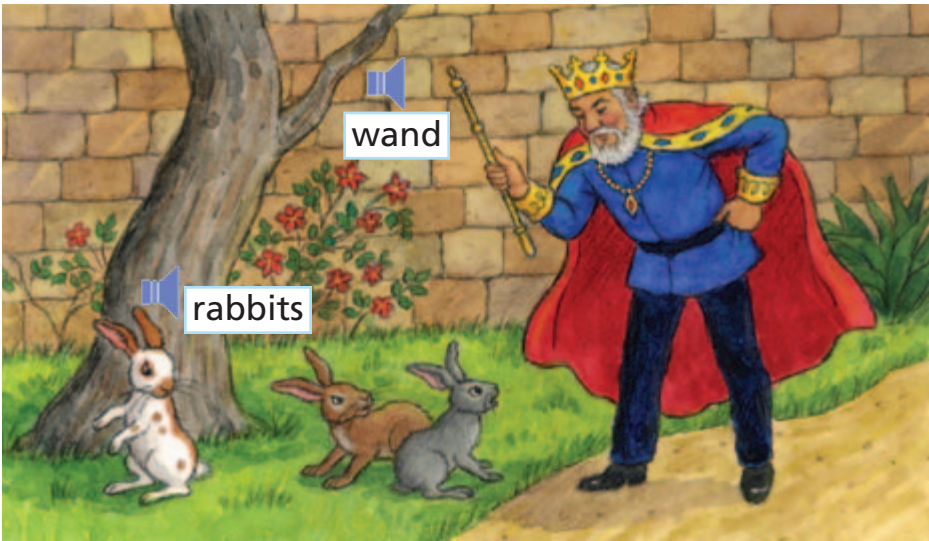
Then the King came to the garden.

“Carlos, get down now!” yelled the King.

“Oscar, you should stop your brother. Do not let him jump over the wall!”

“I am sorry,” said Oscar. “I cannot stop him.”

“I am very mad at all of you!” said the King.



🔊 The King waved his wand. Then the princes were rabbits!

🔊 “You live in a **valuable** castle,” said the King. “It cost a lot of money. Why do you want to go?”

Then the King said, “I know how to keep you inside the castle.” The King waved his wand. He turned the three brothers into three rabbits!

“You will be rabbits every day,” said the King. “Then at night you will turn back into princes.”

The princes were mad. They did not want to be rabbits! They wanted to be princes all the time.

🔊 One day Carlos saw a crack in the old worn stones of the castle wall. Carlos had an idea. “We are small,” he said to his brothers. “We can go through this crack. Then we will be outside.”

Oscar and Juan did not want to go outside. “Father will be mad!” said Juan.

Carlos did not care. He hopped through the crack. Carlos hopped outside the wall. Everything he saw was glimmering in the sun. The sun made everything shine.

Then Carlos heard a song. He wanted to know who was singing. Carlos followed the sound.



Carlos saw a beautiful yard. A woman sang in the yard. Carlos listened to the song.

“Hello, little rabbit,” said the woman. “Do you like my song?” she asked.

Carlos hopped up and down.

“You are a nice rabbit!” the woman said.

“You can be my pet!” The woman served Carlos a pear from her pear tree.

Carlos met a woman in the yard.



pear tree



Princess Marisol

Carlos told the princess that he was a prince.

Carlos said, “I am not a rabbit. My name is Carlos. I am a prince.”

The woman was very surprised. She said, “I am Princess Marisol. I am glad to meet a rabbit that talks! But you do not look like a prince. What happened to you?”



Carlos told Princess Marisol he must leave.

Carlos said, “My father is the King. My father was mad. That is the reason he changed me into a rabbit. Now I must go back to the castle or he will get mad again.”

“You can go,” said Marisol. “But I like you so much. Will you come here again?”

“I will come again soon,” said Carlos. “But I have a **task** to do first. After I do that job, I will come back here. I want to marry you.”

Carlos hopped away. He reached the castle wall. Carlos went through the crack in the wall.

Now it was night. Carlos was not a rabbit anymore. He was a prince again. He told his brothers all about Marisol. But the brothers told Carlos something bad. The King wanted Carlos to marry a different princess. Carlos was very sad.

Carlos told his brothers about Princess Marisol.

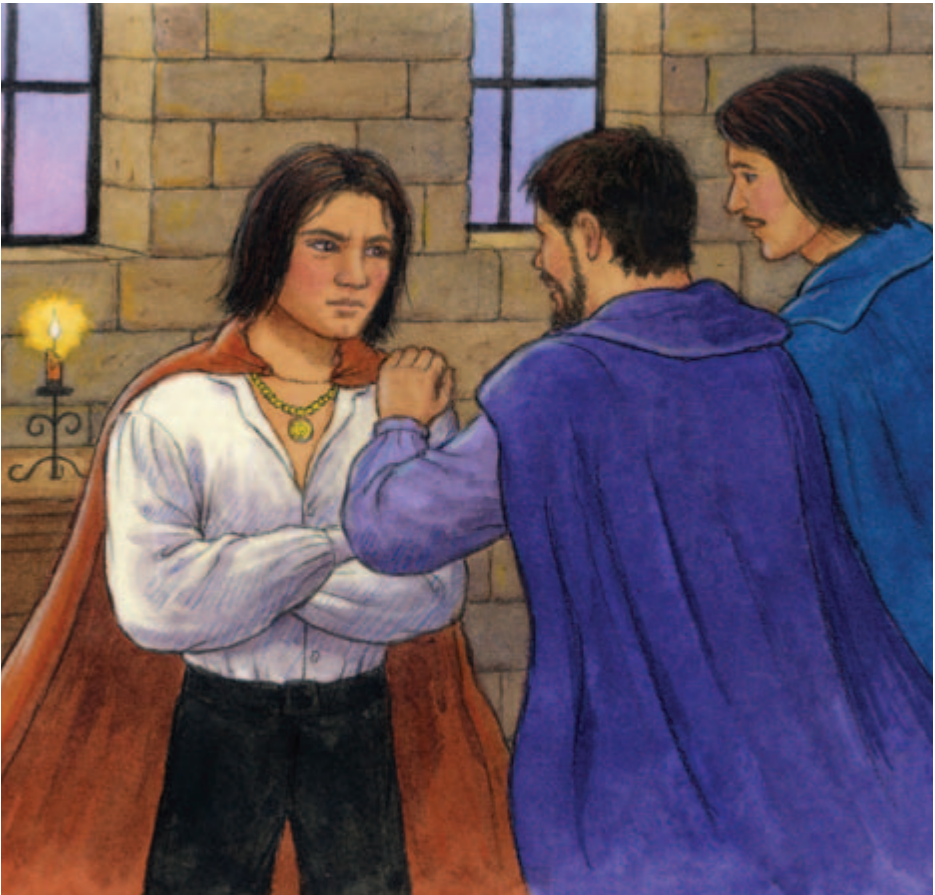


🔊 “I will not marry the other Princess,” Carlos said. “I will marry Marisol!”

“Our father will not let you marry Marisol,” said Oscar.

“I will marry Marisol,” Carlos said again.

🔊 Carlos did not want to marry the other princess.





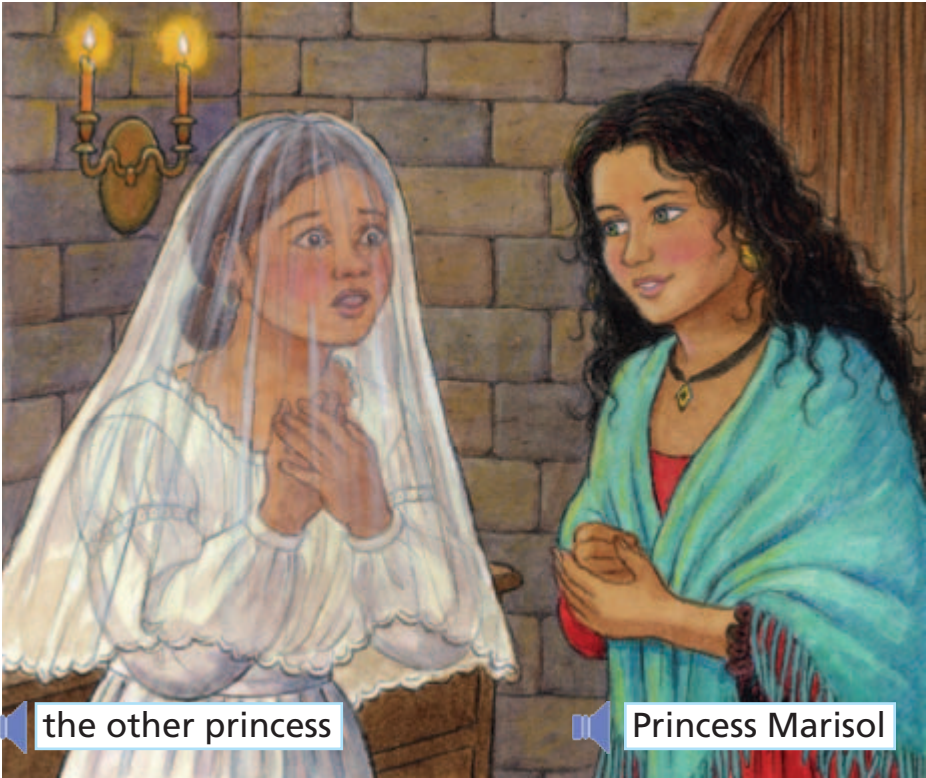
castle

Princess Marisol

Princess Marisol went to the castle. She wanted to stop the wedding!

Marisol heard that Carlos had to marry another princess. She said, “The wedding will happen tonight. I must do something fast!”

Marisol went to the castle. Marisol talked to the other princess.



the other princess

Princess Marisol

Marisol told the other princess that Carlos was a rabbit.

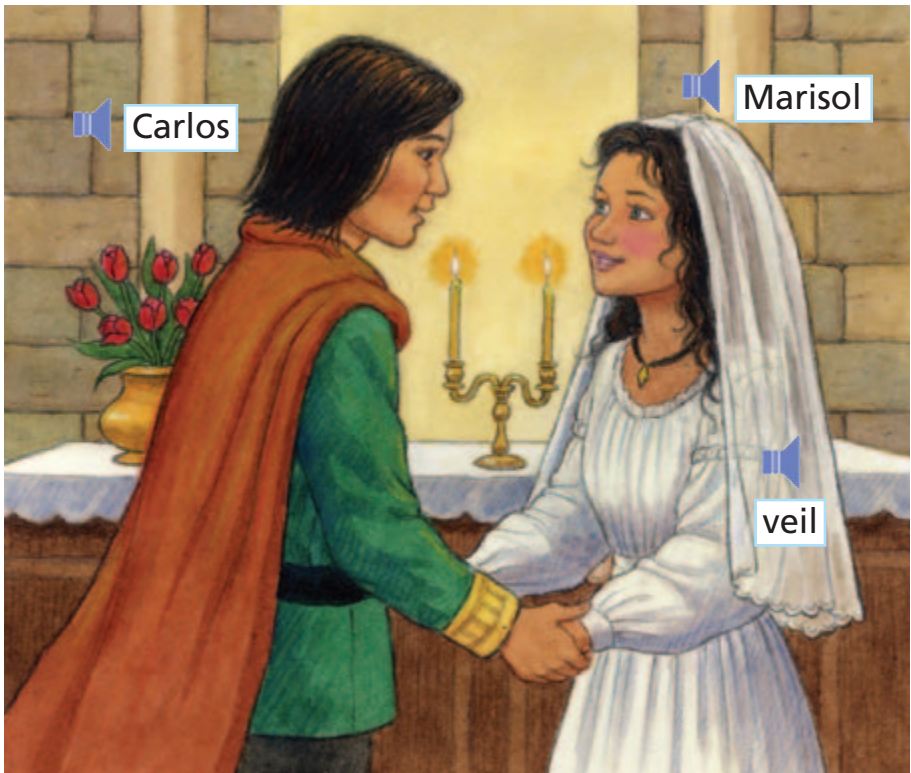
“The King **concealed**, or hid, the truth,” Marisol told the other princess. “I must tell you the secret. Every day, Prince Carlos turns into a rabbit. He is only a prince at night.”

“Oh, no!” said the other princess. “The King has tricked me! I will not marry a rabbit! What can I do?”

🔊 Marisol said, “I will marry him instead of you. You can run away.”

The other princess gave her dress to Marisol. Marisol put on the dress and went to the wedding to marry Carlos. When Marisol lifted her veil, Carlos saw she was the right princess! Carlos was surprised. He was so happy!

🔊 Carlos married Marisol!



🔊 The King was very angry. But Carlos and Marisol were **overjoyed**. They smiled and smiled. Then the King smiled too. He waved his wand. “My sons will not be rabbits anymore,” he said. Everyone at the wedding was happy!

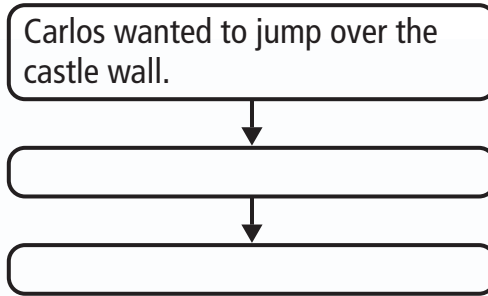


Responding



TARGET SKILL Sequence of Events

What happens first, next, and last in this story? Copy the chart below. Then fill in the story events. Write them in the order they take place. Add more boxes if needed.



Write About It

Text to Text What other fairy tales have you read about someone who was put under a spell? Write a paragraph comparing this story to the other story you read.



TARGET VOCABULARY

concealed

content

glimmering

overjoyed

served

task

valuable

worn



TARGET SKILL **Sequence of Events**

Tell the order in which things happen.



TARGET STRATEGY **Analyze/Evaluate**

Tell how you feel about the text, and why.



GENRE A **fantasy** is a story that could not happen in real life.

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