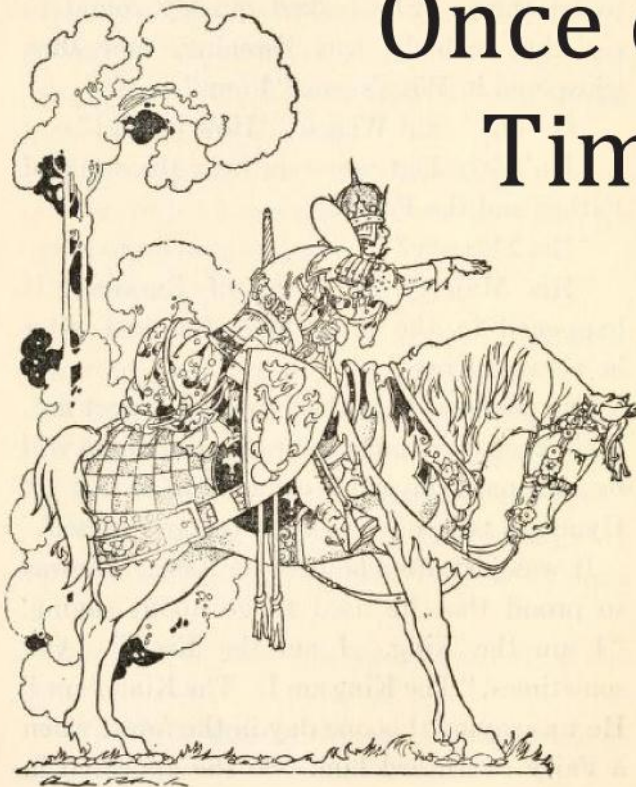


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By A. A. Milne (1882-1956)

When the King of Barodia receives a pair of seven-league boots as a birthday present, his habit of flying over the King of Euralia's castle during breakfast provokes a series of incidents which escalate into war. While the King of Euralia is away, his daughter Hyacinth tries to rule in his stead and counter the machiavellian ambitions of the king's favourite, the Countess Belvane. Ostensibly a typical fairytale, it tells the story of the war between the kingdoms of Euralia and Barodia and the political shenanigans which take place in Euralia in the king's absence. The book introduces us to a princess who is far from helpless; a prince who, whilst handsome, is also pompous and vain; an enchantment which is almost entirely humorous; a villain who is not entirely villainous and receives no real comeuppance; a good king who isn't always good; an evil king who isn't always evil, and so on. The result is a book which children may not enjoy as much as adults. The book was written by Milne partly for his wife, upon whom the character of the Countess Belvane was partially based. (Summary from Wikipedia)

Cast:

Narration: Bob Neufeld ★ King Merriwig: Mark F. Smith ★ Princess Hyacinth: Karen Savage ★ Countess Belvane: Catharine Eastman ★ Prince Udo: Peter Eastman ★ Duke Coronel: Glenn Simonsen ★ Wiggs: Arielle Lipshaw ★ Woggs: Karen Savage ★ King of Barodia: Roger Melin ★ Chancellor of Barodia: Robert Keiper ★ Chancellor of Euralia: Denny Sayers ★ Fairy: Neeru Iyer ★ Old Woman: Catharine Eastman ★ Attendant: Arielle Lipshaw ★ Carlo, Men of Euralia, Captain of Archers, Flunkey: David Lawrence ★ Lookout, Cautious voice, Messenger, Wizard, Sentry: Barry Eads

Total running time: 5:23:27. Audio edited by Barry Eads. Proof-Listeners: Joy Easton & Arielle Lipshaw. Meta-Coordinator/Cataloging: Barry Eads.

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