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## Storytime



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Have you heard of the Owl's treasure Mariola? No? Wonderful! Then I have an incredible story for you! Sit down, make yourself comfortable! Unlock the eavesdroppers because you've never heard a story like this.

You surely have heard it before! Once upon a time, there was a country called Midland. In this country lived many beautiful creatures. Dwarves, Gorgons, noble knights, and gruesome warriors! This land has been home to the most wonderful mythical creatures you can imagine. A dragon also lived in this land besides the smallfolk and the large folk and mermaids, gruesome orcs, and brave warriors.

As befits the dragon nature, this dragon loved to collect. When a dragon collects, it does not do this like a human. We're not talking about postage stamps or porcelain dolls. The dragon was also not interested in old railways or rare crystals. No, the dragon Adugur had a very special passion. He was collecting treasures. Whether precious stones, copper coins, gold coins, silver bars, or fine jewelry - Adugur hoarded everything that glittered and was just somehow unique and expensive.



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But he was not alone in this. Someone else loved to collect in this land. We are talking about the Owl Mariola. Mariola was one of the oldest creatures in the country.

She had seen and heard much. And to satisfy her passion for collecting, she flew wide circles around the country, always searching for new treasures.

Now, of course, one would like to think that a dragon with mighty wings flies itself through the country to gather new treasures for their collection. Unfortunately, I have to disappoint you because dragons also have a character trait that we haven't heard much about, in addition to their obsession with collecting things.

Dragons are very lazy.

They love nothing more than lying, sleeping, and not moving all day between their collections. As a result, many dragons only have minimal collections. And small collections don't make you happy, right?



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So it is not surprising that one day the dragon Adugur heard from a friend of his that the Owl Mariola had the largest and most beautiful collection in the whole of Midland . It was so beautiful and so big that no one knew exactly how many pieces of jewelry, coins, and other valuable items she owned.

Adugur was immediately very interested because that was the only chance he had to get the country's largest and most beautiful collection. All dragons would envy him for this treasure! And since he only had to fly off once or twice to get this treasure, it was also associated with minimal effort, which of course, the lazy dragon liked very much.

And so, the dragon forged a plan for how to get the collection from Mariola.

He watched the Owl circling the country for days to find new pieces to add to her collection. Sometimes she was on the road for three days, then again only for one. Adugur could never say exactly when she would be back. So he came up with a ruse.

He talked to the little animals who lived near Mariola's cave. He told them about a beautiful stone that lay in a meadow on the far edge of the country, and nobody wanted it. He described the stone in the most stunning colors because he knew that would pique the Owl's interest. And, of course, what he hoped for happened. The little animals told Mariola about the stone, and she immediately flew off to find it.



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The dragon knew, of course, that she would be away for many days because this stone did not exist. He was sure that the curious Owl would look for the stone for a while anyway, which gave him time to get the treasure she had amassed out of the cave and into his castle.

As soon as Mariola was out of sight, Adugur hurried off and went into the Owl's den, gathered up all the treasures he could carry, and flew them to his old castle. Then he came back, picked up some more jewelry, and flew back to his castle. He did that for two days until the cave of Mariola was empty.

It took several days before the Owl came back. She was shocked to find that her collection had disappeared and the small animals, who were very afraid of the dragon, told her what had happened. They were sad that they had fallen for the dragon's ruse.

Mariola knew that she had no chance against the dragon because he was big and strong. And so the Owl spread the message that whoever managed to enter the castle of Adugur and bring back the treasure, she would share her collection with.

And so it happened that many brave wanderers went on their way to get Mariola's treasure back. They all failed, and it quickly became clear that the many traps and puzzles that the dragon had set on the way to his castle could not be overcome alone.

Only the bravest, most skillful, brightest fighters should dare to oppose it.



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And so, all helpers had to pass a test that Mariola even imposed on the brave wanderers herself. Anyone who passed this test and proved that they were a good team received from Mariola significant help.

Because what the dragon does not know is that the story he had made up was not true, but Mariola had other treasures that she had stored in a secret hiding place that the dragon had not found.

In this hiding place, she had many beautiful things that she would give as gifts to the warriors and knights if they were up to the task. The hikers had a very good chance of defeating the kite and getting the treasure back with these things.

But unfortunately, nobody had managed to recapture the treasure of the Owl.

