

The One-Wish Well

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Once upon a time
In the days of Make Believe
There stood an ancient castle
Where a greedy King did live.

He had a fair young daughter
And a very bright young son
And employed an elder wizard
Whose magic was all gone.

Nearby there lived a dragon
Whose fire had long burned out
Pursued by an aged knight
Whose bravery was in doubt.

And in the castle court
Amongst the flowering plant
There stood a Wishing Well
With just one wish to grant.

The son would want a friend
If but one wish he could have
The daughter, eternal beauty
The knight to be young and brave.

The King would wish for treasures
Gold from wall to wall
The wizard, renewed magic
The dragon, to eat them all.

So the King called all to meet
Within his council hall,
And asked, "With just one wish
How can we please us all?"

Moral — One wish may spoil another — or — A happy dragon means an empty castle.



The best idea by far
Was concocted by the son
"I'll wish all wishes granted
And get them all in one!"

So the son received his wish
And a playmate he did have
The daughter owned timeless beauty
And the knight grew young and brave.

The King received his riches
Jewels filled his every hall
The wizard was granted magic
And the dragon ate them all!

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Bee Stings Are you allergic to them?

An interview with Dr. Cameron Luck of the Metropolitan Clinic

Stung is a good word to describe what it feels like when a bee uses his "tail" to protect himself. He sticks his stinger into your skin. For most people the sting hurts, swells a little and gets red. This can last for one or two days. For other people the reaction to a sting is much worse.

When a bee stings, he injects venom into your body. Your body instantly sends its fighter chemicals to help. These fighter chemicals are called histamines (HISS-TUH-MEENS).

For people who get a bad reaction to a bee sting, the results are much worse than just red, itching skin. They have trouble breathing, feel a tightness in their chests, find it hard to swallow and feel like their skin is cold and sticky, sometimes called clammy. When this happens, they need to see a doctor immediately.

Each person is different. If people in your family react badly to bee stings, it



doesn't mean you will have a bad reaction. But if no one in your family has ever had a bad reaction, you still might get sick when a bee stings you.

If you do get stung and the stinger is stuck in your skin, clean the area with rubbing alcohol and carefully remove the stinger with tweezers. Putting ice on the

sting will help it to feel better and may reduce swelling. Some doctors recommend taking an allergy pill, an antihistamine.

If within an hour after your bee sting you have trouble breathing, your chest feels tight or you can't swallow easily, call your doctor.

When you get a bee sting, your body stores away histamines to fight off future stings. That means that each time you are stung, your reaction may be worse.

So stay away from bees. They can fight back!

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