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Chapter one: an unhappy king

Genesis 6:1-8 fairy tale edit

Once upon a time there lived a people, a people much like you and I, who were blessed with a bounty of children. Among them, there were born several baby girls with whom our story begins.



וַיְהִי כִּי־הָחַל הָאָדָם לָרֹב עַל־פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה וּבָנוּת יִלְדוּ לָהֶם:



*Years went by and men
from the neighbouring
magical kingdom saw how
beautiful the girls had
become. Undoubtedly thanks
to the men's angelic
countenances, they succeeded
in their bids for marriage.
Wedding bells filled the city.*



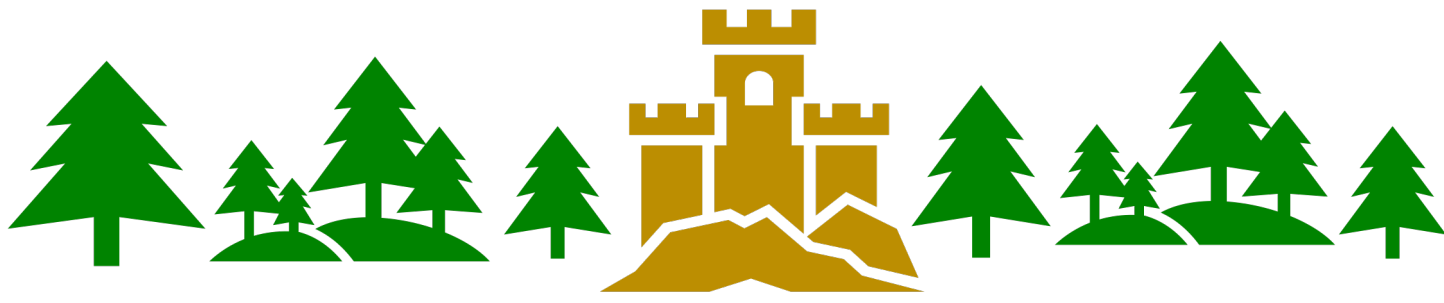
וַיֵּרְאוּ בְנֵי־הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־כְּנוֹת הָאָדָם כִּי טֹבֹת הֵנָּה וַיִּקְחוּ לָהֶם נָשִׁים מִכָּל אֲשֶׁר בָּחָרוּ:



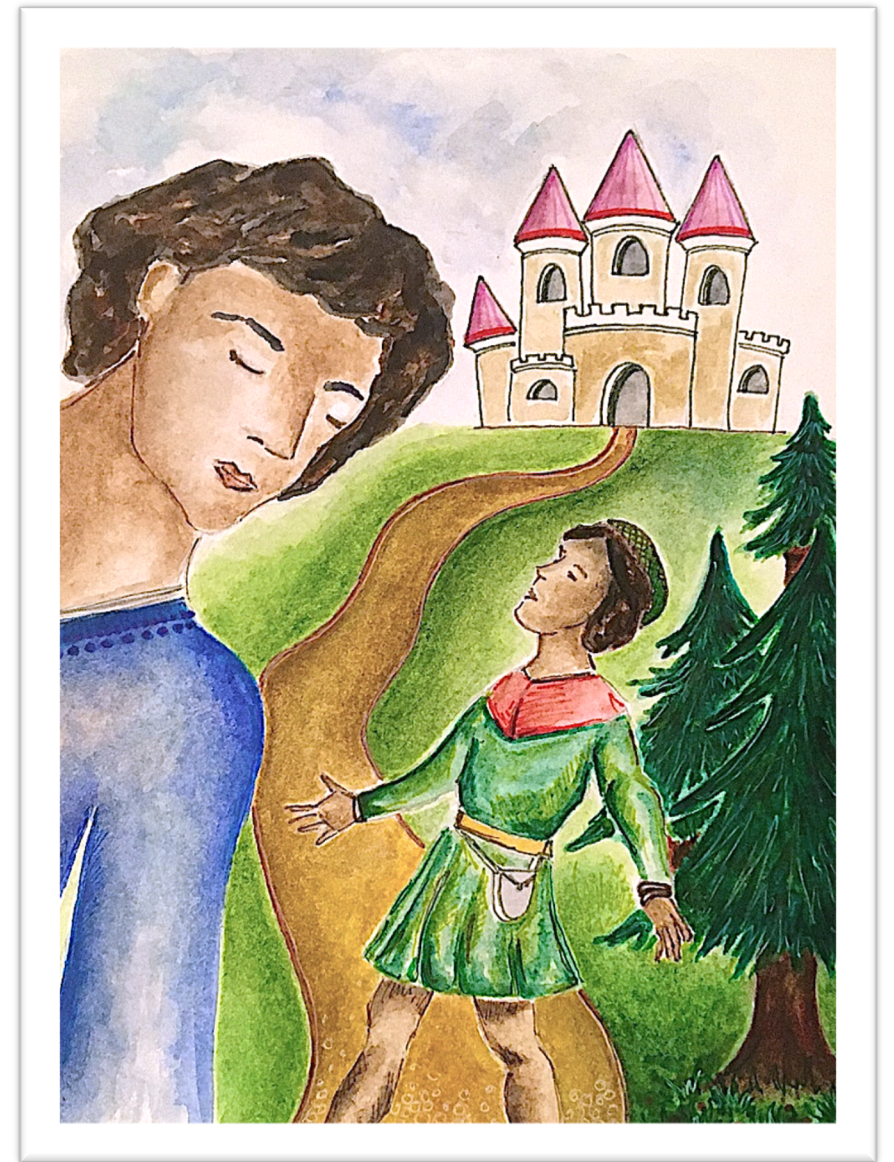
But the people's king was not happy: the suitors had not asked his permission to marry the women. Once news of these unlawful unions had reached him, the king gave a public decree. He warned, "any children of these marriages are hereby banished from the realm".

Without the spirit of the kingdom to support them, he hoped that the children would become weak and die before their 120th birthdays (which in those days of old, was a harsh fate to any).

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה לֹא-יָדוֹן רוּחִי בָאָדָם לְעֹלָם בְּשָׁגִם הוּא בָּשָׂר וְהָיוּ יָמָיו מֵאָה וְעֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה:



The children of the dishonourable unions, now unprotected, left the kingdom. As luck would have it however, they met with a group of mighty giants, themselves fallen creatures banished from the kingdom years before, who offered them a new home. The children had heard stories of these giants, the so-called Nephilim, and so chose to stay with them.



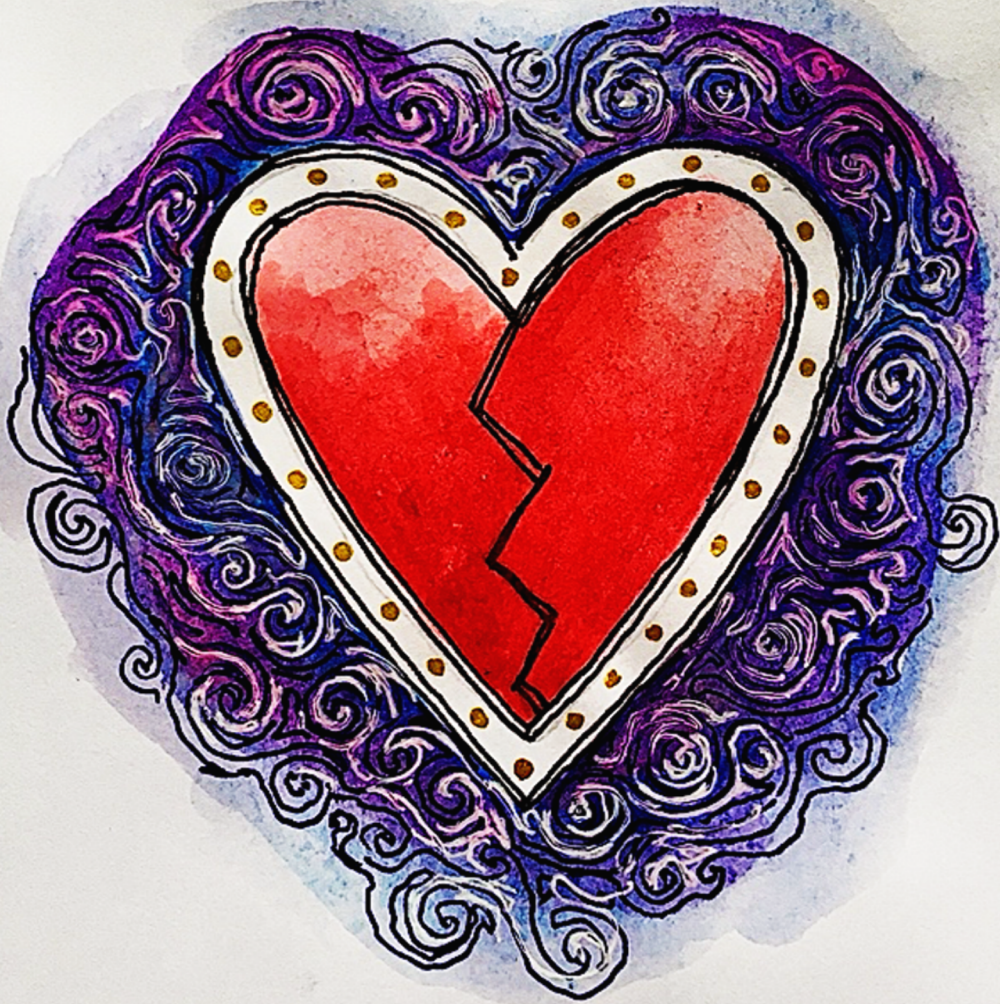
הַנְּפִלִים הָיוּ בָּאָרֶץ בְּיָמֵם הָהֵם וְגַם אַחֲרֵי־כֵן אֲשֶׁר יָבֹאוּ בְּנֵי הָאֱלֹהִים אֶל־בָּנוֹת
הָאָדָם וַיֵּלְדוּ לָהֶם הֵמָּה הַגִּבּוֹרִים אֲשֶׁר מֵעוֹלָם אֲנָשֵׁי הַנֶּשֶׁם: פ

However, when the king heard of the children's settlement with the giants, he grew angrier than ever. He saw that the wickedness of the realm was great and that its people had gone against everything his kingdom stood for.

וַיֵּרָא יְהוָה כִּי רַבָּה רָעַת הָאָדָם בְּאֶרֶץ וְכָל
-יֵצֶר מִחֲשַׁבַּת לְבָבוֹ רַק רַע כָּל-הַיּוֹם:

The king regretted leading such a corrupt people. He had loved his nation once and so it pained his heart greatly to see them like this.

וַיִּנָּחֵם יְהוָה כִּי-עָשָׂה אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּאֶרֶץ
וַיִּתְּעַצֵּב אֶל-לְבָבוֹ:



Feeling responsible for so much depravity, he knew what he had to do. He admitted to himself that he must destroy the kingdom, the settlement, and all the creatures that lived there. He was sorry for fashioning such a wicked people.

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֲמַחֶה אֶת־הָאָדָם אֲשֶׁר־בָּרָאתִי מֵעַל
פְּנֵי הָאֲדָמָה מֵאָדָם עַד־בְּהֵמָה עַד־רֶמֶשׂ וְעַד־עוֹף
הַשָּׁמַיִם כִּי נַחֲמָתִי כִּי עָשִׂיתָם



But there was
one man who
still enjoyed the
king's favour.
His name was
Noah.

וְנֹחַ מָצָא חֵן בְּעֵינֵי
יְהוָה: פ

