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## The Wicked Villain

In *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, the Wicked Witch of the West is one of the most feared characters in the land. She rules over the Winkies and controls a vast army, including flying monkeys and fierce wolves. Unlike Glinda, the Good Witch, who uses kindness and wisdom, the Wicked Witch of the West relies on fear and cruelty to maintain her power.

From the moment Dorothy arrives in Oz, the Wicked Witch sees her as a threat. Dorothy's house lands on the Wicked Witch of the East, Dorothy unknowingly freeing the Munchkins from her rule. The Wicked Witch of the West wants revenge, but more than anything, she wants Dorothy's magical silver shoes. She believes that with their power, she can become even stronger and rule all of Oz.

The Wicked Witch does everything she can to stop Dorothy and her friends. She sends flying monkeys to capture them, locks Dorothy in her castle, and tries to take the silver shoes by force. However, despite all her threats, she is not as powerful as she seems. The Witch is terrified of water, which turns out to be her greatest weakness. In a moment of anger, Dorothy throws a bucket of water on her, causing her to melt away.

The Wicked Witch of the West is more than just a villain—she represents fear, greed, and the misuse of power. She is a symbol of people who try to control others through threats instead of kindness. However, the story teaches an important lesson: fear and cruelty can be defeated. Just like Dorothy, people can stand up to their fears and find the courage to do what is right.