

Name _____



The Red Shoes

Once upon a time in a small village, there lived a young orphan girl named Karen. She was known for her beauty and her love for dancing. One day, she came across a pair of red shoes in a shoemaker's shop. The shoes were unlike any she had ever seen before, and she longed to have them.

Karen saved every penny she earned and eventually bought the red shoes. As soon as she put them on, she felt a strange sensation. The shoes seemed to take control of her, and Karen found herself dancing uncontrollably. No matter how hard she tried, she couldn't stop.

The red shoes continued to dance, leading Karen through forests, across fields, and into towns and villages. She danced through day and night, unable to rest or remove the shoes. People stared at her with a mix of wonder and fear as she twirled and leaped.

Desperate and exhausted, Karen sought help from an old soldier who lived in the forest. He advised her to go to the church and seek the aid of the village's spiritual leader. Karen followed his advice, and the spiritual leader told her to pray for forgiveness and ask for the shoes to be removed.

Karen prayed earnestly, and at last, the red shoes stopped dancing. But her suffering was not over. The shoes were removed from her feet, but they continued to dance on their own, away from Karen.

Regretful and penitent, Karen went through a period of hardship and suffering, serving as a lesson to others about the dangers of vanity and the consequences of her actions. She learned that true beauty came from within, and material possessions should never come before one's character.

