

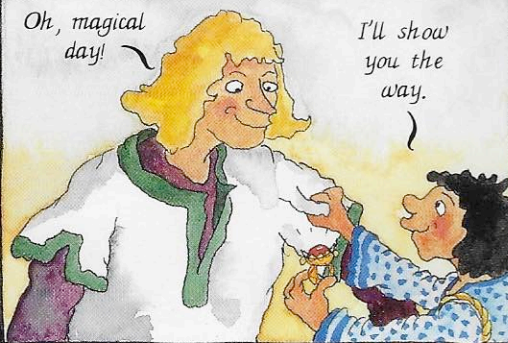
# PRINCESS ELAINE



Sweet, sweet Guinevere!

Sweet, sweet Lancelot.

While Sir Lancelot regained his strength at King Pelles' Castle, he thought only of Queen Guinevere. But as each day passed, the fair Princess Elaine fell more and more in love with Lancelot.



Desperate to win his love, Elaine asked her father's enchantress, Dame Brisen, to help her.

A ring, resembling Guinevere's, was given to Lancelot, with a message that she was close by.

Making haste to join the Queen, Lancelot was met by Dame Brisen, with a magic potion.



So not until morning did he realize that it was Elaine, not his Queen, he had held in his arms. Furious, he raised his sword to kill her, but she begged for mercy.

She told Lancelot she was destined to bear his son, Galahad, so he spared Elaine's life. But, maddened by his dishonour, he roamed the land for two years.



Meanwhile, Elaine gave birth to their son, Galahad, who it was said would find the mystical Grail and so save Britain from plague and famine.

Although Elaine loved her son, she pined so for Sir Lancelot that she was soon close to death. Calling her father, she made one last request, which he fulfilled.



Elaine's body was placed in a black barge and set on the river to Camelot. So it was that as Lancelot returned to Camelot he saw Elaine drift towards him. Sadly, he took her body from the barge and buried her close by, so that she would be for ever near him, as was her wish.



It was with a heavy heart that Sir Lancelot took his seat again at the Round Table and recounted his adventures. He feared Queen Guinevere's displeasure but, on seeing the sadness in his eyes, she forgave him, and King Arthur praised his bravery.