



Fundacja Zamek w Goli

Three Maids from Gola



A tiny, but beautifully designed castle is located near Niemcza. It is called Gola.

Once upon a time its Master marched out with his troops to face his enemy whose armies were invading neighbouring villages. As he departed the castle, the Master left behind three beautiful daughters. The girls had many great talents including sewing, spinning and embroidery. They contented themselves by sitting at the window of their home doing needlework. They merrily sang songs and often looked into the far horizon hoping their father would return one day victorious from battle.

Suddenly, they spotted something so terrible, perhaps even the greatest fear of their lives. It was the army of the enemy. Quickly, the girls ran downstairs and hid in the castle basement hoping the barrels of wine, honey and beer would give them shelter. There, the girls found a secret room where they decided to hide. The girls ordered the servant to lock the doors tight so they would not be found by enemy soldiers. The servant fulfilled their request and returned to the ground floor where he opened the castle gates to the uninvited guests. The invaders had a day-long party at Gola. They ate all the meat, drank all the wine and then started a search for the girls. But the girls could not be found so the soldiers left at sunset, taking the servant with them.

Months passed before the servant managed to escape from the enemy camp and return to Gola. He rushed into the basement and unlocked the secret door. But it was too late. All he discovered were the bodies of the three dead girls. They had all died from starvation and thirst.



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Sometimes three white maids can be seen in the park surrounding Gola Castle. The ghosts run through the trees singing a very sad song. These ghosts are the souls of the three girls from Gola lamenting their poor fate.

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