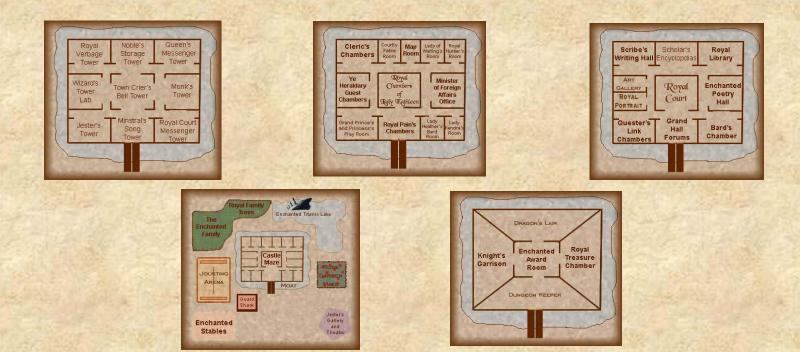
# The Royal Courtly Table



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#### Preface

This is one of those once upon a time stories, which happens to be true. This is a story that has its ups and downs as well as its good and it bad parts. May perhaps we should call it the never-ending-story as well, because as long as the author lives, then so does the fable.

All of her life, Lady Kathleen had dreamed of living in a long ago realm where there were Kings and Queens as well as friendly Dragons. And the lands were filled with Knights and Wizards. Where she would live in a wonderful castle, now the castle did not have to be huge, just medieval style. Of course the wars would be left to the men to fight if they must, but it would be my preference that there were no real wars, just more the friendly jousts and festivals.

Well this fable is the life span of Lady Kathleen, where the base of the fable is true, it has been fabled to make it enjoyable.



This book is based on some true events, however, has been fictionalized and all persons appearing in this work are fictitious. Any resemblance to real people, living or dead, is entirely coincidental.

#### Charter One

Once upon a time there was a lady fair with hair of golden red that doth wonder about a most beautiful realm. In her realm she doth reside with her Royal parents and her wicked brother. Of course all brothers are wicked to their sisters.

The Queen mother was said to be a "Class In Her Own Time", and this doth enchant the young princess. Most of her young life this princess doth notice that she looks much like the Queen mother. During her early years the young Princess only hopes that she too can stay as ageless and timeless as her mother hath done.

The King, the hath flown the sky on Dragons wings during the time the princess hath grown up. During the times that he doth rest his magnificent silver beast he doth spent time with the family. And at times his doth lovingly spoil the princess with his full attention. Both her parents hath taught the young princess many things in her young life. First and foremost, how to love and respect others.

But then sneaking around the realm was that older brother of hers. He was always getting the princess in trouble with the King and Queen. Once such time the Prince doth thought of himself a wizard. Well, he still thinks himself a "Magicman". He hath gotten a hold of the Queens magic face adornments and mystical perfumes and proceeded to mix them up. Hark he hears a commotion just a short distance away. He doth sneak away to the bed chambers, leaving behind all evidence of what he hath done. A short time later, the King and Queen doth awaken the Prince and Princess. They were told to follow them, and on the way the Prince told his sister, "Tell them thou did it, or else!"

Well the Princess spoke up and lied. She did so, as she was more scare of the Prince Brother than the hand of the King. But fear not the Princess doth got her own back at the Prince. Later, years later, the Princess confided to the Queen

Mother that most things she doth claim to do, was not herself, but in fact the Prince's deeds. The Queen doth believed her and for a long time after that, the Prince's deeds and the ones the Princess really did, were the Prince's responsibility.



#### Chapter Two

During the years to come in the Magical Realm things started to crumb apart. All that was the Princesses happy life, started to fall apart. The King and Queen came upon troubled times and were soon parted.

The Princess was heartbroken as she thought at that time she was the cause of it all and because she was still young and knew no better. The Princess had witnessed a deed and when she proclaimed it must be mended it seemed as if that was the beginning of the end of this realm. Shortly after it was proclaimed by the Queen that the Prince and Princess were to go with the King to a far of land leaving the Queen behind.

While in this far off land the Princess started her search, but she doth not know what she was in search of. As she was still in her teens she doth not know her own self yet. She wanted to find the love that she felt when she was younger, but she doth looked in the wrong places. She doth became a wild one for a time.

At first the Princess was just wild, and then she got wild about jousting Knights and ran into this first Knight. During one such joust there came along this Knight with his red flaming hair. The Princess hath dubbed him "Sir Red". Sir Red doth ask to court the Princess.

At that time thou would have seen the Princess taken to several the ball dances where she doth dance the night away. This was a time of merriment and fun. Later in time there were plans made to wed, but the King put his foot down and soon put a stop to this, as the King felt his princess was to young to even think about such things at her age.

Later the parents of Sir Red were taken by dragons to another realm. The dragons also took the Knight with them far away across the great seas. All seemed lost for the Princess, or so it seems, but that will be revealed

later in this fable.



#### Chapter Three

Suddenly in the young princess' young life came a Knight that doth stole the Princess away from the King. This Knight shalt be known as "Sir Fish" Nothing was going to stop this Knight as taking the Princess as his bride. Sir Fish had hidden the princess away from King's realm and no wizard could track her. The King doth looked for long days for the princess to no avail.

The Princess hath thought this was very romantic at the time so she went along with the plan, and maybe to spite the King's new Queen. And the new Queen was in fact worse than Cinderella's wicked step-mother. The King finally relented he search and shortly after Knight and the Princess were wed.

The Princess now became the Queen of the Knight's realm. Things were not perfect, but the new Queen was not going to give up on her dreams, she was determined to make things right. Also the new Queen believed, at that time, that once wed, it would be forever. For in fact the New Queen lived her life as a fairytale and truly believed that her new life would be forever. And for a while all was good in Lady Kathleen's realm.

After a few years went by, the Queen was expecting. Then came the beautiful little baby girl, Rebecca. This was a time in the Queen's life that was filled with the joy of motherhood. This wonderfully cute baby girl was filled with laughter and merriment. The Queen spent many long days playing and teaching this wonderful child. The Queen now had her own little Princess. Also the Queen did spoil the little Princess too much, as she wanted the Princesse' life to be happy a filled with laughter.

Three years after the birth of the Princess, came the handsome Prince. With the coming of the Prince the first few years were joyful. The young Princess would watch over her little brother, to make sure that no harm would come to him. She even did all him talking. The Princess did that so well that the handsome Prince did not say a word until he was over two years of age. And even then he did not say much he somehow managed to let everyone know what he wanted. Whereas the Princess is bold and will talk to anyone and all the time the Prince is very shy and quiet and would hide behind the Queen shirts when confronted by a stranger.

The New Queen, Lady Kathleen doth spend many years raising her Prince and Princess. Then suddenly the realm was filled with tragedy that doth befall the Kingdom.

The King doth consume the Ale and the Ale made him like a wild mad Bull. And when the King was in such a state, he would direct it toward the Queen. Then one day the same fate hath befallen the princess and so Queen fled into the night with her children in tow.





### Chapter Four

During the time the King was being a Bull, the Queen was captured by a Black Knight Sir Alfred. Sir Alfred acted like her knight in shining armor that came to save her from the evil King.

After Sir Alfred saved her from the evil King, the Queen was given passage to her home land and she thought that was the last she would see of her Knight in Shining Armor. But after months hath past, Sir Alfred made contact with the Queen and asked for her hand in marriage.

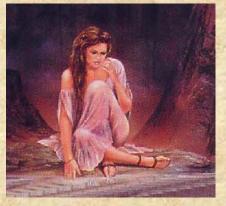
Things started out wonderful and this was even the time when the Enchanted Castles was built. But then Sir Alfred changed and he started with little things like making the Queen's children feel as they were not welcome in this realm. He started playing mind games with the Queen and started making her feel she was nothing but a servant in his life.

The Queen could not bear the Black Knight a child, and even though the Black Knight knew this fact when they wed and always proclaimed that it did not matter. The Queen soon found out it really did matter. Soon the Queen found her life to be miserable and was very mistreated and abused by the Black Knight as well.

The Queen gathered her children and fled. The Black Knight in his greed took the Queen to the Royal Courts of the land trying to lay claim even to the children's toys. The Royal Judge proclaimed him a greed filled man and settled the matter the best they could.

To the Queen's surprise a few months later while she was taking schooling from the wizards. She doth run into this Black Knight and his new lady. His Lady was with child and to all calculations of the stars, this new lady was the Black Knight mistress and this was the reason the Queen's life was made miserable. The Black Knight in his greed had wanted this child that was conceived during her marriage.

It was later known to the Queen that the Black Knight's greed got the better of him as his new lady mistress had allowed him t o pay to the birth of her child then she ran away with the child, but that is another story.



#### Chapter Five

A few years later, who doth ride his gallant horse back into the Queen's life?? It was none other than the First Prince "Sir Red". The queen resisted his advances at first and kept telling him she did not feel she loved him enough to marry him. But he was a silver tongued knight and never relented. After a time the queen gave up and let him into her life. He flew her away on dragon wings to the land of Enchantment where the Excalibur was known to reside. After a short ceremony they had a feast and attended the local joust.

Time went by and even though the queen tried with all her heart to make things right, she always felt there was something terribly wrong. Even though the Queen spent some happy years with her first Prince, she soon found out you can't go back in time, and time had changed them both. And as time goes on the Queen decided to bear her discontent for the children's sake.

By this time the Princess and Prince were much older and the Queen doth find it harder to know what to do to make her children's lives better than her own. But the Queen hath been proud of them not matter what hath befall their lives. Mistress Rebecca & Master Jon would soon be leaving the Queen for their own adventures in life. They will find it is a hard road, but they both know that whatever befalls them they have their Mother's Love and Support and she will do whatever is in her power to help them on their roads they take.

Then suddenly one day the castle was raided and set afire. The queen's life was falling all around her. She walked up to Sir Red and wanted nothing more than to be comforted and said, "What will we do?" Sir Red replied, "Just Shut Up Wench" Right then the Queen could take no more and said "Off with his head"

The Queen took what little was left, which amounted to her children, some clothes then flew away on dragons wings.



## Chapter Six

This is the part of the Queen's life where her life should have become enchanted and where the Enchanted Castle truly should have became the "Enchanted" Castle.

After three Kings in her life and tragedy hath befall them all, the Queen was determined to spend her life alone. Until one night.....

During a summer party in the Land of Enchantment, a friend come running to the Queen's side, saying, "You just must meet my friend. He just came back home."

That is how it started!!!!

Sir Dale took her hand and said, "Care to dance??"

The Queen placed her hand in his, was escorted to the dance floor. The Knight danced with ease, and sang a song as he spun the Queen across the dance floor. Unknown to the Queen until later that eve, the Knight was another's escort for the evening.

In later days the Queen hath seen the Knight at gala festivals, but she hath never told of her feelings to this Knight. During a later gala festival, the Knight hath much ale he doth consume!!! This Knight, Sir Dale, doth tipped his crown, and doth conceal the Queen and himself behind the brim. And gently whispered, "When thou art free, I would like to date thee."

The Queen thinking the ale was talking and knowing by this time she was nine years his elder said, "Doth thou know how old I am? Sir Dale responded, "Yes, and it matters NOT, I really want to be with thee."

Then he kissed her softly. The party resumed, as the Knight danced and sang to the Queen when he could. On the morrow, the Queen doth ride to the realm of the Knight, to ask a simple question. "Were ye serious last night, or was it the Ale talking?"

The Knight's response was, "Whatever I said last night was true, the Ale just gave me courage to say them to thee!"

What was supposed to be a short visit, but lasted for hours as the couple talked about many things.

They got married in the Sunken Gardens of the Land of Enchantment This was a gala event in the Land of Enchantment. Now if there was an ending it should have been They Lived happily ever after..... But that is NOT HOW IT IS



#### Chapter Seven

As you know if you have been reading this story up to now, the Queen did not live happily ever after. Now for a while things seemed to be going fine and even when the Queen's step daughter came to live with them things seemed to be going well. But little did the Queen know that evil lurked just around the corner and within her own realm. But I am getting a bit ahead of myself.

At the time the King and Queen were married the Queen owned a shop that provided entertainment for many travelers of the realm. The King found he loved the shop and began helping when and where he could in the shop. The son also loved to help in the shop. So all was well in the Land of Enchantment.

Suddenly the King proclaimed the shop had to be sold and we were to move to a Realm closer to his sister as his sister had wonderful things for them all. So the shop was put up for sale to its previous owners and off the King, Queen and son moved to a new Realm.

Little did the King and Queen know at the time, but the Evil Court Lawyer was double crossing the Queen and the shop was not sold but it was stolen by the lawyer and the previous owners and the now large debt owed was still owed by the Queen. This made the Queen in a penniless state.

And if this was not bad enough they arrived to the new realm only to find the sister had lied. There were no new and wonderful things waiting for them in this new realm. The evil sister now proclaimed her new intentions. She wanted slaves to do her bidding. The evil sister had wanted a maid and handyman for her realm and nothing more. Well the Queen stomped her foot down and said she was having no part of this and convinced her King it was better to live in the poor house than to be his sister's slave.

So the King and Queen and the children found an old house and started a new life. And life was not bad for, hard yes but not bad. After a few years and things got better the King and Queen found a new and wonderful Victorian Realm to call home. Soon after moving the son was of a rebellious age and managed to get himself into some trouble. In order to keep him out of total trouble he moved away from home for a while.

After a while news had arrived at the castle of the King's daughter, so the Queen set out to locate her Step-daughter for her King. When she was found this poor

child had been abused by others so the Queen soon took control of things and brought this young child to live in the new Realm.

At the point this child came to visit in the enchanted realm we lived in a very large Victorian Castle and she soon claimed a large chamber for herself. For many years all seemed happy in this new Realm and even the son came home to live again within the realm.

Then suddenly the King again proclaimed it was time to move. This time they were to move near his father's realm and again there were wonderful plans ahead. The King had enlisted in a new job and they were going to relocate the family. The family even was to have a new house waiting for them in this new realm.

Well once the Queen moved and saw the house for the first time she cried. She had given up her beautiful Victorian house for this small dwelling that was just barely fit to even call a house. The Queen was dismayed but decided to make the best of thing a make this house a home. Soon after that the son went off to war, so the only ones left were the King and Queen and the King's daughter which was now about teen-aged.

For the next year there were things that happened that did not seem right, it was nothing the Queen could put her finger on, just mostly feeling that things were just not right. The King had lost his job, but it was something more than that. As much as the Queen tried to figure it out she just never could figure it out. The Queen also had some personal issues that did arise, but those were soon fixed, but she could never shake the feeling something was horribly wrong, but she never could figure out just what it was.

Then suddenly one night the King and his daughter had a fight! And the whole evil story came to light! The King had abused his daughter! The Queen was heartbroken. The Queen soon sent the child to safety before the King could do anymore harm and just then the Queen suddenly found that the King had escaped the law and disappeared.

The Queen was alone suddenly, she had no family nor friends near her and she was penniless as the King had stolen all the funds they had and she had no way to earn funds. As far as the queen was concerned this was the lowest point in her life. Nothing could be as bad as this time was. The Queen planned her demise, but as things turned out it was not in the cards for her demise. Instead her son came home from war and saved her. At this point her son took her home to her father's realm where she would be cared for and the son went back to the war front.



### Chapter Eight

Well the Queen is now at her Brother's Realm and trying to get herself back to normal. The Queen is determined not to be depressed by earlier events and starts on the road to get there.

After a time the Queen finds a new wizard and this wizard shows her that she can talk long distances to other realms. The Queen is excited and gives it a try, matter of fact she spends hours with this new toy chatting with many people around the world. The Queen also starts a new job in order to fund her new life. This new job keeps her busy, but her boss is a tyrant.

After some time goes by the Queen started chatting with one Knight of a neighboring realm, he seems like a happy fellow. He makes her laugh most every day. And this is just what the Queen thinks she needs: More Laugher in her Life.

One day while she was at work this Laughing Knight surprised her by coming to visit her. He tells her that he wants to show her his Realm. Well at this point the Queen got worried a bit but the Laughing Knight told her she would be ever so safe. So she went with him to his realm.

While in the new realm the Queen was happy and laughed every day, so much that the Queen did not want to leave. The Laughing Knight told her to stay and she did. All seemed wonderful at the time, but little did the Queen know the Laughing Knight was Laughing on the outside but Evil on the inside. She also did not realize that the wonderful feelings she was having would later go away because she also had not full dealt with her past.

But for now the Queen was happy and full of laughter, so when the Laughing Knight asked for her hand she was willing to give it. The date was set and the family and friends told and invited to the gala event. And what a gala event it was, as the event was held in the new castle and it was filled to the brim with everyone around.

For many years the Queen was happy and content, then slowly little things happened that showed her that the Laughing Knight was not as he seemed. Over time she would find maidens in her castle and the Laughing Knight flirting away with them. The Queen tried so very hard to dismiss these things as nothing and go on with her life. One day the Queen became very sick, and the Laughing Knight took her to see many wizards to find out what the trouble was. The common Wizards could not help the Queen, and one even said she was crazy in the head. This was all proved wrong by one great Wizard that soon cured the Queen. But during this time of sickness the Laughing Knight showed his very evil side. The Laughing Knight brought in an Evil Witch into their life. This Evil Witch's only goal was the demise of the Queen. She did many horrible things to the Queen, which included trying to get the Common Wizards to commit the Queen into an insane realm. The Queen was even sure the Evil Witch had tried to poison the Queen. And the Queen was positive the Evil Witch had poisoned the Laughing Knight, if not by drugs, surely by tongue. Whenever the Evil Witch spoke it was pure Evil, and she also was an apprentice wizard so she knew many ways to cast her evilness onto unsuspecting Queens.

Shortly after the Queen was cured, the Laughing Knight took ill, and to this day the Queen is totally sure it was the doing of the Evil Witch. But it was not all the Evil Witch as the Laughing Knight could now not hold back his own true evil. Out of the woodwork came all his mistresses and maidens to visit him while he was in the Wizard's Hall. The Queen from this day forward had no peace. She was tormented by the Now Evil Knight and all his Ladies. The Master Wizard told the Queen that the Knight has now changed due to the illness and perhaps in time when he recovered he might be restored to his old self.

Well the Queen made a vow to wait for at least six months before doing anything, even though all her friends told her to leave and run away. No one could understand how the Queen could stand to live with this Knight the way he is now. But the Queen waited to see if he changed back. The next seven months were pure living hell on the Queen; because the Knight had no regard for the Queen's feeling and starts parading his mistress's right in front of her. The Knight did ever thing he could to drive the Queen away, but the Queen had made a vow to herself she would stay at least six months.

Well as the seventh month came, the Queen could take no more and her vow was complete. The Queen left the not so Laughing Knight and moved in with a friend. Now the Knight was free to let his mistresses come and go as he pleased. They all fought over the Knight, but little did they know his true evilness, but the Queen knows and bids them all their own hell in time. The Knight soon demands the Court to make the marriage closed, and not one day goes by when the Knight re-marries one of the little winches that is half his age. The Queen once out of the turmoil and Knight's life she finds a new true internal happiness that she has never known before. This happiness she finds does not come from anyone else but herself. Of course the Queen can't say she just happened upon this, as it took a while talking to counsel and looking inside her to find this happiness. The Queen now knows the happiness was truly always there within her, she just aloud outside forces to tarnish it. So for the time being the Queen has decided to purchase herself a new Castle and live the way that make her happy.

This is not to say the Queen is now alone, as she is not, for there is Romantic Knight, but alas that is another fable.

Well I guess we can share a bit of that fable as well. This fable started on the Queen's birthday, when she did not want to spend the day just chatting away on the royal tapestry maker. So she was bold and asked the romantic knight that she had not met yet to join her for the evening feast and festival. This romantic knight was shy, but agreed to meet with the queen. The evening started with the feast, but the couple was full of chatter they hardly noticed the food. They chattered away many hours until it came time for the festival to start. Neither wanted to leave, but it was the queen's duty to attend the festival as it was in her honor. The romantic knight could not attend due to his shyness, and begged her leave and departed.

For many years the queen and her romantic knight enjoyed each other's company when one day while strolling along the marketplace. This once shy romantic knight did proclaim his love and bid her to marry him. The queen pondered this for a short while and agreed. As the Romantic Knight and the Queen were making plans for the big day festival, they suddenly decided to have more fun and elope instead. Once the royal carriage was ready they packed a few things and off they went to a wonderful little inn to get married. After they eloped they commanded the captain of the great vessel "Magic" to take them on an adventure along the coasts of the land. The captain toured the waters for a week before returning them to the castle.

After returning to the castle, the romantic knight and queen decided they needed a new castle to start a new life together. The castle was found and that is where we must pause our fable as the fable in time in now.



