

CHAPTER VI - MAD-ELLIA REIGNS OVER DOGGERLAND – THE EVIL DECREE

Mad-ellia went back to the Royal Ring fortress and started to reign over Doggerland as King Gandra. Nobody could imagine what had happened to the real King Gandra, but everyone could feel that he was acting somehow strangely...

He became more and more rude and demanded that everyone should bow before him all the time, as a sign of respect and submission. He wasn't either the nice grandpa he used to be for his grandchildren, and sometimes would bite them on their ears when nobody was watching. The kids complained to their parents, but Fritz and Maxim didn't take it really seriously, since this wouldn't be a way for a king to act, especially with his own grandchildren.

After sometime, king Gandra called his servants and advisors and told them he had a vision. He told them that in his vision a messenger from the God of Life had appeared to him and said: “from this very day on you should be considered as the God of Life yourself, and not just as his representative. All power and authority of the God of Life is now upon you. You´ll be the judge of all the inhabitants of this land and have the authority and the power to decide over life and death!” Having said these words, he added:

- ‘Therefore, from now on you and all people of the three provinces of Doggerland should worship me, for I am god!’

Florian the court jester was standing near the main door of the great hall when he heard the king's speech and started to laugh compulsively.

Gandra, which was actually Mad-ellia, became furious and filled with rage. He said:

- 'How dare you laugh at the words of the king! This will cost your life, you fool!'



Gandra the king then ordered his vassals to take Florian, the court jester, to the Forbidden Island, where he should be abandoned to his own fate!

Maxim approached the king and then she said:

- 'Forgive me your Majesty, but is Your Majesty not being too rigid? After all, Florian is the court jester, he is always happy and laughing most of the time...'

It happens that Mad-ellia hated Maxim for being elected by Prince Fritz, and also happens that she and Florian had something in common... both of them had loads of grey color over their bodies.

While Maxim had a grey mask that covered her ears and eyes, and some round gray patches over her white body, Florian had a completely gray body, and both had darker grey and black speckles over their gray color.

In Doggerland, the coat pattern that they had were called Piebald-Merle and Merle, that is, Maxim was a Piebald-Merle dane and Florian was a typical Merle great dane, and those were very common and typical fur patterns among the inhabitants of the Province of Harlewoods.

From that day on, Mad-ellia began to hate all the citizens of Doggerland that were gray or had predominantly gray color over their bodies!

Gandra the king then answered to Maxim:

- 'The king's word should never go back, what is said is said! Take this jester to the Forbidden Island, immediately! Out of my presence, all of you!!!

On the next day very early in the morning, king Gandra decided to write and issue a royal decree. He ordered that the decree of the king should be proclaimed throughout the vast realm of Doggerland.

Then when the king's edict was proclaimed throughout the vast realm, all the gray or white and gray inhabitants of Harlewoods should be taken away to the Forbidden Island!

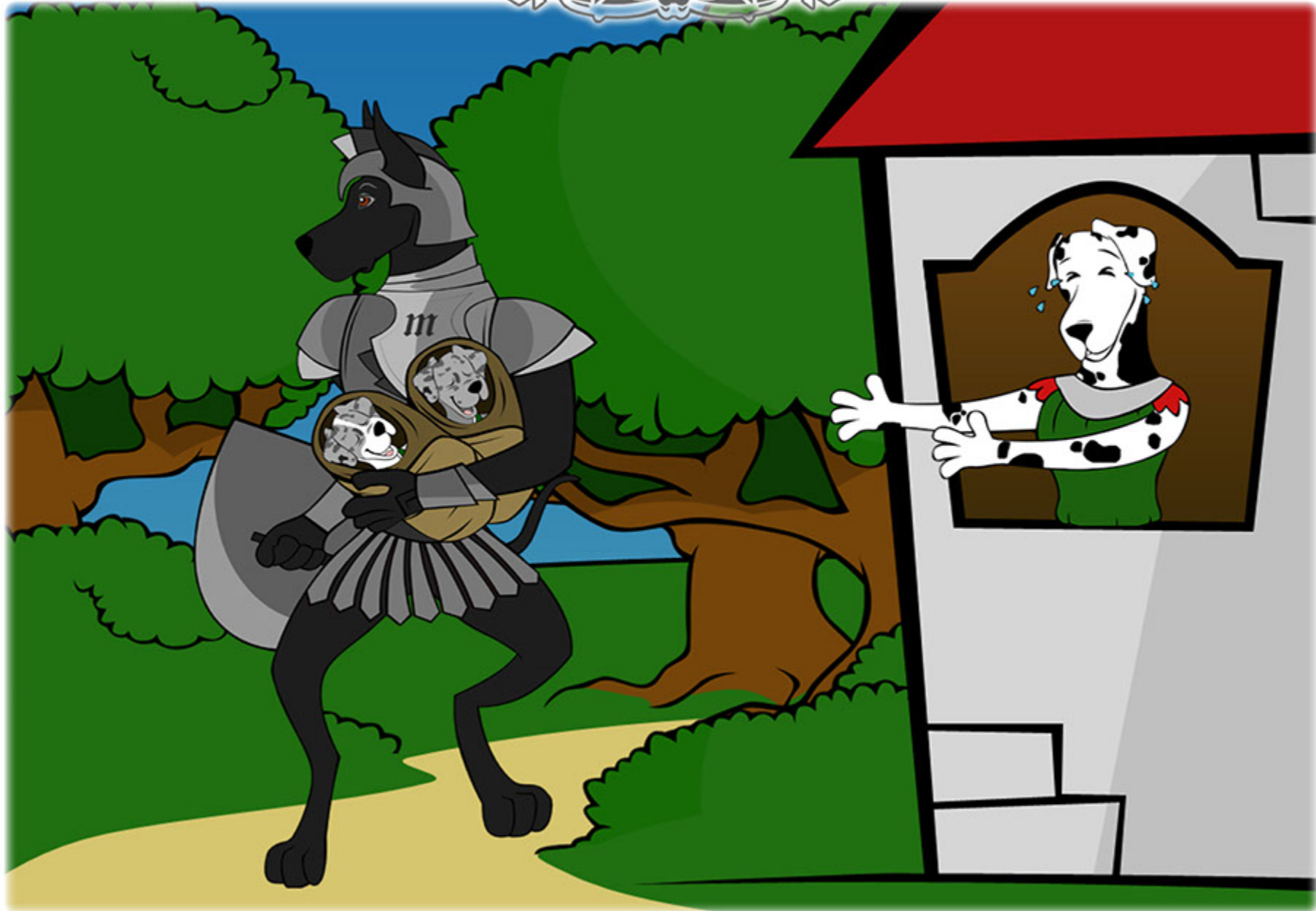
On the decree it was stated that the God of Life had summon all gray and all white and gray inhabitants of Doggerland to live in the Forbidden Island, because they would carry a terrible and very contagious disease, being a threat to the people of Doggerland.

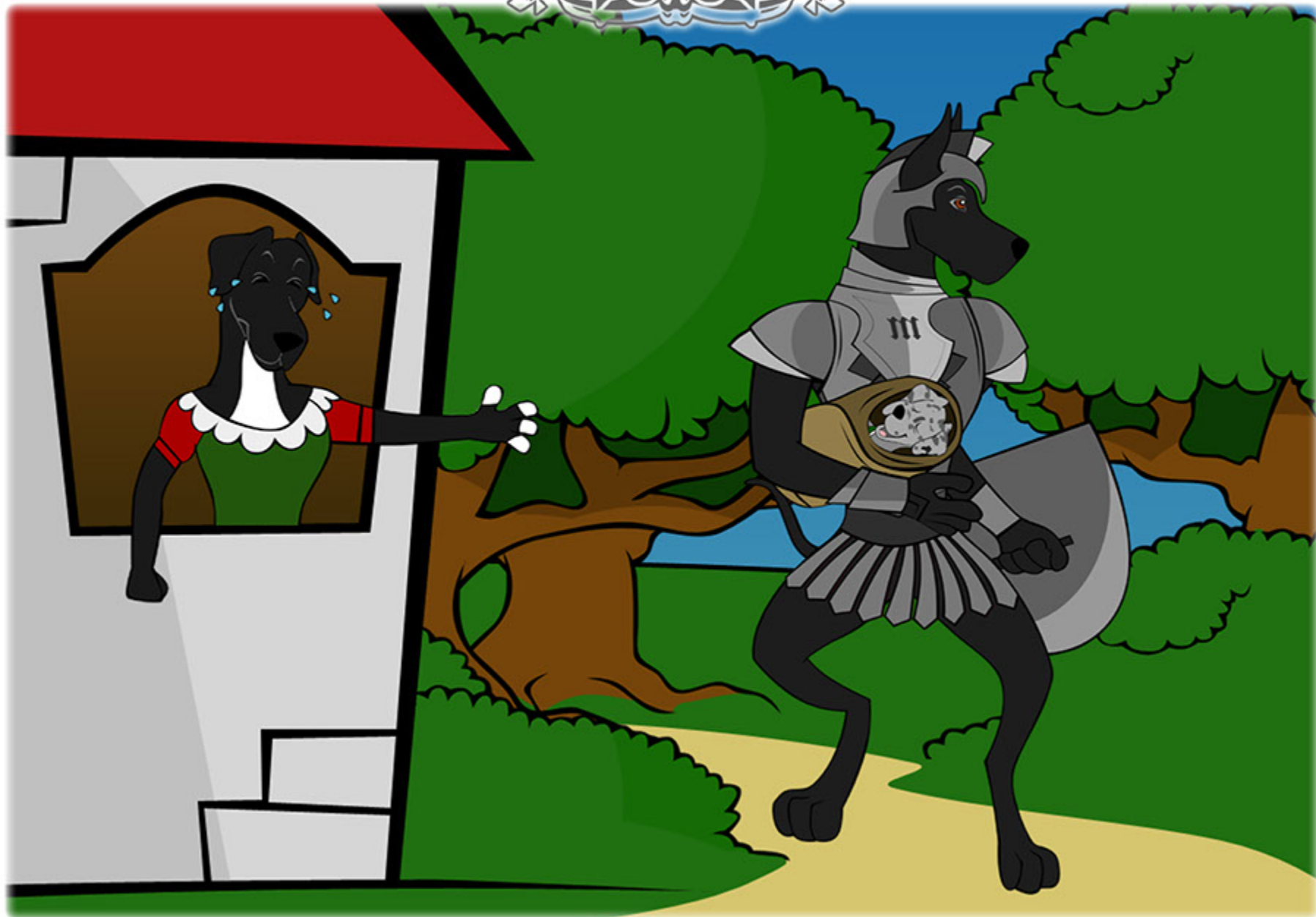
Moreover, full of pride and vanity, he began to rewrite the Book of Life with new instructions for the residents of Doggerland, in order to serve his selfish and evil purposes!

Florian was taken to the Forbidden Island and King Gandra created a militia to find and take to exile all citizens who were described in the terrible decree.

From the least to the greatest, from the youngest to the oldest, even little babies were taken away from their mothers if they had the gray color patterns that were described in the terrible royal decree of Gandra the king.

Then a time of great distress began unequal as ever before. A time of pain and suffering for all inhabitants of Doggerland! Parents were dragged from their homes, newborn babies were taken away from their mothers, siblings were separated from each other, husbands and wives were taken apart, and all of them were taken away from their families and the lives of the inhabitants of Doggerland to the Forbidden Island!





Sometime later, king Gandra was sitting on his throne in the main royal lounge in an awfully bad mood. So he called one of his servants and said:

- 'Bring to my presence the court jester, I want him to make me laugh!'
- 'But Your Majesty has ordered him to be sent to exile in the Forbidden Island...' – answered his servant.
- 'Oh, yes, that useless jerk got what he deserved... go and get me another court jester, now!! He needs to be replaced, right away!'

Gandra then got up and walked to the window to see who was on the balcony of the lower deck gesturing and talking loudly. He saw Laio, Maxim's childhood friend, talking with Fritz and imagined that he would make a great jester to amuse him. He called one of his officers and said:

- 'Go and bring me Laio, I want to talk to him!'

Laio knew the teachings of the Book of Life in which it was written that everyone must respect and obey the authorities, and show proper respect to everyone:

“Love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.”

But he also knew in his heart, no matter what happens, the God of Life was in control and decided to trust and obey the words of the Book.

So, though unwillingly, he submitted to the authority of the king and was taken to the tailor's room, where a court jester's garment would be sewn for him.

Sometime later, Mad-ellia, transfigured to King Gandra, called Laio and told him to follow her to a walk in the woods.

They walked to the house of the forest and then Gandra took him to the big oak tree behind the house and gave him some truffles to eat. It turns out that the truffles had a sedative and Laio soon became dizzy and fell unconscious on the grass.

Then the king Gandra, moreover, Mad-ellia disguised as King Gandra, went through the Magic mirror taking Laio with her. There she immediately returned to her normal shape, whereas Laio had been transformed into a dog like the dogs in Probopolo, where they walked on all fours and did not speak the language of the inhabitants of his world.

Mad-ellia then called the veterinarian who worked on her property and gave orders that the ears of Laio should be subjected to a surgery called conchectomy, so that his ears would stand up, because that is how she wanted to have her court jester to amuse her in Doggerland.

The vet took Laio to the operating room and did as Mad-ellia had instructed. Then he made a bandage on his ears and soon after, Laio was taken still unconscious to the great oak in the gardens of Mad-ellia's house. Mad-ellia then dismissed the vet and, while dragging Laio into the mirror, both returned to Doggerland.

There, under the spell of the mirror, Mad-ellia transfigured herself again as King Gandra and Laio returned to his normal shape, as he used to be in his world.

Mad-ellia now disguised as Gandra, took care of Laio until he recovered from the surgery. Then she brought him back to the castle, where he became one of her servants as a court jester.

