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# The Angel Andriyko

Grandpa's evening fairy tale





Do you know that all babies on Earth are born as little angels bearing light wings on their backs that are invisible to the ordinary eye? The Lord fills all babies' souls with great love and lights up small suns of good in their hearts, shining with innumerable gentle rays and rendering warmth to all their relatives. That's why adults all over the world love all children so much. So once upon a time, in one of the northern countries of the world, in a small cozy town where very kind and extremely friendly people lived, there was born a little angel, a blue-eyed light-haired boy, who was named Andriyko.



Since his early childhood, Andriyko was infinitely strong in spirit, incredibly brave, and surprisingly courageous. He always tirelessly defended the weak and came to the aid of those in need and suffering. Everyone in the town loved Andriyko very much, and he gave everyone his sincere love and care like a real angel, looking after the kids and taking care of the elders. The town inhabitants' hearts were radiating with the rays of love, and their souls were filled with the grace of goodness. The town lived its happy and cheerful life. Nothing foreshadowed trouble.

But the wicked beldam Evil, who always envied the happiness of good people, found out about that prosperous place. And she decided to extinguish the fire of love in the bright hearts of people and settle anger instead in their souls. Evil was incredibly insidious—she turned into a friendly and caring woman, entered into the trust of good people, and then began to gradually instill trouble in their souls, trying to pick quarrels among the inhabitants, whispering evil lies to people about each other. The malicious witch taught people to deceive and gossip and convinced everyone to love only themselves.





Many of the town's good people revealed themselves as weak to oppose that influence and therefore succumbed to the evil spell of the treacherous witch and allowed vice to enter their hearts. The evil brought into their souls began to extinguish the rays of love in people's hearts. The more people agreed to lies, the faster their love radiance faded—ray after ray. Once good, the town inhabitants turned into rushed and unfriendly people, every day becoming more and more distrustful, narcissistic, and secluded. Their kindness gradually ended up behind the bars of the cage of their inner evil. People in the town were increasingly quarreling among themselves. The town was becoming more and more like an ill-fated settlement of malignant people turned against each other. Evil had triumphed.

None of the town residents could stop the evil witch. Good people, unfortunately, are not always resistant to evil. Weak people can become victims of deception. That is why not all baby angels grow into adult angels. And only one, Andriyko, did not succumb to her evil spells. What enormous efforts the witch made to instill evil in Andriyko's soul! She knew that as long as at least one person in the town had a pure soul, vice would not be able to triumph, and good would sooner or later return to people's souls. Therefore, the evil sorceress fawned over Andriyko, praised him in front of others, trying to turn him into a narcissistic pompous egoist. But Andriyko recognized her intentions and did not allow trouble to enter his pure heart. Evil slandered Andriyko's friends and relatives, turning him against them, but he chased her away... Andriyko's power of good was much stronger than the vicious power of the sorceress. Therefore, Andriyko remained a pure soul.



The evil witch spent all her horrific powers, but could not defeat the good heart of Andriyko. Finally, Evil became completely exhausted, withered, and began to get very sick. Evil always gets sick when faced with the power of truth. And Evil the witch realized that Andriyko would not give up, and therefore she would not be able to turn all people of the town into villains. The evil witch was forced to leave the town and never return to it again. Nobody knows where she went... And Andriyko began to restore good in people's hearts. He was bringing them love and care. With his angelic power, he strengthened love in people's hearts. The people's hearts revived the rays of love and very quickly ignited with good again and much more vividly with new force. Thanks to Andriyko, the town again turned into a fertile town of happy and friendly people. All the residents were very grateful to Andriyko.





And Andrew grew up and became even stronger. He became so strong that he could already protect from evil not only his hometown inhabitants, but also people in many other large and small towns on Earth. He became a real Earth Angel living among people. There are not many Earth Angels on our planet, but they are all very strong, so they always defend the good and protect those in need. Now all children can safely fall asleep and know that their sweet dreams will not be disturbed by any evil. The Angel Andriy and his friends will never allow this. Everyone loves the Earth Angels. We love you, Andriyko the Angel, and entrust you with our peace of mind.



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