

Nefaria - Animal Princess

Once upon a time in a land far, far away there lived a girl, Nefaria, she was courageous, funny and creative. She longed to leave her quiet village, but she loved to play with the animals in the jungle. When she was young she realised she had a special skill, she could shapeshift into any animal. She would use this when playing with the animals in the jungle but she had never shown this to any humans.

One day while playing, an elder from her village caught her. They told her that to have that skill she must be the long-lost princess who had gone missing when she was only a baby! But how could this be? could she be THAT Nefaria, the long-lost princess?

She went home and asked her parents and they told her that they had found her when she was only a baby, she was wrapped up in a basket crying in the jungle by the side of a river. They took her in and raised her as their own.

Everyone thought the royal family including the princess had died in the big fire, but they never found the baby. After the fire the Kings evil brother had taken the throne and the kingdom had suffered under his rule ever since. If this was true then it would mean Nefaria could go and take her rightful place on the throne but King Richard, the terrible and annoying, would never give up the crown easily. She would have to have a plan and she would have to fight. To do this she would need some help and who better to help than her animal friends loyal and courageous just like she was

The Tiger, Teresa, fast, strong and clever
The Rabbit, Rodney, nibble, bouncy and sooo cute
Celia the Snake Sly, Sneaky and tricky
The Skunk, Sarah, with her very powerful weapon

They waited until nightfall and descended upon the castle. Rodney the rabbit acted first by distracting the entrance guards with his cuteness, Celia unlocked the castle then Nefaria slipped inside. Nefaria snuck into Richard's throne room where he was sitting alone, she confronted him. Richard told her how it was he who started the fire to kill her family and take the throne. He had hoped she had died too. They realised her parents must have managed to get her to the river by lowering her basket down from the window. Then he said 'but now to get rid of you for good'. He called the guards to take her away to be put in the deepest darkest dungeon. As they took her into the hallway Sarah the Skunk appeared! she sprayed them with her pungent scent, the guards screamed and let go of Nefaria. Nefaria ran as fast as she could to Teresa who was waiting outside, she rode Teresa all the way back to the Jungle.

Now they knew the truth but how could they get anyone to believe them. Then Celia the sneaky snake revealed that she had taped the conversation! They were all filled with joy, now they just needed the whole town to hear it. Then it hit them the next day was going to be the big town festival it would be the perfect time to play the tape to the whole town

The day of the town festival arrived, Nefaria and her friends made their way down quietly in the shadows undetected. Then, while the others hid behind a bush near the sound system, Teresa made a scene by roaring and knocking over stalls in the town centre. The guards chased her and as they did Nefaria snuck past with the tape. She put her tape into the system and it started to play over the loudspeakers. People gathered around the speakers to listen.

When it was finished the townspeople were outraged, they turned to where the king was sitting and started to yell 'Murderer! Arrest him!' as the guards went to grab him he escaped by throwing a smoke bomb and ran down a secret passage.

The people then turned to see Nefaria and started to cheer 'long live the Queen', they lifted her up and carried her to the throne. Everyone was so excited about the new chapter for this Kingdom

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