

Snow Depth: Hal's Tale

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Prologue

Many stories begin with the line 'once upon a time' and end, more often than not with, 'and they both lived happily ever after'. Please do not let these promises of good hope and fortune delude you, for like many stories our tale both begins and ends in the same way but the hardship and destruction that is retold in the pages that follow are not for the faint hearted. Now that this has been laid bare, you are prepared. This tale as many before tells of a man and a woman and the love that they both seek from one another. We have all loved and lost, so we all know that life can play its little tricks upon us when faced with matters of the heart. Yet let it not be forgotten that this is a children's story, a tale to bring fear and hope to the young, to allow them to explore the depths of their imagination without the danger of them being hurt in the process. It is for you, the parent to decide on how and when you want to read this story to your children; but be warned this is, above all, a tale of love, true love, the kind that drives you to move mountains and defeat dragons. To stand up against unmoveable objects and above all, the kind of love that is worth fighting for and if required dying for.

Now for the light hearted part of our introduction, which I am aware is far too long already. The story, in a snip, is one filled with magic and honourable knights, brothers and sisters, love and hate, snow covered mountains and majestic forests. Also, witches and wizards, the usual good and evil but most importantly Hal and Gen. It is a story for all and something different to everybody but for me and my daughter Eve, for whom I wrote this fairytale, it is more importantly a story of love.