

Epic Tales 2



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A Modern Epic Fantasy

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Note from the author:

This 2019 ebook is a revised second edition of the previously published first edition (2015). The two epic tales herein had been published before 2015 as a part of other books by this author dating from 1999.

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Prologue

Nobody knew exactly when he was born or how old he really was, but since anyone could remember, Benny the Bold had been the sacred caretaker of these mystical lands. With sword and shield gripped firmly in his paws, he had come forth for generation upon generation without hesitation or fear to defend the cat folk that inhabited the lush, forest domain.

He was their hero, their warrior hero, whose longstanding reputation of strength and bravery was matched by no other. His remarkable fighting abilities—though always tempered by the search for a peaceful solution before aggressive action was taken—earned him the respect over time of many different species with whom he had come in contact. Openly admired yet inwardly feared, dearly loved while meticulously obeyed, this cat among cats was truly...the one and only of his kind.

Benny the Bold resided in a great stone castle within the walled fortress of the Feline Kingdom. His majestic, ancient home, with its four towers reaching up into the heavens provided him with everything he needed to lead a life of relative solitude and reflection, although he did venture out and about occasionally, cordially mingling with the many four-legged, furry residents of his realm.

His castle, as tradition would have it, was surrounded by a deep moat on all sides. It was brimming with fresh, clean water that was so graciously provided by the streams and rivers that led into the felines' land area. Equally important, the moat was always filled with an ample supply of succulent fish that served as the major source of sustenance for all those who lived within the Kingdom's walls.

Some of the felines who were organized in exploration and hunting parties also brought back other dietary supplements such as scampering mice and hopping insects. These were found outside of their fortified hamlet but within their marked territories, which extended several miles beyond in all directions.

The cat folk most generally led a tranquil and pleasant life, faithfully keeping their fur coats licked up clean and smooth, their claws adequately sharpened and pointy, and never ignoring the importance of frequent, luxurious catnaps as a part of their daily routine.

So it had been, so it is, and so it will be as long as their warrior hero walks among them. Always ready and willing to leave his castle walls when destiny should compel him to do so, Benny the Bold will continue to brandish his armor until he is no more, courageously defending the lifestyle and very existence of his cherished subjects of the Feline Kingdom.

May they all... live happily ever after.