

## The Iron Maiden - Part 3

Put in order the story.

'I want to get inside that,' Elias said. 'I want to see what it feels like to stand inside. The guide did not answer. He did not move. He only shook his head. Elias took some money from his pocket. He offered it to the guide. 'Here. Take this money,' Elias said to him. 'And don't be afraid.' The guide took the money. Then he found a piece of rope. He came back and tied the rope round Elias' hands. While he was talking to us, Elias got inside the Iron Maiden.

There is a very famous building in the grounds of the castle. This building is called the Torture Tower. We went into the Tower. We were the only visitors there. A man was sitting by the door. He was a guide. His job was to show visitors round the Tower. Everywhere there were horrible instruments. Amelia's face went white and she held my hand.

After a few minutes, the guide had let the door down only a short way. I looked at Amelia. Her lips were white. She was not looking at Elias. She was staring at the ground near the bottom of the Iron Maiden. I looked too. The black cat was sitting there. The cat's eyes were shining. Elias saw the cat and laughed.

'That's good,' he laughed. 'Now close the door very slowly.'  
'Oh, no! No! No!' cried Amelia. 'I can't watch you. I can't!'  
Elias looked at Amelia and then at me.  
'Take Amelia outside,' he said. 'She's afraid. Take her for a walk.'

I pulled open the door. When I opened the door, the spikes came out of his body and Elias fell onto the ground. His face looked awful. I hurried to Amelia. I took her outside and put her on the seat in the fresh air. I did not want her to see Elias' body. It looked very, very horrible. I then ran back into the room. The black cat was sitting near Elias' head. She was purring loudly and was licking the blood on Elias' face.

We looked at the inside of the door more carefully. It was very frightening! On the inside of the door, there were long iron spikes. These spikes had sharp points at the ends. When the door was shut, some of the spikes went through the eyes of the man inside. Other spikes went through his heart and his stomach. Amelia saw these spikes. She was so frightened that she fainted.

In the centre of the room, there was the most frightening thing of all. This was called the Iron Maiden. It was made of metal and was shaped like a woman. On the front of the metal body there was a ring made of iron. The guide pulled the rope and the front part of the metal body opened up. We looked inside the body. There was room inside for a person to get in and stand up straight. The door was very heavy. When the guide let go of the rope, the door fell quickly and shut tightly.

At the same time, the black cat gave a loud cry. She jumped up quickly. She did not jump towards Elias. She jumped at the guide. She scratched his face with her long, sharp claws. The guide screamed. He jumped back and let go of the rope in his hands. The rope ran through the pulley. Elias saw the rope slipping past him quickly. For a second, he looked terrified. The door fell and shut tight.

Quickly I walked over to one of the walls and took a big sword in my hands. With all my strength, I raised the sword above my head and let it fall suddenly. I was right to kill the cat. I am sure of that. No one can say that I was cruel.