

"Meanwhile, the whole castle was astir because the Lady Jean could not be found. Runners and criers were sent out without avail. Suddenly the Earl remembered the wishing stone and realized what he had done. He then offered huge rewards for the return of the stone, but even that could not be found. He did not tell his household or the Prince of Orno of his unholy wish; he was afraid to do that.

"As time went on and the Lady Jean could not be found, the Earl, overcome with remorse, lost his reason, and was cared for by the now bitter old nurse, Nancy. The Earl sat day after day in the great chair that had been his undoing, and repeated over and over again the words on the wishing stone, 'And a little lamb shall lead him.'

"Prince Orno, deprived of his bride so mysteriously and suddenly, became a changed man, and started out determined to find the Lady Jean if she was still alive. He travelled the world almost over in his search.

"One day, while among the mountains of Canada, his Indian guide told him of the beautiful sleeping beauty mountain, and that it stood close to the Pacific Ocean. The prince decided to view this wonder and travelled hence. As he stood before it and gazed on the mountain known as the 'Sleeping Beauty,' he fancied that the outline of this phenomenon resembled that of the lost Lady Jean.

"He determined to get nearer to it, but as he approached the mountain a great roaring assailed his ears, as of wild animals enraged. Then as he advanced still further the great lions guarding the sleeping beauty rose and, in evident anger, shook their mighty heads and roared as never lions roared before. Very much amazed, the prince retreated, being, as it were, pushed back by some unseen power. At last he fled down the mountain, and shortly afterwards set out on his homeward journey.