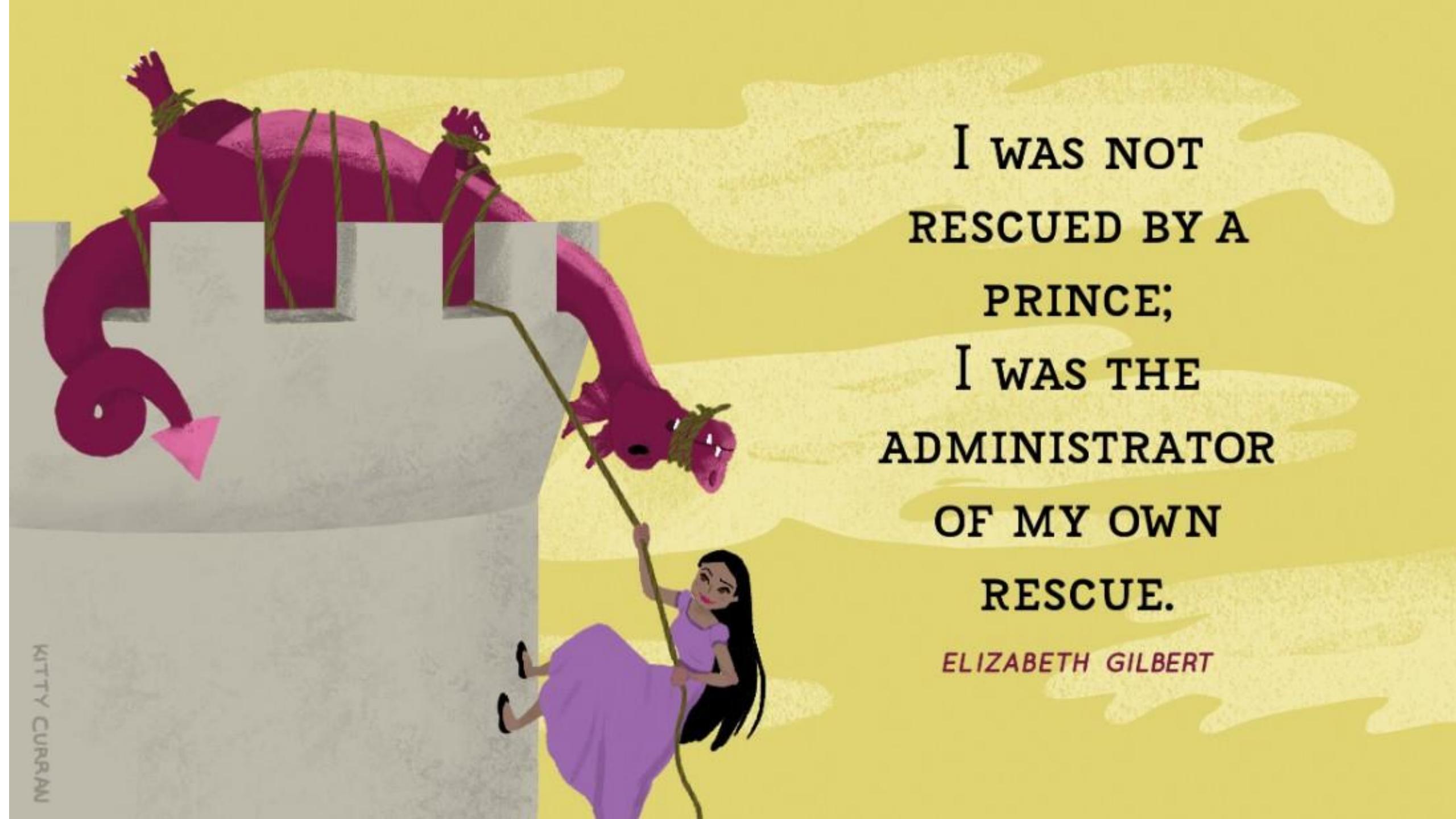


Mulan's Story





I WAS NOT
RESCUED BY A
PRINCE;
I WAS THE
ADMINISTRATOR
OF MY OWN
RESCUE.

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“You will not regret hiring me.”

- **Indra Nooyi** -
- **Indra Krishnamurthy Nooyi** the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of PepsiCo, the second largest food and beverage company in the world.
- Ranked number 11 on Forbes' list of the World's 100 Most Powerful Women in 2017

- **Captain Prem Mathur** –
- A legendary woman, the first woman in India to fly a commercial plane.
- At the age of 38, she flew her first flight as a co-pilot
- First Indian woman proud to take notable personalities Indira Gandhi and Lady Mountbatten during her tenure.



- Mary Kom

Hailing a remote village in the depths of North East India, Mary Kom, opened the vista of women's boxing in India.

An Olympic participant, a five-time winner of the World Amateur Boxing Championship

only woman boxer to win a medal in each of the six world competitions.

- Irom Sharmila

• Iron Lady', Irom Chanu Sharmila -

- a symbol of undeterred will

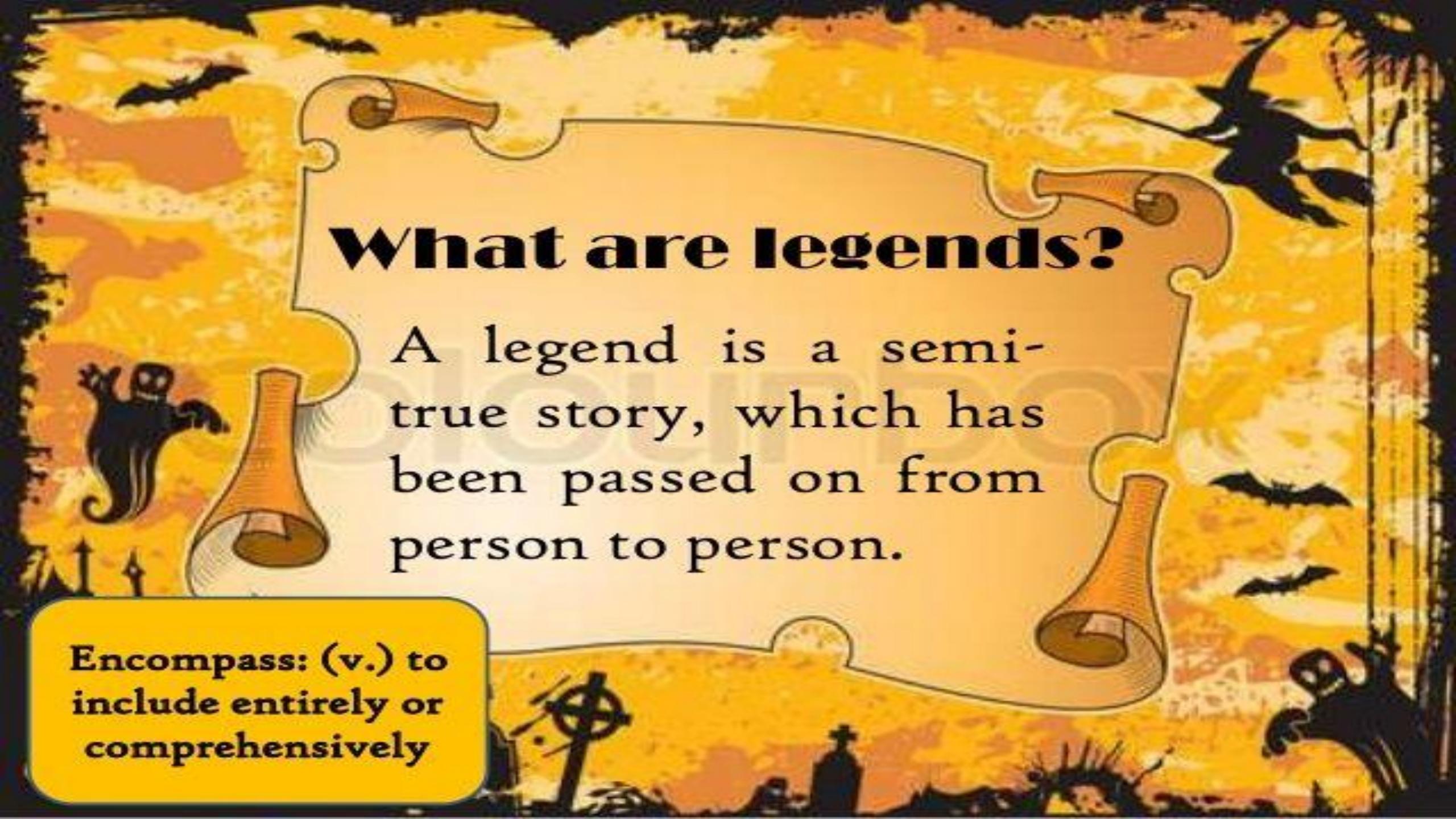
- Civil rights and political activist, and poet;

- Went on a hunger strike lasting 16 years, protesting against the Armed Forces Special Powers Act - Indian armed forces unregulated powers of action.

**This is the classic story
of Mulan based on the
legend of Hua Mulan.**



Real queens fix each
other's crowns.



what are legends?

A legend is a semi-true story, which has been passed on from person to person.

Encompass: (v.) to include entirely or comprehensively

The Story of Mulan Main Characters

- Mulan's father – An old man



- Mulan – A Teenage girl



- Mulan's younger brother



THE THEME OF THE STORY

- Theme - The theme of this Chinese legend reveals the importance of hard work and honesty.
- Humility, teamwork and challenging gender stereotypes are the additional qualities.
- This is a tale of Hua Mulan, a legendary woman from the Northern and Southern dynasties during the period (420 - 589) of Chinese history, originally described as '*The Ballad of Mulan*'.
- This story is an adaptation with a blend of the ballad mentioned above and also the Disney movie 'Mulan', where a young Mulan joins the army in disguise as a boy and later her real form is exposed.



THE STORY OF MULAN

- Many years ago, China was in the middle of a great war. The Emperor said that one man from each Chinese family must leave his family to join the army. Mulan, a teenage girl who lived in a faraway village of China, heard the news when she was outside, washing clothes.
- Mulan ran into the house. Her father was sitting in a chair, carving a piece of wood.
"Father!" she said. "Did you hear what the Emperor says each family must do?"
- "Yes," said her old father, "I heard about it in town. Well, I may as well go pack up." He put down his carving, stood up and walked very slowly to his room.
- "Wait!" said Mulan, "Father, you have not been well. If I may say so, why at your age must you keep up with all those young men?"
- "What else can be done?" said her father. "Your brother is a child. He cannot go."
- "Of course that's true," said Mulan. "He is too little. But I have an idea." She poured her father a cup of tea and handed it to him. "Father, have some tea. Please sit for a minute. I will be right back."
- "Very well, dear," said the father.
- **What was the order from the emperor?**



- Mulan went into her room. With her sword, she cut off her long, black hair. She put on her father's robe. Going back to her father, Mulan said, "Look at me. I am your son now. I will go in your place. I will do my part for China."
- "No, my daughter!" said the old man. "You cannot do this!"
- "Father, listen please," said Mulan. "For years, you trained me in Kung Fu. You showed me how to use a sword." Mulan swung the sword back and forth with might.
- "Only so that you could stay safe!" said her father. "I never meant for you to go to war. If they find out you are a woman, you know as well as I do that you will die!"
- "No one will find out, Father," said Mulan. She picked up her sword. "Mulan!" said the Father. He tried to get up but had to hold on to his chair.
- The daughter bade him goodbye. "I love you, Father," she said. "Take care of yourself. Tell my brother I said goodbye." She climbed on a family horse. And off she went to join the Emperor's army.
- Why didn't Mulan's father and brother go to war?
 - How did she gain courage to join the army?



- In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier. In time, she was put in charge of other soldiers. Her battles went so well that she was put in charge of more soldiers. Her battles kept on going well. After a few years Mulan was given the top job – she would be General of the entire army.
 - Not long after that, a very bad fever swept through the army. Many soldiers were sick. And Mulan, the General of the army, became sick, too.
 - When the doctor came out of Mulan's tent, he knew the truth.
 - “The General is a woman?” yelled the soldiers. “How can this be?” Some called out, “She tricked us!” and “We will not fight for a woman!” They said, “Punish her! Make her pay! The cost is for her to die!” But others called out, in voices just as loud, “With Mulan, we win every battle!” They said, “Stay away from our General!”
 - Just then, a soldier ran up. “Everyone!” he called. “A surprise attack is coming!”
 - Mulan heard this from inside her tent. She got dressed and went outside. She was not yet strong, but stood tall. She told the soldiers where they must go to hide so they could attack when the enemy came. But they must get there fast! The soldiers, even those who did not like that their General was a woman, could tell that Mulan knew what she was talking about.
- **How did she prove her might in the war?**



- It worked! The battle was won. It was such a big victory that the enemy gave up, at last. The war was over, and China was saved! You can be sure that after that last battle, no one cared anymore that Mulan was a woman.
 - The Emperor was so glad that Mulan had ended the long war, he set aside the rule about being a woman. “Mulan, stay with me in the palace,” he said. “Someone as smart as you would be a fine royal adviser.”
 - Mulan bowed deeply. “You are too kind, Sire,” she said. “But if you please, what I wish most of all is to return home to my family.” “Then at least take these fine gifts,” said the Emperor. “So everyone at your home and village will know how much the Emperor of China thinks of you.”
 - Mulan returned to her village with six fine horses and six fine swords. Everyone cheered that she was safe. The person who had saved China was their very own Mulan!
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- How did the soldiers react upon knowing the fact about Mulan?
 - What did Mulan do to save her country?



Try it out!

1. Many years ago, China was _____of a great war.

- (a) at the end (b) in the middle (c) at the beginning (d) on the verge

2. With her sword, she cut off her _____.

- (a) hands (b) favourite plant (c) long, black hair (d) father's robe

3.“You showed me how to use _____.

- (a) a sword (b) knife (c) tools(d) weapons

4. Mulan swung the sword back and forth .

- (a) with power (b) with enthusiasm (c) with might (d) in a haste

He tried to get up but had to hold on .

6. When the doctor came out of Mulan's tent, he _____.

- (a) knew the truth (b) was abused (c) knew everything (d) kept quiet

7. She was not yet strong but _____.

- (a) proceeded (b) stood tall (c) determined (d) mentally prepared

8. It was such a big victory that _____ gave up at last.

- (a) Chinese (b) soldiers (c) the enemies (d) warriors

9. He _____ the rule about being a woman.

- (a) applied (b) executed (c) conducted (d) set aside

10. Mulan heard this from inside _____.

- (a) her room (b) her house (c) her kitchen (d) her tent

GLOSSARY

- carving (v) – an act of cutting a shape or pattern into wood or stone.
- robe (n) – a long, loose outer garment reaching the ankles
- kung-fu (n) – a Chinese method of fighting that involves using your hands and feet and not using weapons
- might (n) – great and impressive power or strength, especially of a nation, large organization, or natural force
- bowed (adj) – bending the body forwards from the waist, especially to show respect for someone

MIND MAP

Mulan went into her room. With her sword, she cut off her (i) _____.

She put on her father's robe. She said that she will do (ii) _____ for China.

Her father prevented her from (iii) _____.

But Mulan stood brave and (iv) _____ to join the army.

She was confident that she would prove herself as a (v) _____.

Answer:

- (i) long, black hair
- (ii) her part
- (iii) going to the war
- (iv) decided
- (v) brave warrior



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MULAN - MOVIE

The Story of Mulan - Key Points

- The story is about Mulan, a teenage girl, who saved China.
- When there was a war in China, the Emperor announced that one man from each family should-join the army.
- Mulan dressed herself as a man and joined the army as her father was old and her brother was a child.
- In the army, she proved to be a brave soldier.
- She became the General of the army.
- One day, a bad fever swept the army.
- Mulan was also affected by this fever.
- When the doctor examined her, everyone came to know that she was a woman.
- The soldiers became angry and shouted that she should be punished.
- Just then a battle came. With a good plan, she attacked the enemy and won the battle.
- The Emperor was glad and gifted her with six fine horses and six fine swords.
- She returned to her village and everyone cheered that she was safe.

PARAGRAPHS

1. Sketch the character of Mulan.

The story of Mulan is based on the legend of Hua Mulan. It is about a brave girl, Mulan who had saved China. Mulan was a brave warrior who saved China from the enemies. She was determined, courageous and intelligent. She was unselfish too. The incident which best attests to this trait was after returning from the war, the Emperor offered her the post of royal advisor. She refused the post and simply told that she wanted to return home. Mulan's determination helped her through her adventures defeating the enemies' army. She never gave up in bad situations. At war, she was very intelligent and was a quick planner. This attitude won her the war for the Chinese. She fought in the battle for twelve years and gained high merit. She refused any rewards except for six fine horses and six fine swords.

2. Do you agree with Mulan's decision to go to war? Justify.

Yes, Mulan's decision to go to the war was correct. She is a patriotic girl who wanted to fight for her country. When the Emperor of China insisted that one man from each family should join the army, she was ready to join the army disguised as a man. At first, her father decided to join the army. But Mulan protested that he could not go as he was old and sick. Her brother was a child. So she decided to join the army. Her father was afraid that the Emperor would kill her, if he knew that she was a woman. But Mulan was confident that no one would find her. She cut her hair like a man and picked up the sword. She bade him goodbye, climbed on a horse and went to join the Emperor's army.

3. How did Mulan prove her ability in the army?

The story of Mulan is based on the legend of Hua Mulan. It is about a brave girl, Mulan who had saved China. In the army, Mulan proved to be a brave soldier. In course of time, she was put in charge of other soldiers. Her battles went on so well that she was put in-charge of more soldiers. Her battles kept on going well. After a few years, Mulan was given the top job. She was the General of the entire army. Not long after that, a very bad fever swept through the army. Many soldiers were sick. And Mulan, the General of the army, became sick, too. When the doctor came out of Mulan's tent, he knew the truth. The soldier protested to kill Mulan, as she had cheated them. But when Mulan won another battle of a surprise attack, they calmed down. She guided them where to hide to attack the enemies and gave them support. The Emperor was glad. After that, no one cared that Mulan was a woman.

A wide-angle shot of a vast, rugged mountain range with peaks covered in snow and clouds. In the foreground, a massive army of soldiers in traditional Japanese armor, including helmets with red plumes, march across a grassy plain. Some soldiers are on horseback, carrying large banners. The scene is set under a bright sky.

THANK YOU!