The Princess in Black Takes a Vacation

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Chapter 1

It was dawn. The Princess in Black had battled monsters all night. And so Princess Magnolia was tired.

Princess Magnolia lay down in her fluffy princess bed. She closed her eyes. She was almost asleep when . . .
“The monster alarm,” she muttered.
“Not again.”
She stumbled into the broom closet. She slipped off her frilly pajamas. She fell into her black costume. Now she was the Princess in Black.

A very sleepy Princess in Black.
She went down the secret chute.

Onto the back of her pony, Blacky.
And into the goat pasture. Just as she had fourteen other times that week.

“ROAR!” said a toothy monster.
“Did you say ‘snore’?” asked the Princess in Black.

The toothy monster shook its head. “NO. ROAR.”

The Princess in Black wished it had said “snore.” She wished she were snoring right then.
“EAT GOATS!” said the monster.

“They’re not your goats,” the Princess in Black mumbled. “They’re Duff’s goats. Go back to Monster Land.”

The toothy monster did not want to go back to Monster Land. The toothy monster was quite set on eating goats.
So the toothy monster and the Princess in Black waged battle.

SLEEPY SLAM!

SLUGGISH SWING!
DOUBLE DOZY

DOOZY FLING!
The monster picked up the Princess in Black in its fist. It opened its toothy mouth. It roared again.
The Princess in Black opened her mouth. She didn’t roar back. She yawned.

Just then, someone pulled the monster’s tail.
Chapter 2

A boy in a mask and cape pulled the monster’s tail. A boy the Princess in Black had never seen before.

“Who are you?” asked the Princess in Black. “And where is Duff the goat boy?”
“I am the Goat Avenger!” said the Goat Avenger. “And Duff the goat boy is busy. Somewhere else. Not here.”
The Goat Avenger was the same height as her friend Duff. He even had the same smile. But it couldn’t be Duff. Duff did not wear a mask.
“That’s funny,” said the Princess in Black. “Duff the goat boy is always here. This is his goat pasture. These are his goats.”

“EAT GOATS!” said the monster.

The monster was still holding the Princess in Black. The monster still had a lot of teeth.

“YOU MAY NOT EAT THE GOATS!” said the Princess in Black and the Goat Avenger.

The monster winced. There were too many people with masks. It was all very confusing.
The monster put down the Princess in Black. It stuffed itself back into the hole. In Monster Land, no one wore masks.