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Chapter - 12 The Wolves of Cernograts

Students, today we are going to read the story 'The Wolves of Cernograts'. As we know castles are always surrounded by myths and legends.

Summary of the Chapter -

The story begins when the Baroness, the new owner of the Cernograts castle was engaged in a friendly conversation with her guests. She was telling about ~~the~~ a strange legend attached to the castle. She told the guest that whenever someone died in the castle, all the wild beasts and wolves would appear from nowhere and start howling all night long. But she quickly brushed this legend aside by saying that, it is only a gimmick to enhance the value of castle. She also said that she did not believe in the legend as she had proof that nothing of the sort ever happened. When her old mother-in-law died in the castle, nothing of the sort happened and no wolves appeared. According to her it was utter rubbish and that there was no truth in the legend. That the people had merely invented a story so as to give cheap publicity to the place.



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On hearing this account, Annalie von Cernograts, an old governess employed in the house. She told that it was not when dies in the castle then the howling is heard. It is only heard when a member of the Cernograts family, dies in this castle then the howling is heard. The governess strongly protested that the legend was totally true.

The Baroness stared angrily at the old woman, the governess. When the Baroness asked the old woman that how was she confirmed about the legend. Her answer was unexpected and astonishing to all. The governess revealed that she was von Cernograts only so she knew the history. She told that when they became very poor they had to sell that castle. As I left the castle I took another name. Baroness cleverly turned the conversation and governess slipped away quietly, to her duties. Baroness was saying to all that the governess' grandfather must be a punting boy or servant of the sort in the castle.

The governess had tears in her



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eyes. The Baroness told her to leave ~~the~~ as soon as the New Year festivities are over. The house was full of guests, all of a sudden a woolly lap dog jumped down from its cushion and crept shivering under the sofa. Everyone in the castle ~~began~~ heard the howling of wolves in the distance. The Baroness went to the narrow dark room of the governess. It was very cold so Baroness rushed to close ~~the~~ window but governess stopped her saying that she wanted to hear death music for a member of Cernograts family and she was happy that she was dying in her own castle. Then a noise of something splitting and crashed was heard. A tree fell in the park and soul of old lady left her body in this way the last member of Cernograts family left her body.

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