

Siegfried

One nice summer day Siegfried went to a village. There he saw a blacksmith who handled a metal so heavily, that it threw out sparks. Siegfried was very impressed and therefore he asked the blacksmith, if he could be his apprentice. The blacksmith looked at him and saw his many muscles. Still Siegfried didn't get on with the other servants therefore they complained about Siegfried to the blacksmith. They told the blacksmith that they would leave him if Siegfried stayed there any longer. The blacksmith thought about it and decided to kill Siegfried. He sent Siegfried to the forest to make coal. He hoped the lindworm, who lived at this place, would kill him. Still Siegfried noticed the lindworm and killed him with a tree. After that he bathed in the blood of the lindworm. The effect was that Siegfried became invulnerable except for a spot on his upper back.

Setting

The Siegfried myth is set in the 5th century. As Siegfried likes travelling he often goes to different places. The Siegfried myth "Siegfried and the Dragon" is set in Germania, but originates in Xanten, which is in the Lower Rhine area.

There is a big forest and nice mountains. There are also castles and sources. Often they mentioned caves in which dwarfs and giants live.

Characterisation

Siegfried is a person in a myth who lived in the 5th century. He is a young man and was raised by a blacksmith called Mime. He is very athletic and appears awesome because of his muscular body. He is described fair and quiet but the others don't lose respect for him.

The young man Siegfried is very handsome and is the son of king Siegmund and queen Sieglinde. He is fearless and in search of an adventure, and he rides through the countryside on his horse, hoping that some emergency will happen. The man Siegfried from the myth of Nibelungs is known as an invulnerable, he became invulnerable in the battle against the dragon Lindwurm. He won the fight and then he took a bath in the blood of the dragon. His only vulnerable spot at his upper back. The knight Hagen of Tronje knows this and kills him with his javelin.