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LILY'S COMPLETE FIREBIRD ADVENTURES ALL THE FACTS! ALL THE FICTION! ALL THE ADVENTURE!

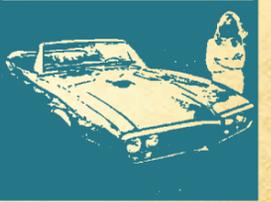
For the first time, you hear the whole story. Author Eric Alink had unprecedented access to the characters in this "fairy tale" account, as he recreates the excitement, the intrigue and the escapades of Lily and her quest to capture the Firebird. Turn the page for ...

The Legend of Lily and the Firebird.



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HOOLIGAN FIREBIRD ABSCONDS WITH APPLES DAUGHTERS' CAPTURE EFFORTS PROVE FRUITLESS

THE LAND OF FRESH POTATO SOUP, ETC - The Royal Family today joined forces to foil the burglary success of the Firebird, the so-called "Tsar of Illegally Procured Golden Fruit." After several unsuccessful attempts by her majesty, the Tsarina, to nab the feathered trespas-

ser, the royal mum upped the ante, offering half her kingdom to the daughter who could catch the wily winged thief. The efforts of heir to the throne, Oi (who has been linked to several librarians and authors in recent months), were thwarted when she allegedly fell

asleep while reading the acclaimed Russian novel Oblomov. Palace insiders say the royal bookworm likes to read novels from back to front, a genetic mutation traced back to the first Tsar, Nicolai, who purportedly liked to eat dessert first, as well. Lily, the precocious next-

in-line royal (and who some say would be more suitable for ruling than the backwards booklover) came closer to catching the nemesis to all things fruitful. Her attempts, too, were upset when her Matrushka dolls seem to have intentionally diverted her attention from her

overnight watch-girl duties. Neither young royal has been seen at any public events since the evening's incident, although the tabloid Daily Mir ran photos of a Space Wolf helping a girl out of his rocket, who the paper identified as Lily, the youngest royal daughter.

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ROYAL GUARD NEEDS YOUR HELP! CAN YOU HELP CATCH THE FIREBIRD?



Book World - Fiction
Reviewed by Oi

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Oblomov
By Ivan Aleksandrovich Goncharov. Wildside Press. 232 pp.



A member of Interpol's investigation lab (who wished to remain nameless) gave this reporter details of the case of the pilfered produce. "We had a witness who said sparks rained from the sky and the whole garden seemed to be on fire, if you can believe that. Lily says she plucked a feather from the suspect's tail, and our lab is analyzing it as we speak. I promise: We are going to crack this crime!"

The Tsarina's Royal Guard has asked members of the public to help solve the crime. Inspector Ivan Petrovsky put an official call out for clues. "Anybody who has seen anything suspicious should contact the local precinct offi-

ce or our anonymous tip line. I am asking each and every one of you to look carefully - in your villages, underneath every onion dome in the kingdom, even in your colorful and attractive catalogs from your favorite clothing stores! Please help us by finding these clues." Only then will the Tsarina smile again, when she has her golden fruit:

1. Heddles the Horse with a Golden Mane is hiding behind handbags, resting on a comfortable chair. Can you find him?
2. Tsarina Dolmat loves art. So do children around the world! Can you find the art projects from Oilily's Wild Winter Tales Challenge? They will be on display in Florence, Italy, after the DNGRA exhibition on the Dnjepr. Note: Would you like your art to appear in an upcoming Oilily catalog? See back cover.
3. The Firebird is hiding in the tree with the golden fruit. Can you find him? Hint: He's hiding on the Tsarina's handbag!

4. Lily came across a pillar with a strange Soviet poster on it. Can you find the poster in the catalog? Hint: Lily's friend is wearing it on his jacket!
5. Lily has tiny red shoes decorated with flowers from her mother's garden. Can you find them?
6. There are only even-numbered trees in The Unfinished Forest. Can you find a picture of tree number 246?
7. Lily's Matruschka dolls are hiding on somebody's dress. Where are they hiding?
8. Lily hid her blue Cossack coat behind a bunch of reeds before she tried to steal the Firebird in its cage. One of her friends is wearing it now. Can you find the coat?

Find 0 - 2: The Firebird has escaped with all the fruit - the golden loot!
Find 3 - 7: Hot on the trail! Did you catch his tail?
Find all 8: You have solved the case! The Tsarina has a smiling face!

HELP WANTED

Energetic Animani needed to supervise matchmaking plant. Must have experience in hot manufacturing conditions. Zest for work a plus! Apply in person at the Palace Matchworks.



PERSONALS

Looking for match made in heaven? How about Siberia. I have many, many matches, but not the perfect match. Some call me chilly, but I just need the right man to warm my toes. Prefer royal lineage on outside, but wolf on inside to light my fire. Sensitivity a plus. Please leave details (include photo) at Palace Afronskaya Reception.

Did you witness the theft of golden apples sometime around midnight last Saturday night in the Tsarina's garden? If so, please contact the anonymous police tip line. Reward.

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