

Queen of the Clouds - the kingdom formed out of clouds.

In the distance, they saw a woman sitting on a throne.

They moved closer, and could see that the woman was wearing a silver crown and had on a queenly robe of royal blue.

When they approached the throne, Anna asked: "Are you the Queen of the Sky, your majesty?"

The woman's hands were in the sleeves of her robe. She pulled one hand out of her sleeve, and in her hand was a large sword.

"I am the Queen of the Clouds," she said. "I created all of this." She waved her sword toward the cloudy world in front of her.

"How?" Anna asked.

"I go to the cloud farm, get a large crop of clouds, then I wave my sword around and I create something new."

"So," Otto said, "you mean when we see clouds in different shapes, that's something you made with your sword?"

"Of course," the queen said.

"You must stay busy," Anna told her. "Every day I see so many new shapes of clouds in the sky."

"Well, I work quickly," the queen said. "I still have much time to sit here and ponder life's important questions."

"And have you come up with any answers?" Anna asked.

"Decidedly so," the queen said.

"What are the answers?" Anna asked.

"Before I give you any privileged information, would you kindly inform me with whom I am speaking?" the queen asked.

"I am Anna," Anna said. Then she pointed to Otto and said, "and he is Otto."

"So your names are the same both forwards and backwards," the queen replied.

"Yes!" Anna said. "You noticed!"

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"When your given name is Elle, you notice such things," the queen said.