



THE
Goat-Faced Girl

A CLASSIC ITALIAN FOLKTALE

retold by Leah Marinsky Sharpe

illustrated by Jane Marinsky

Enter the world of *The Goat-Faced Girl*

Fables Exhibit for The Goat-Faced Girl

Like many good fables, this story opens with a founding left – rather inconveniently, if not surprisingly – in the woods. A large lizard, ever conscious of tripping hazards, picks up the infant and takes her home, where she soon grows into a pretty, pampered, and generally useless young woman named Isabella. Despite her adoptive mother's efforts (for the lizard is really a witch in disguise) to shape her up, the girl prefers the alluring life offered her by the charming Prince Rupert, a world of cooks and servants, palaces and jewels, luxury and indolence. Luckily, the lizard woman is a canny, concerned parent. She does not suffer fools lightly and is not about to let her daughter's too-easy transition to palace life go unchallenged. And so she arranges a surprise transformation for her daughter – one that puts the prince's marital plans on hold and gives the witch just enough time to hammer home a few lessons about the downside of idleness, the inanity of vanity, and the satisfactions of self-reliance. In this witty, modern interpretation of a classic Italian folktale, Leah Marinsky Sharpe has crafted a light-hearted mother-daughter fable with a moral that is sure to strike a chord with readers of all ages. The illustrations by Jane Marinsky glow with rich color and playful humor. Together, words and pictures provide a zesty treat for parents and children alike.

David R. Godine, Publisher

Exhibition of *The Goat-Faced Girl* paintings and process work by Jane Marinsky

Friday, November 13, 2009, 6 – 9 PM

The Fanette Goldman - Carolyn Greenfield Art Gallery, Daemen College

Opening reception, book sale* and signing by the illustrator

*Cash and checks only

Friday, November 13 through Monday, November 30, 2009

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Gallery Hours: Monday through Friday (9 AM-4 PM), Thursday (9 AM - 7 PM) Saturday (1-4 PM)

