

Kozy-Korpesh and Bayan-Sulu

Karabay and Sarybay were very good friends and they promised that their children would marry. Sarybay died before his son Kozy was born. Karabay had a daughter called Bayan. Kozy and Bayan grew up but they didn't meet. Bayan became a beautiful young woman. The fame of her beauty spread throughout the whole steppe. She became known as Bayan-Sulu, or 'Bayan the Beautiful'. Kozy and Bayan finally fell in love.

Then a warrior called Kodar helped Karabay rescue his goats and sheep in the desert. So Karabay changed his mind and decided to give his daughter to Kodar instead of Kozy. But Bayan didn't love Kodar and wanted to wait for Kozy. So Karabay and Kodar took Bayan away. On the way she dropped some of her things. On a mountain, she left her comb and then she dropped her belt and necklace. Kozy followed her things and found her. Then Kodar attacked Kozy and they had a fight. Kodar lost the fight but then murdered Kozy in his sleep.

Bayan took her revenge. She asked Kodar to bring water from a deep well. Kodar climbed down into the well using her hair braids as a rope. But then Bayan cut them and Kodar died in the well. She didn't want to live without Kozy so she stabbed a knife into her heart.



Task.1 Who are the characters in the story? Match the names 1-4 with the roles a-d

1 Bayan - Sulu	a father
2 Kozy - Korpesh	b warrior
3 Karabay	c lover
4 Kodar	d daughter

Task.2 Read the text and choose True or False

1 Bayan's father was Karabay	True	False
2 Kozy and Bayan met when they were young.	True	False
3 Kodar was a farmer.	True	False
4 Karabay decided to give Bayan to Kozy.	True	False

5 Bayan didn't love Kodar.	True	False
6 Kozy followed Bayan but he didn't find her.	True	False
7 Kodar died in a river.	True	False
8 Bayan didn't want to live without Kozy.	True	False

Task.3 Find these words in the text. Match the words 1-5 with the definitions a-e.

1. comb	a. we wear it around our waist
2. knife	b. we wear it around our neck
3. belt	c. we use it to tidy our hair
4. braid	d. we wear it in our hair
5. necklace	e. we use it to cut something

Task.4 Answer these questions.

1. Does this story have a happy ending? Why / Why not?
2. Who is your favourite character in the story? Why?
3. What other famous love stories do you know?