



THE WISDOM OF THE WICKED WITCH & The HELPFUL TEACHINGS OF STEPMOTHERS

In folktales, it is usually the female figure that gives or withholds nurture and nourishment. Harsh stepmothers, evil witches, benevolent crones and wise women appear in stark contrast, like Lady Holle and Baba Yaga. But all seem to have the power to reward and punish, create and destroy. If the heroine doesn't have her wits about her or lacks resourcefulness and courage, she will find herself 'covered' in misfortune that will cling to her for the rest of her life, or she will be 'devoured' – losing her individuality altogether. On the surface good and evil appear fairly black and white, but in the realm of folktales nothing is as it seems.

This four-part workshop has traditional storytelling at its heart. Using folktales, conversation and other creative techniques we will discover that:

- We can turn trials and hardships into wisdom; hinderances into capability and strength
- We can recognise adversaries as helpers in disguise
- We can use folktales and storytelling to refine creative thinking and tackle the problems we face today.

Develop your storytelling skills.

Find fresh perspectives on crucial questions, new tools to re-evaluate personal experiences and creative thinking to support your family, friends, colleagues and community.

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