

The Legend of the Icelandic Yule Lads



The Legend of the Yule Lads is well-known among Icelanders and has been passed down from generation to generation for over 1,500 years. The country's rich history of legends and folktales featuring a host of mystical creatures is reflected in this unique Christmas tale about trolls. However, like many of Iceland's legends, the story of the Yule Lads is virtually unknown outside of the country. This particular story can be traced back to 13th Century and the Snorri Sturluson's Edda. The Edda refers to the recognized mother of the Yule Lads, a horrible ogress named Gryla. In that time, Gryla and her many troll offspring were said to terrorize children, hauling badly behaved children off in great burlap bags to be later eaten. The tales of Gryla and the Yule Lads became so gruesome and disturbing that in 1746 a public decree was issued to forbid parents from using these stories to terrify children. In the years since, the Yule Lads character has been softened from horrible trolls to mischievous tricksters. As the legend goes, the Yule Lads come down from the mountain, one each day starting 13 days before Christmas. They stay through Christmas Day, then leave, one each day, in the order they arrived. In 1932, a popular poem was written about the Jolasveinarnir [Yule Lads] by Johannes from Kotlum and it first appeared in the book Jolin Koma [Christmas is coming]. As presented in Johannes poem, each of the Yule Lads name reflects their particular brand of mischief. Stekkjastaur (Sheep Cote Clod) starts things off on December 12th and is best known for stealing sheep's milk. Giljagaur (Gulley-Gawk) arrives the next day and is preoccupied with sneaking into the barn to steal cows milk. Stufur (Shorty) steals bits of food left on frying pans while Thvorusleikir (Spoon-licker) steals spoons from the kitchen to lick and Pottasleikir (Pot-licker) steals pots and pans for the leftovers. Askasleikir

(Bowl-licker) arrives next and sneak away with the bowls of food left for the family pets. Hurdaskellir (Door-slammer) brings his mischief on December 18th by knocking, squeaking hinges on doors, and generally creating thumps and bumps in the night. Skyrgamur (Skr-gobbler) is next with the primary purpose of pigging out on Skyr, which is a very rich Icelandic version of yogurt. Bjugnakr?kir (Sausage-swiper) joins in on December 20th focused on stealing sausage while Gluggag?gir (Window Peeper) keeps himself busy looking for shiny objects to stuff in his pockets. Gattathefur (Door Sniffer) has a very sensitive nose, which he uses to sniffs out all the goodies he can find. Kjotkrokur (Meat-hook) arrives next and hangs out near the dinner table to swipe any meats he can. The last Lad, Kertasnikir (Candle-beggar) arrives on Christmas Eve and pilfers candles. This modernized version of the Icelandic Yule Lad tale brings new life to this very old story. After accidentally being seen by a human, Stekkjastaur finds he must rely on a young Shepherd boy to keep his secret. He gives a gift just to protect his troll reputation, but the little boys happiness made him happy as well. He learns that one of the greatest gifts you can receive is the joy in giving to someone else. One by one, the Yule Lads each take a break from his own mischief, and each one learns the happiness gained from gift-giving. Even from a source as unlikely as a troll, a selfish act wrapped up in the Christmas spirit can grow into something wonderful.

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