

Poetry in words and pictures

# When the Queen Disappeared

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The queen has disappeared. Vanished. Without a trace. Who is left behind? The king refuses to go outside, the court jesters are fleeing the kingdom and the princess is waiting for the thaw. Where is the touch of a prince when your heart is frozen?

**A special kind of fairy-tale with marvellous illustrations**

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Anna Vercammen has written a poetic story about grief which is nevertheless quite funny. The pictures by Sabien Clement complement Vercammen's words beautifully, and the illustrator's elegant lines portray the queen's slow disappearance in an original way. The mix of pure illustrations and collage gives rise to a visual playfulness that is well-matched to the text. 'When the Queen Disappeared' is a special fairy-tale about loss and hope.

**The fragile text is poetic and imbued with a subtle humor which lightens the heavy theme**

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**Sabien Clement's** (b. 1978) work is characterized by her use of bright colours. Both young and old fall for her illustrations: children especially like the humour in her lines and colours, while adults go for the poetic strength and deeper meaning in her work. *Photo © Eveliene Deraedt*

**Anna Vercammen** (b. 1982) is an actress, musician and writer. She has worked with different Flemish theatre companies. 'When The Queen Disappeared' has toured as a musical play throughout Flanders and abroad, with Sabien Clement making live drawings. *Photo © Andy Nijdrop*

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