**The black queen**

Long long ago in ancient times, there was a town in the middle of a forest on Medvednica. The town was called Medvedgrad. Medvedgrad, or Bear Town, got its name from the many bears which used to live on the mountain. Grey wolves and other animals also lived in the forest too.

The people of Medvedgrad remember this as a very dark time. Their king, King Sigismund, died so the queen, Queen Barbara Celjska, always wore black. This is why they called her the Black Queen. The Black Queen was a bad queen. Many people thought she was a witch because she always wore black, and she had a black raven as a pet. The bird would often sit on her shoulder.

One day, there was no more water. The people were very thirsty. Their animals were thirsty and all the crops on the fields were dying because there was no rain and no water.

They asked their queen for help. The Back Queen still had some water in a well inside the castle but she didn't want to give any to the people. The people were angry! They cursed her! They started looking everywhere for water. The Black Queen watched them leave the city.

The people walked through the woods for hours. They were dirty, thirsty and tired. Suddenly, they heard the sound of water! They found a spring which had not been there before! They were saved!

The Black Queen was left alone in Medvedgrad. Soon her well dried up too and she had no more water. Some people thought that the water from the queen's well had left her because she had been bad to her people. The believed that her water left her and started flowing from the new spring to save them. This is why they named the spring ''The Queen's Well''.