The two of them had barely climbed onto the Grey Wolf's back, however, when they heard the blasts of trumpets. Helen's maid had seen the wolf and raised the alarm. But no guard on horseback could outrun Grey Wolf and soon he was crossing the river into King Afron's country.

"Ivan, I don't love King Afron," whispered Princess Helen as they approached the palace.

"Whom do you love, then?" asked Prince Ivan.

"I love you, Ivan, and I believe you love me," replied Princess Helen.

Together the prince and princess turned to Grey Wolf. "Will you help us?" asked Ivan.

"I have already helped you more than enough, Prince Ivan," said Grey Wolf.