



# LEGENDS AND TALES - SITNO

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Stiavnicke vrchy are our admired botanic peculiarity. Here are growing protected flowers. Exceptional are even technical Monuments, which are related to world famous Mines around Banska Stiavnica. Water Tanks from famous stiavnicke tajchy, are to this day world unique witnesses of huge technical fitness of our Medieval Ancestors.

And lonely Banska Stiavnica won Several times random inquiry and competition of most beautiful Slovakian City. Right at the top of this unique slovakian city is Rocky top Sitno. At its top sits castle, which is named same – Sitno.

I will tell you about it.





Our Slovakia is small country in middle of Europe. However, it is large in the number of castles – More than 700 of them were built since Middle age. I like to visit them because every single one has some legends or tales.

Preserved and working are today only 17.

From others are only romantic ruins. After visit of Sitno i learned why.



Old tale says, that lord Tobiáš Žakýlsky has decided to built Castle from Stone, which will protect valuable gold and Silver of Štiavnica from Turks.

I will not live in a wooden castle and endure fear. I'll build a new castle, and it will be stone one.



It was not until somewhere in Vienna that he found a famous Italian builder Francesco Cuculi. He came up with his terrible plan. It is said that in order of castle be protected by a magical force, it is necessary to wall a young virgin girl alive before the castle is completed.

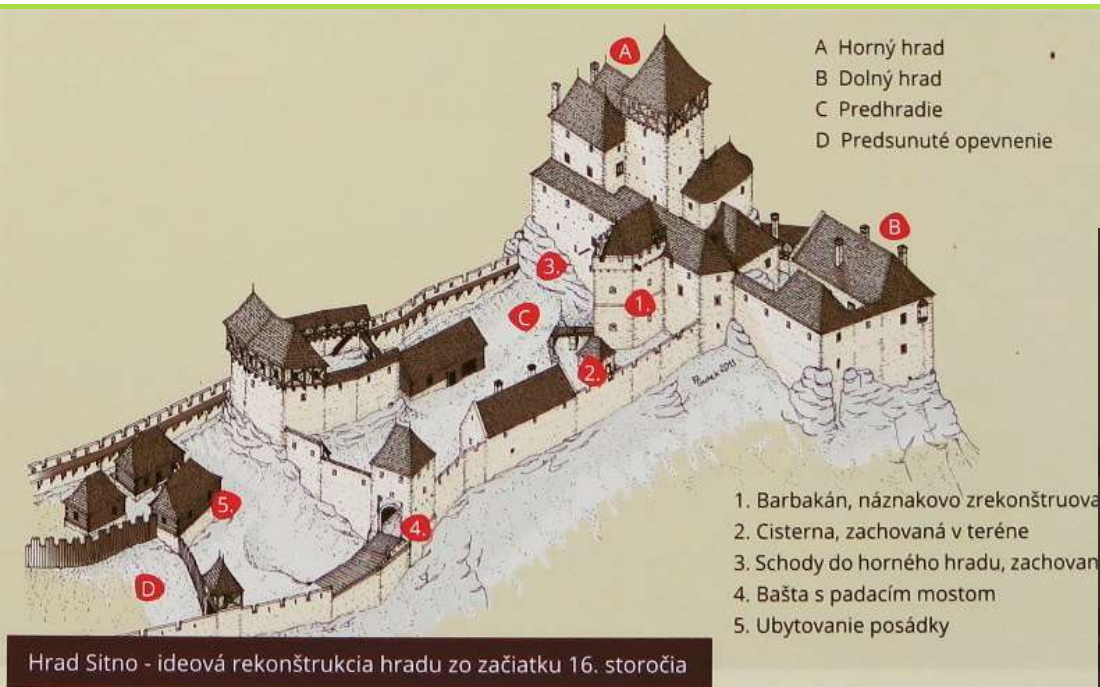




My grandpa Simon used to live near Sitniansky. He had beautiful young Granddaughter Veronica-an orphan. Her father was crushed by a tree in the woods and her mother died on disease. Just before the Completion of the Castle Lord Tobiáš decided to kidnapp her.

Don't worry Verronica you'll help the serveants in the kitchen on my estate!





Not even a week passed and Veronica is taken out of kitchen by Lords Tobiáš knights. Nobidy knew where she was taken.



For the next 3 days, weeping and wailing could be heard around the castle. None of the masons could resist Lord Tobiáš, only Dominik. He regretted the poor girl and in the night silently masonized the stone tomb. He happily freed the poor girl whose tearful eyes could no longer contain tears.





They slipped out of the castle, but the guards noticed them. The refugees were caught up on the edge of the rocky abyss of the Sitnian hill. Dominik and Veronika escaped them only by jumping into eternity. They both died, but they died as free people.



Unnecessarily great Lord Tobiáš Žakýlsky raged and stood out. The castle without vulnerable power remained vulnerable. And after a few centuries, only ruins remain today.





And the ruins are also from all other castles in Slovakia and around Prešov. Fortunately, no girls' bones were found in their ruins. Fortunately, the castle lords did not know the builder Cuculi.



Castle ŠEBEŠ



SALT Castle



Castle OBIŠOVCE

Prešov City



Castle KAPUŠANY



Castle ŠARIŠ