



June 24th: It is the Feast of the Holy Fairies in the western Carpathian Mountains today

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It is the Feast of the Holy Fairies in the western Carpathian Mountains today. Lovely maidens gather Yellow Bedstraw in the fields and...

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...braid it into crowns. While the plainer girls look on they throw their crown at their houses, then jump over a bonfire and make...

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...extra-strong love potions. The fairies then dance around blessing crops but if they encounter any men they drive them mad and maim them.

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