Definition: Oleksa Dovbush

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Oleksa Dovbush (1700-1745) The most prominent leader of the *opryshky* movement, headed a powerful organization which acted in the Carpathian Mountains, Galicia, Bukovina. He is a hero of numerous legends, among them legends about his meetings with the Besht. *The Fearsome Inn* (1967) by Isaac Bashevis-Singer retells legends about Dovbush's wife, a witch Dobushova.

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