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You are quite right," cried the King. "Therefore," continued the old man, "you should send for a gardener whose father and grandfather have been gardeners before him, and very soon your garden will be full of green grass and gay flowers, and you will enjoy its deliciou
  the messengers, taking his wife and his son with him; and the King, delighted to have found a real gardener, entrusted him with the care of his garden. The man found no difficulty in making the royal garden produce flowers and fruit, and at the end of a year the park was not like
          place, and the King showered gifts upon his new servant. The gardener, as you have heard already, had a son, who was a very handsome young man, with most agreeable manners, and every day he carried the best fruit of the garden to the King, and all the prettiest flowe
  to his daughter. Now this princess was wonderfully pretty and was just sixteen years old, and the King was beginning to think it was time that she should be married. "My dear child," said he, "you are of an age to take a husband, therefore I am thinking of marrying you to the son
       answered he. "Young traveler, have pity upon me." "Take my purse, good woman," said he, "and mount behind me, for your legs can't be very strong." The old woman didn't wait to be asked twice, but mounted behind him, and in this style they reached the chief city of a por
 will overcome them all at last, and will present yourself before the sick King. You must then demand as much wood as three mules can carry, and a great cauldron, and must shut yourself up in a room with the Sultan, and when the cauldron boils you must throw him into it, and
ere leave him until his flesh is completely separated from his bones. Then arrange the bones in their proper places, and throw over them the ashes out of the three bags. The King will come back to life, and will be just as he was when he was twenty years old. For your reward you re
ust demand the bronze ring which has the power to grant you everything you desire. Go, my son, and do not forget any of my instructions." The young man followed the old beggar-woman's directions. On going out of the town he found the white, red, and black dogs, and killed an
        the Sultan ordered that the stranger should be admitted. They brought the cauldron and the loads of wood, and very soon the King was
                                                                                                                                                                           boiling away. Toward mid-day the gardener's son arranged the bones in their places, and he had hardly scattered the ashes over them
                                                                                                                                                                                     half my treasures?" "No," šaid the gardener's son. "My daughter's hand?" "No." "Take half my kingdom." "No. Give me only the
 fore the old King revived, to find himself once more young and hearty. "How can I reward you, my benefactor?" he cried. "Will you take
pronze ring which can instantly grant me anything I wish for." "Alas!" said the King, "I set great store by that marvelous ring; neverthe
                                                                                                                                                                                       ss, you shall have it." And he gave it to him. The gardener's son went back to say good-by to the old beggar-woman; then he
aid to the bronze ring: "Prepare a splendid ship in which I may continue my journey. Let the hull be of fine gold, the masts of silver, t
helm. As to the cargo, let it be diamonds, rubies, emeralds, and carbuncles." And immediately a ship appeared upon the sea which
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                         "What is your name, what is your family, and from what country do you come?" "I am the son of the prime in
 ng more about you, I am willing to help you. I will give you a ship to take you back to your own country upon one condition."
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nat strange shi p is this," h
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  an it? And do I not see St. Nicholas at
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 and it is you I wish to marry.
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                                    "Young man, you shall be my son-in-
arried the beautiful Princess. Several months passed. The young couple
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                                                                                                                                                                                                 'A bronze ring that is hidden under a cushion." "Find the ring and give it to him," said the Princess. And at last the sl
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    in this miserable condition, the young captain understood that some one must have stolen the bronze ring from
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                nagician has stolen from me. If you do not do this I will land all my cats upon you
                                 ' She held a new council, calling in mice from every quarter of
               sion of it, and now he keeps it in his pocket by day and in his mouth
              When they reached the capital they landed and ran to the palace, le
  put the bronze ring into his mouth, and very soon he was asleep. "Now, w
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d than done. The boat reached the island, and the mice landed. The blind mouse was speedily desert
   it, when she felt something very hard. At her cries the other two mice ran up. "It is the bronze ring
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   for the captain was just going to land his cargo of cats, when a deputation of mice brought him th
                                                                                                                                                                                                                               commanded the young man, "obey thy master. Let my ship appear as it was before." Imme
      the genii of the ring set to work, and the old black vessel became once more the wonderful gol
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               how merrily the sailors sang as they flew over the glassy sea! At last the port was rea
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           The magician tried to escape, but he was seized and bound with strong cords. The next
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 people with very large noses; and the Prince grew up so convinced that a long nose was a great beauty, that he would no
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ess several kingdoms herself; but Prince Hyacinth had not a thought to spare for anything of that sort, he was so much 🕏
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er face, was the prettiest thing possible, but it was a cause of great embarrassment to the courtiers, who had got into sucl
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hink; but this did not do at all before the Prince, who quite failed to see the joke, and actually banished two of his courtiers
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 earned to think twice before they spoke, and one even went so far as to tell the Prince that, though it was quite true that no
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earned man who understood Greek and had read in some old manuscripts that the beautiful Cleopatra herself had a "tip-tilte
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the Dear Little Princess in marriage. The King, her father, gave his consent; and Prince Hyacinth, who, in his anxiety to see t
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rror of all who stood by, the enchanter appeared as suddenly as a flash of lightning, and, snatching up the Dear Little Princes
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should induce him to go back to his kingdom until he had found her again, and refusing to allow any of his courtiers to follow
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happened that he came presently to a great plain, across which he rode all day long without seeing a single house, and horse
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emed to shine from a cavern. He rode up to it, and saw a little old woman, who appeared to be at least a hundred years old. Sh
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d fix them securely because her nose was so very short. The Prince and the Fairy (for that was who she was) had no sooner lo
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what a funny nose!" "Not so funny as your own," said Prince Hyacinth to the Fairy; "but, madam, I beg you to leave the consid
t, for I am starving, and so is my poor horse." "With all my heart," said the Fairy. "Though your nose is so ridiculous you are,
Now he had a very handsome nose!" "And pray what does mine lack?" said the Prince. "Oh! it doesn't lack anything," replied
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ay be a very worthy man though his nose is too long. I was telling you that I was your father's friend; he often came to see me
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say so. I should like to tell you of a conversation we had the last time I ever saw him." "Indeed," said the Prince, "when I have ou, that I have had nothing to eat to-day." "The poor boy is right," said the Fairy; "I was forgetting. Come in, then, and I will gi rds--for I don't like endless tales myself. Too long a tongue is worse than too long a nose, and I remember when I was young
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een, my mother, that it was so. For though you see what I am now, I was the daughter of a great king. My father-
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h! certainly," answered the Fairy, "and you also shall have supper directly. I only just wanted to tell you----" "But I really cann
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ing quite angry; but then, remembering that he had better be polite as he much needed the Fairy's help,
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ut my horse, who cannot hear you, must really be fed!" The Fairy was very much flattered by this com
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ite, and in spite of the enormous size of your nose you are really very agreeable." "Plague take the
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own faults! That comes of being a princess: she has been spoiled by flatterers, who have made
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per on the table, and the prince was much amused to hear the Fairy who asked them a thousan
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who, no matter what was being said, always contrived to praise her mistress's wisdom. "Well!"
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have been in never listening to flatterers. People of that sort praise us to our faces without sh
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em. I know my own defects, I hope." Poor Prince Hyacinth! He really believed what he said, an
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s maid was laughing at her; for the Prince had seen her laugh slyly when she could do so wit
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o be appeased, the Fairy said: "My dear Prince, might I beg you to move a little more that way
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w let us speak of your father. When I went to his Court he was only a little boy, but that is for
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s fond of amusement as ever? In my time one saw them at parties, theatres, balls, and pro
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e Prince, "I wish you would leave off mentioning my nose. It cannot ma
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ke what is given one." "Now you are angry with me, my poor Hy
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do you a service. However, though I really cannot help your
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d of his nose, and yet he could not bring himself to a
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make him happy, at last hit upon a plan. She shut t
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might, he never could raise it to his lips, for his
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se is too long!" In an instant the crystal prison f
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much obliged to me. Much good it was for me t
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ho had many children and little to give them in the way either of food or cloth
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s to her beauty. So once--it was late on a Thursda
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e all sitting together by the fireside, each of them busy
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hen he got out there stood a great big white bear. "Good-evening to you," said the White Bear. "Go
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as you are now poor." Truly the man would have had no objection to be rich, but he thought to hims
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                        ay evening the White Bear came to fetch her. She seated herself on his back with her bundle, and
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hus they departed. When they had gone a great part of the way, the White Bear said: "Are you afraid?"
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                                                                                                                                                                    said she. "Keep t
o a great mountain. Then the White Bear knocked on it, and a door opened, and they went into a castle wh
                                                                                                                                                              many brilliantly lighted
                                                                                                                                                                                                    rooms which shone with gold and silver, likewise a large hall in which there was a well-spread table, and it was so
magnificent that it would be hard to make anyone understand how splendid it was. The White Bear gave her
                                                                                                                                                                and told her that wh
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night was drawing near, she grew sleepy after her journey, and thought she would like to go to bed. She rang
wish to sleep in. It had pillows of silk, and curtains of silk fringed with gold, and everything that was in the room
                                                                                                                                                                                                 befo re she found herself in a chamber where a bed stood ready made for her, which was as pretty as anyone could
                                                                                                                                   the bell, and scarcely had she touched it
                                                                                                                                        was of gold or silver, but when she had I
                                                                                                                                                                                                     down and put out the light a man came and lay down beside her, and behold it was the White Bear, who cast off the
e form of a beast during the night. She never saw him, however, for he always came after she had put out her light
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all day long she had to go about alone; and she did so wish to go home to her father and mother and brothers and sis 🕺 ters. Then the White Be
                                                                                                                                                                                               what it was that she wanted, and she told him that it was so dull there in the mountain, and that she had to go about all
alone, and that in her parents' house at home there were all her brothers and sisters, and it was because she could not go to them that she was so s
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alone, but only when the others are there too; for she will take hold of your hand," he said, "and will want to lead you into a room to talk with you alone; but that you must by no means do, or you will bring great misery on both of us." So one Sunday the White Bear came and said th
at they could now set out to see her father and mother, and they journeyed thither, she sitting on his back, and they went a long, long time; but at last they came to a large white farmhouse, and her brothers and sisters were running about outside it, play ng, and it was so pretty that it was a pleasure to look at it. "Your parents dwell here now," said the White Bear; "but do not forget what I said to you, or you will do much harm both to yourself and me." "No, indeed," said she, "I shall never forget;" and as soon as she was at home the
 White Bear turned round and went back again. There were such rejoicings when she went in to her parents that it seemed as if they would never be sufficiently grateful to her for all she had done for them all. Now they had ever
rything that they wanted, and everything was as good as it could be. They all asked her how she was getting on where she was getting on where she was getting on where she gave I cannot say, but I am pretty sure that they
did not learn much from her. But in the afternoon, after they had dined at midday, all happened just as the White Bear had said. Her mother wanted to talk with her alone in her own chamber. But she remembered what the White Bear had said, and would on no account go. "What we
have to say can be said at any time," she answered. But somehow or other her mother at last persuaded her, and she was forced to tell the whole story. So she told how every night a man came and lay down beside her when the lights were all put out, and how she never saw him, I
ecause he always went away before it grew light in the morning, and how she continually went about in sadness, thinking how happy she would be if she could but see him, and how all day long she had to go about alone, and it was so dull and solitary. "Oh!" cried the mother, in ho rror, "you are very likely sleeping with a troll! But I will teach you a way to see him. You shall have a bit of one of my candles, which you can take away with you hidden in your breast. Look at him with that when he is asleep, but take care not to let any tallow drop upon him." So she
took the candle, and hid it in her breast, and when evening drew near the White Bear came to fetch her away. When they had gone some distance on their way, the White Bear asked her if everything had not happened just as he had foretold, and she could not but own that it had. "I have not done anything at all." So when she had reached home and had gone to bed it was just the same as it had been before, and a man came and lay down beside her, and late at night, when she could hear that he was sleeping, she got up and kindled a light, lit her candle, let her light shine on him, and saw him, and he was the handsomest prince that eyes had ever beheld, and she loved him so much that it seemed to her that she must be did not kiss him that very moment. So she did kiss him; but while she was doing it she let three drops of hot tallow fall upon his shirt, and he awoke. "What have you done now?" said he; "you have brought misery on both of us. If you had but held out for the space of on
e year I should have been free. I have a step-mother who has bewitched me so that I am a white bear by day and a man by night; but now all is at an end between you and me, and I must leave you, and go to her. She lives in a castle which lies east of the sun and west of the moon, and there too is a princess with a nose which is three ells long, and she now is the one whom I must marry." She wept and lamented, but all in vain, for go he must. Then she asked him if she could not go with him. But no, that could not be. "Can you tell me the way then, and I will se
ek you--that I may surely be allowed to do!" "Yes, you may do that," said he; "but there is no way thither. It lies east of the moon, and never would you find your way there." When she awoke in the morning both the Prince and the castle were gone, and she was
ying on a small green patch in the midst of a dark, thick wood. By her side lay the self-same bundle of rags which she had brought with her from her own home. So when she had rubbed the sleep out of her eyes, and wept till she was weary, she set out on her way, and thus she wal
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