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THE PRINCE WITH THE GOLDEN HAIR

1. *The Lost Servants*

Once, long ago and far away, there was a king who lived in a beautiful *palace. Round this palace on every side there was a great *forest.

It pleased the king to walk among the large and beautiful trees of this forest, and often, taking his servants with him, he would stay many happy hours there.



One day when he was coming back from a long walk there, he saw that one of his servants had not come out of the forest with the others. No one seemed to know where the man was. Hour after hour went by, and still the lost man did not come back. At last the king sent another servant into the forest to try to find him. Again hours went by, and the second man **did not** come back. The following day, two more men went to look for their friends. They were never heard of again.

It made the king very unhappy to lose four good servants who had served in his palace for many years.

After several days had gone by, one of his oldest followers came to the king and said, "O King, these men who are lost are my friends. Let me go into the forest to find them. I have lived here

all my life and know more about the forest than any man here."

The king answered, saying, "I don't like this plan. How may I be sure that I shall not lose another good man if I let you go? But I know that if any man can find them, you can."

"I am old, and there are many younger men who can take my place, O King," said the servant. "Let me start at once, because every hour may make it harder for me to find my friends."

At last the king told the old man that he might go, and the servant quickly found his way into the forest.

2. *The Hand in the Well*

He had not gone very far when he saw a big black *bear standing in the *road. He at once took a large *stone and *threw it at the bear. The bear was not very brave because it ran away at once.



Down the road went the



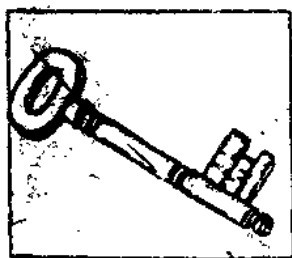
stone until it fell into an old well which had not been used for many, many years. When the stone hit the water, the water began to move up and down; then out of the middle of it there came a great *arm and hand.



This hand moved round and round as if feeling for something; then slowly it went down into the water.

When he saw this, the old servant was so afraid that he turned and ran back to the palace as quickly as he could.

When the king heard the story of the well, he called all his men together and told them to be ready to leave for the forest early in the morning. The next morning, very early, the king and his men were taken by the old servant to the place where he had seen the hand. The king ordered his followers to throw all the water out of the well. They did so, and in this way they found at the bottom of the well a forest man. The king, believing that this man had killed his servants,



took him back to the palace and shut him up in one of the smallest rooms.

There was only one *key that would open the door of this room. The king gave this key to his wife, telling her to take great care that no one opened the door to let the forest man out. The queen took the key and put it in a box in her room.

After the forest man was shut up in the room, no more men were lost, and the king took his walks in the forest as often as before.

3. *The Little Prince and the Lost Ball*

Now the king had only one son. One day the little *prince,¹ who was just six years old, was playing with his ball in the palace *garden. He was very happy throwing his ball up and down and running here and there in the garden. Once he threw it very near the place where the forest man was kept. The next time he threw the ball higher than before; this time it went into the window of the forest man's room.



The forest man came to the window above him, and he was holding the ball in his hand. "Please give me my ball," said the little prince down below when he saw him. "I want to play with it."

"I'll give it to you if you will open the door of my room," said the forest man.

The prince answered, "I can't open the door of your room because I have no key."

"The key is in a little box which is on a table in your mother's room," said the forest man.

So the little prince ran up to his mother's room and soon came back with the key. He opened the door and went into the room to get his ball. The forest man gave him the ball but then ran out of the door.

1 See the picture of the prince on the cover.

“Oh, don’t run away,” cried the little boy. “If you do, my father and mother will be very angry with me. They said that no one was to open your door! Oh, what shall I do?” And the little prince began to cry.

The forest man turned back and took the little boy in his arms, saying, “If they are going to be angry with you, I’ll take you to my home in the forest.” And away he ran, carrying the little prince with him.

For several hours no one knew what had happened, as each servant thought that others were taking care of the prince. When they began looking for him in the garden, they couldn’t find him. At last they came to the open door of the forest man’s room, looked in, and saw that the forest man was gone. Of course, they thought at once that he had escaped and taken the little prince with him.

When they told the king, he called together all his men and went with them to try to find his son. Day after day they looked for the little prince but they couldn’t find him. At last the king decided that his son was no longer living, and went back to the palace.

4. In the Forest Man’s Home

When the forest man ran away with the little prince, he didn’t go back to the well where they had found him, but to his home far on the other side of the forest. There the trees grew so near

together that a man couldn't find his way through them if he didn't know the way. Only the forest man knew the way.

Here the prince and the forest man lived very happily for several years. One day, the forest man told the young boy that he would be away from home all day. Near the house the forest man had a garden into which he never let the little prince go. On this day he said to the prince, 'Here is the key to my garden. In the garden you'll find a beautiful *pool of water. You must take great care that nothing falls into this pool.'



And so the young boy sat down beside the pool and for several hours did nothing but look into its water. Thinking he saw a small piece of wood in it, he put his hand into the water to try to get the wood out. Though he found nothing, when he took his hand out of the water, he saw that there was *gold on it. He tried to get it off, but the gold wouldn't come off. That night, when the forest man came home, he looked at the pool and said, "Something has been in the water of my pool! Show me your hands!"

The little prince showed his hands to the forest man. Of course, he saw the gold on one of them. "Ah," he said, "you have put your hand in my water. Don't do that again. I'll be angry if you do."

The following morning, the forest man had to go away once more, and again he told the little prince to go into the garden and take care that nothing fell into the pool.

All through the morning the boy sat by the side of the water. In the middle of the day the sun became very hot. As he sat there, one hair fell into the water. He tried to get this but could not. He tried again, but he reached out too far, fell, and all his hair went into the water. When he sat back again, he found that all of his hair was golden.



5. *The Golden Hair*

Of course, he was very much afraid. He ran into the house and put a cloth over his hair, hoping that the forest man wouldn't see that his hair was golden.

The first thing the forest man saw when he came back was the cloth on the boy's hair. He knew at once what the prince had done, and he was very unhappy. He then said: "I see that you don't know how to take care of my pool. Now I must send you away. I love you because you are the only one who has been good and kind to me, and because you opened the door and let me out of that room in the palace. I wish you to know before you go, that I am very rich indeed. If you need my help at any time, come to the forest and

call three times. 'Forest Man, Forest Man. Forest Man!' I'll come at once and help you."

When the prince saw that he must leave the forest man, he was very unhappy. He walked for many days until he came to the next country. From city to city he went, staying a few days here and a few months there, doing any work that he could find to do.

And so the years went by till he was a young man. He often thought of his father and mother, but he never heard anything about them and he never found out where his father's palace was. When he came to a new city, he would always go at once to look at the palace, but he never found the palace he had known as a boy.

6. The Prince becomes a Cook

One day, he came to a palace, and asked for some work to do. The servants sent him to see the cook, who just then needed someone to help him. He gave the prince the hardest work of all, but the young man did it well. This so pleased the cook that he even let him cook some of the king's food. For several months the young prince worked with the cook and they were great friends.

Several months later the cook told the young prince to carry some food to the king's table. Now the prince had never let anyone know the secret of his shining golden hair, but had always kept a hat on. So on this day he went into the king's room with his hat on his head - a thing

which is never done—and put the food on the table. The king looked up and saw him. At once the king was angry, and asked him why he kept his hat on in the king's room. The young prince said, 'O King, I never let anyone see my hair!' and then he left the room. The king, who was very angry, sent for the cook, and ordered him to send his helper away at once.



The cook obeyed but liked the young man so much that he didn't send him far away, but asked the gardener to let him work in the palace garden.

While he was working, the prince would keep his hat on so that no one might find out the secret of his golden hair. But one day the sun was so bright and hot that he took his hat off for a time.

7. The King's Beautiful Daughter

It happened that just at that time the king's daughter, who was very beautiful, was in her room looking out of the window at the flowers in her garden. All at once the whole garden seemed full of *sunlight. "Oh, how beautiful the sun is today!" she thought, but then, looking down from her window she saw that it was



the bright light from the young gardener's shining hair.

Calling one of her servants she said to her, "Go and tell that young gardener to bring me some flowers."

A short time later, the young prince came into her room, carrying all the most beautiful flowers that he could find in the garden. But his hair was all carefully put up inside his hat.

When the princess saw him come into her room with his hat on, she ordered him to take off his hat at once. The poor prince didn't know what to do. At last, saying nothing at all, he turned and started to leave the room.

The princess then was angry. She told her servants to hold him back and take off his hat. They did this, and down fell the prince's shining golden hair.

Then the young prince became angry. He left the room without speaking a word.

When he had gone, the princess was sorry that she had been so unkind, and sent several pieces of gold to the gardener to be given to his helper. The prince wouldn't touch this money, but told the gardener to give it to the cook's little children.

8. Fighting in the Country

Several years after this happened, the king of a country nearly fought against the king of the country in which the young prince was working. The king called all his men together and told

them to get *horses. Then they rode fast to meet the other king to keep him from *fighting against the city.

The young prince asked everyone to give him a horse, but no one would do so because he was only a gardener's helper. At last he found an old horse which had been left behind because it was too old.

Getting on it, the prince rode off to the forest. When he came there, he got off his horse and called three times, "Forest Man, Forest Man, Forest Man!" At once the forest man stood before him. He was very glad to see the young prince again, and asked him what he needed.

The prince told him of the fighting, and that he wanted very much to have a horse, so that he might go with the other men to save the country. The forest man then went into the forest. He came back in a short time, bringing with him a fine black horse for the prince to ride, and *clothing made of cloth of gold. And out of the forest rode many men on strong white horses, ready to follow the prince as his men.

Thanking the forest man, the young prince rode off with his men behind him. When they came to the place where the fighting was going on, they found that only the king and a few of his friends were left. Many of the men who had ridden out

