

The tale of the king and salt

Once upon a time there was a king who had three daughters. One day he called them all and asked them how much they liked him. The eldest said she loved him with all her soul, the middle sister said she loved him with all her heart and the youngest told him she loved him as much as food loves salt. Because of her odd response he kicked her out of the palace.

The princess took her jewels and clothes to leave and travel the world. She arrived at a palace of another kingdom and asked to be taken up as a maid. She was ordered to take care of the ducks. Next to the lake where the ducks swam, she put her things down and said «A duck here, a duck there. A king's daughter taking care of ducks - never seen before.»

One day the kingdom's prince decided to spy on the duck keeper and heard everything she said. He immediately wanted to marry her. She obviously said yes however her condition was that her father was invited to the ceremony and had to eat everything she cooked.

On the day of the wedding the bride's father did not recognize her when they sat down at the table, however every time a dish was served he would twist his face and couldn't help funny faces. None of the dishes tasted good for him. So, the bride drew the guests' attention and said that she had been kicked out of her palace because she had compared her love to her father to the love food has for salt. That was when the king understood just how much his daughter loved him and was very happy to know she was well married.

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