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THERE once lived a King who wished to marry a very beautiful lady in his dominions, for he had no Queen to share his throne. Whenever he went to pay this lady a visit, a great ugly black cat came out to the door to prevent his entering the house. The King was so enraged that he trod on the cat's tail, upon which the animal immediately changed into a Magician who threatened him with his vengeance.





After having said this, the Magician vanished, but the King was too much in love to care much about his threats, so that the beautiful lady soon became Queen. In the course of time, a little Prince was born, and the Magician was quite forgotten. But everybody was surprised when the nurse brought in the baby to be looked at, to see that the child's nose was such an enormous size as to throw quite a shadow on his face. He looked all nose, but as he was a Prince the courtiers and ladies all declared that he was the sweetest little fellow in the world.













When the Prince who was named PRINCE WISH, had grown a tall young fellow, quite a new fashion had been set in the shape and size of noses. All the lords in waiting and servants who had snub or pug noses had been sent away, or remained only to be laughed at, for it would never have done for them to be always staring at the Prince. To have a large nose was declared to be the mark of beauty, so that the Prince learned to be quite proud of his nose, and might almost have been persuaded to put a ring in it like a hog, if anybody had thought of such an ornament.





Now this big nose was a plan of the Magician to punish the King. It soon became a great trouble to the Prince. He had grown a fine young man, when a charming Princess paid a visit to the Queen, and her beauty was so great that all the court was loud in her praises. PRINCE WISH fell deeply in love with her, and declared to himself that he would willingly go to the end of the world for the sake of a single smile from the dear Princess Darling. As it was, however, he found it very hard to have to keep so far away from her as the length of his nose.













Then he began to doubt about the beauty and convenience of this striking feature of his face,—for when the Princess, who really liked him very much, gave him permission to kiss her cheek, he found his nose so much in the way that he was ready to wring it off. He was found looking at himself in a mirror, and bewailing his awkwardness. In spite of this, however, Darling agreed to marry him, and the day having been fixed, the Royal party were going to the church, when they suddenly saw the Magician flying over the steeple with the Princess in his arms.





PRINCE WISH was deeply grieved, but at last he sprang up, took his sword, and declared that he would not return till he had found the Princess Darling. After a long and weary journey he came to a wood, beyond which, a high barrier of rocks almost shut out the last rays of the sun; but he saw a strange glimmering from a hole in the rock itself, and on approaching, found that it came from a cave, where a little old woman sat reading by the light of a candle. "Who are you, who come here to interrupt me!" she called out, as she stooped under the low doorway.













The Prince could not reply for laughing, for the old lady wore a great pair of tortoiseshell spectacles, and her nose was so short that they would hardly stay on it. WISH had never seen such a snub. "You are not very polite to laugh at a woman who is a hundred years old," said the little dame, growing angry. "You'll find your nose will be laughed at just as much as mine is before you've got far on your travels." Her words came true enough, for in the very next village the people all came out and jeered at him, hooting and calling him "Nosey."





The Prince was sorry, and this was what the old woman wanted, for she was his good fairy, and when **PRINCE WISH** went into the woods, he came to a splendid palace that shone like silver. At a window, waving her handkerchief to him, who should he see but the Princess Darling. He was up stairs in a moment, and was about to kiss the Princess, when he remembered his nose, and feeling for it, found it had shrunk to an ordinary size. Delighted at this, he took the Princess in his arms, and at the same moment she was restored from the power of the Magician.



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