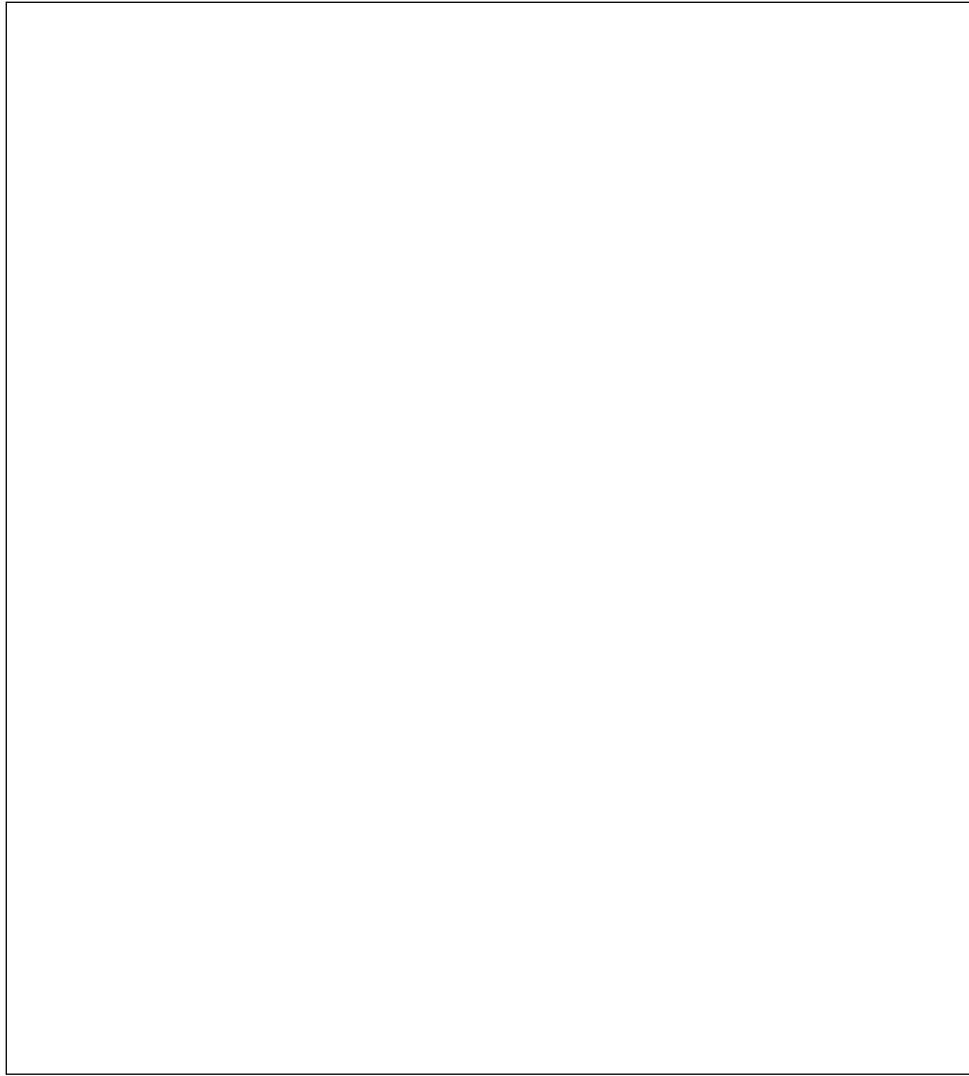


# The Princess and the Pea

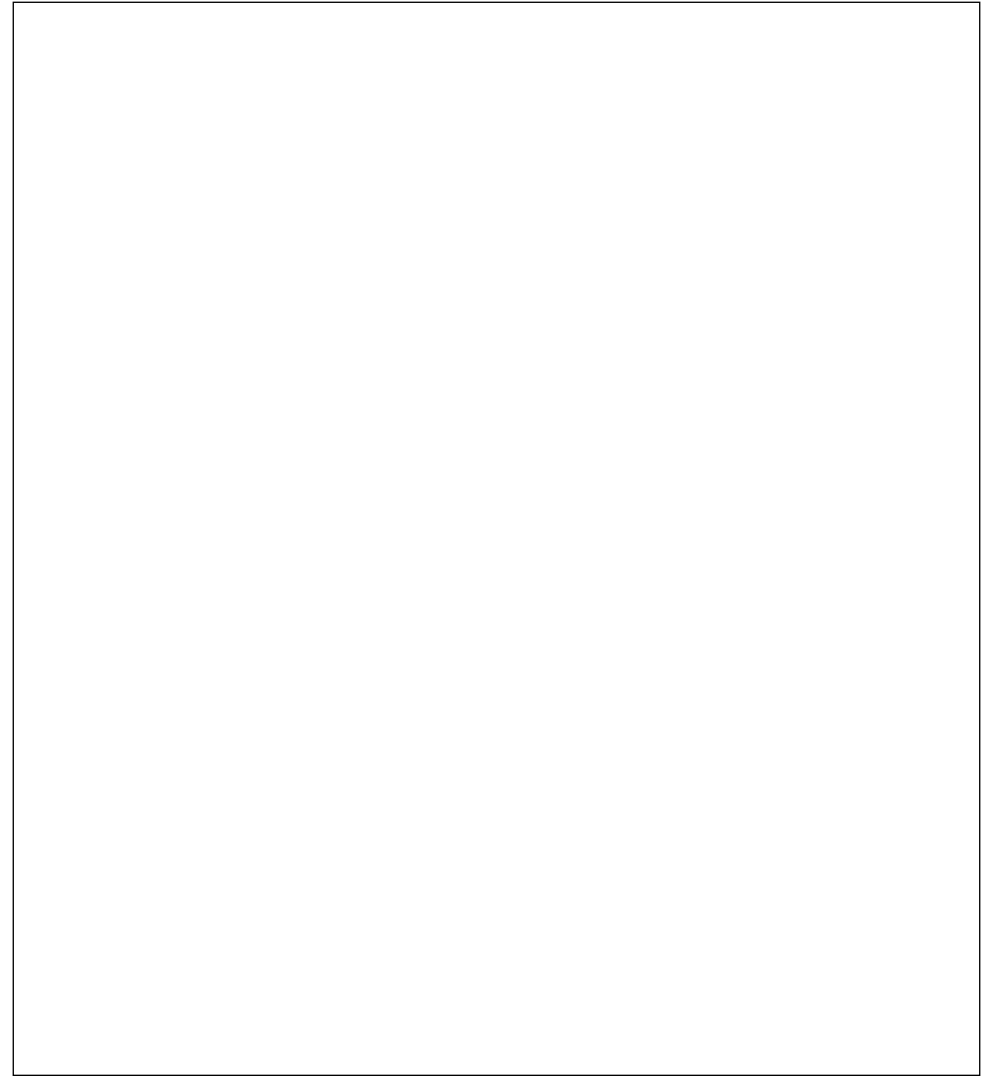
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Once upon a time there was a prince who lived in a palace with the king and queen.

One day, the queen said that it was time for the prince to get married. The prince wanted to marry a real princess, so he set off around the world to find her.



The prince was very happy that he had finally found his real princess. He married her and they lived happily ever after.

As for the pea, it was placed in a museum where it can still be seen today.

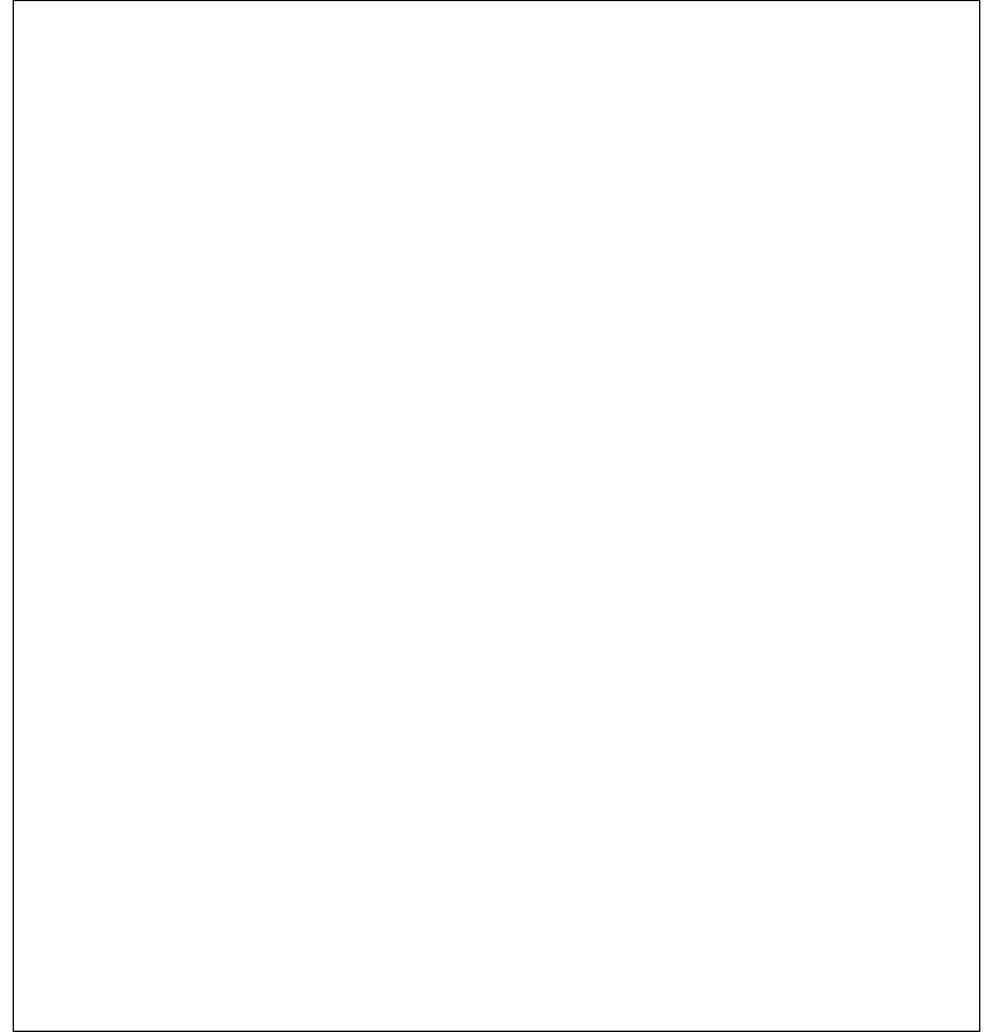
In the morning the queen asked the princess, “Did you sleep well my dear?”

“No,” said the princess. “There was something hard in the bed and now I am black and blue all over!”



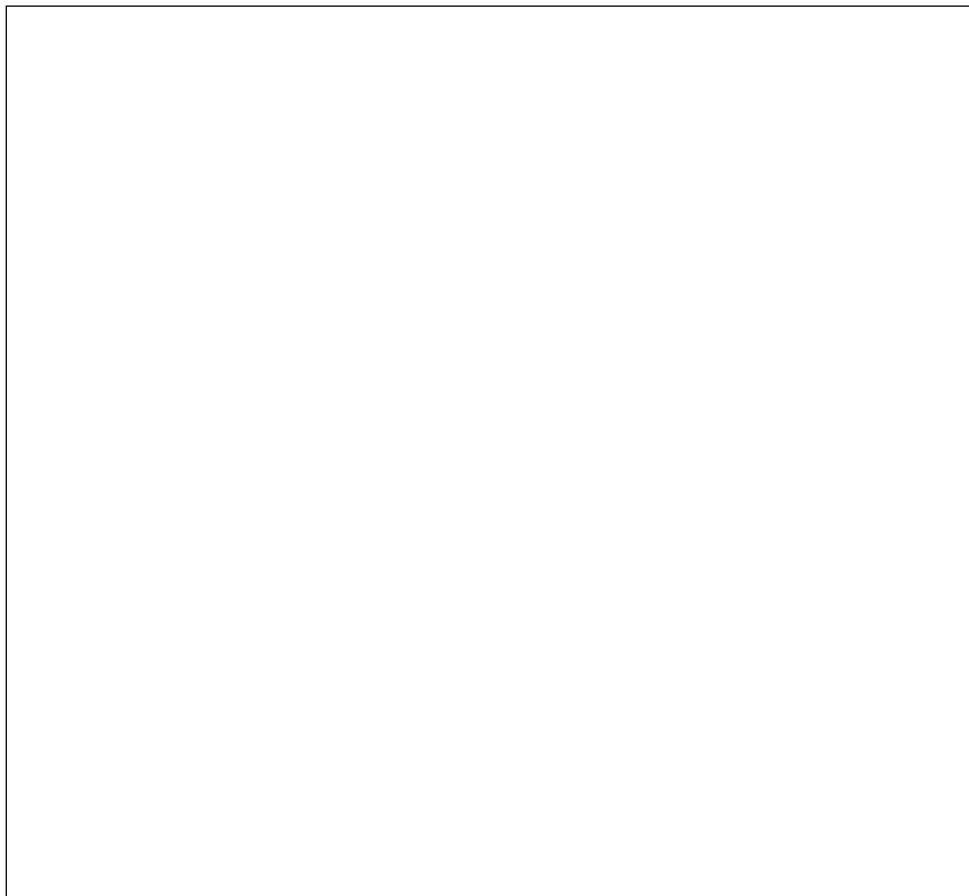
“She is a real princess!” said the queen. “Only a true princess could feel a pea under twenty mattresses and twenty quilts.” She rushed to tell the king and the prince.

The prince met many girls who said they were real princesses, but there was always something not quite right about them.



After many months of searching, he returned to the palace. He was very sad.

One night there was a terrible storm. The lightning flashed, the thunder roared and the rain poured down.

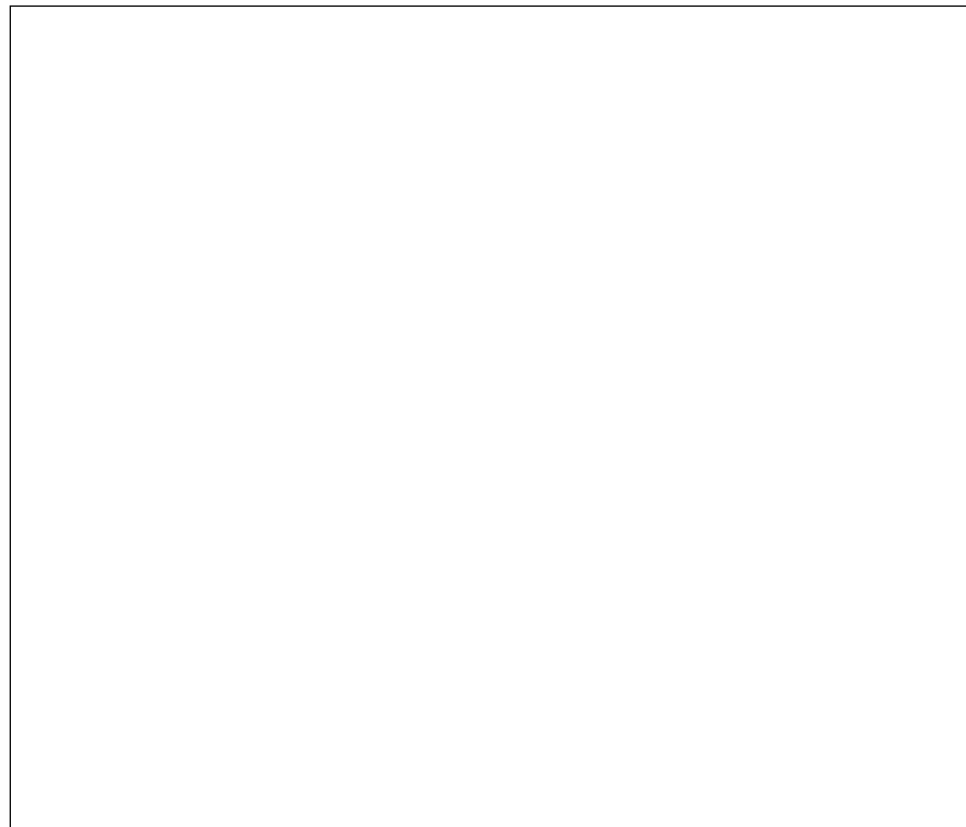


Suddenly there was a knock at the palace door. The king opened the door and there stood a very wet and untidy girl.

“Who are you?” said the king.

“I am a princess,” said the girl. “I am lost and I want to get warm.”

The prince liked the princess, but the queen wasn't sure if she was a real princess and decided to find out. She invited the princess to stay the night.



The queen put a pea on the princess's bed and then put twenty mattresses and twenty quilts on top of the pea.

“We'll soon find out if she's a real princess!” said the queen.