

THE POWER OF LOVE

ONCE UPON A TIME...

In the country of the Red Emperor there was a girl with golden hair. When people saw the girl, they fascinated and tongue-tied. Therefore, all of the female slaves were jealous of the girl. On the other hand, she was privileged because she was the princess, Red Emperor's daughter. However, her beauty put her into trouble. Slaves of the Emperor's palace gossiped that the poor girl was struck by the evil eye and she was badly ill, so she was hollow-eyed then. The Emperor called doctors from all over his empire and a wise doctor informed him that she could only recover if the stone of patience was with her.

Even worse, the stone had been stolen by the Ogres. The Emperor announced his subjects how he was going to reward the person who would bring the stone of patience: he would grant half of his asset. Moreover; the princess was going to get married with this hero! But if there would be someone who would come back without the stone of patience, he would be killed by the emperor..

Everybody was so much excited. Some people were also ambitious. People thought that they could succeed. But what if they couldn't succeed? It meant to be beheaded!

Fisherman Plunk who had been living poor life heard this event. He could do anything for being rich. Plunk decided to go to the palace to be a volunteer in order to get the stone of patience. When the emperor saw Plunk, he warned him about what would happen if he would not be able to succeed. But Plunk was determined and nothing could prevent him from starting this dangerous journey.

- "Don't worry my dear Emperor. I'm going to bring you the stone of patience",

he said.

- "Since you trust in yourself, get ready and set off in 2 days", the Emperor ordered.

Plunk got ready and set off for taking the stone of patience from Ogre's country. Plunk trusted in himself too much.

While he was walking, he was muttering himself: *"Certainly, I'm going to succeed it and take half of the emperor's asset. What a profitable task!"*

Plunk came in a desolate forest after a long way. A rabbit appeared in front of him in this forest. Rabbit, in a smug attitude asked:

"Where are you going?"

Plunk told him about his task. With a mocking expression on his face, the rabbit explained Plunk that it was competing with a tortoise:

"We are racing with a tortoise. Hah! Stupid tortoise thinks that it can beat me. Even I sleep for 2 hours, it won't happen".

"There isn't anybody except me volunteer for this task. Only I have the courage to bring the stone of patience. I can sleep for a little time. What could happen if don't hurry?" thought so he fell asleep.

But Plunk wasn't right! A brave young man named John heard what had happened to the Princess and decided to visit the Emperor's country. John arrived the palace and saw the Golden haired girl who was sleeping in her room and fell in love with her at first sight.

"Oh my God! What a beauty! The poor girl's problem must be solved! I will bring the stone of patience and rescue the girl. Then, I will marry her. I don't want the wealth."

He ran to the Emperor to take permission for his journey. He set off quickly and walked a long way. At last the fearless young man arrived near Ogres. He fought with the monsters and took the stone of patience. The strange thing about him was that he wasn't scared while fighting against the monsters, but he was scared of his own shadow. He walked a

long way and arrived at the palace. He gave the stone of patience to the Emperor. The Emperor thanked him:

-I m grateful to you. Half of my asset is yours , because you accomplished the task . My daughter will marry with you!

-Your Grace, I don't want your fortune but I love your daughter. If I marry your daughter, this will be the biggest present for me'' said John.

The Emperor liked this brave young man.

John and the Emperor took the stone of patience and entered the room of Golden-Haired Girl. They left the stone to the bedside of the princess. Golden-Haired Girl opened her eyes gradually. Then, she saw John. And she fell in love with him too. The Emperor gave half of his asset to John and his daughter.

And what happened to conceited Plunk? When he got up, it was too late for everything. He went to Ogre's country. But he couldn't find the stone of patience. He returned to his country his hands empty. However, the Emperor forgave him for her daughter's sake but ordered him to be servant in the palace forever.

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Happiness can't be bought with money. In a World in which everything is temporary, you shouldn't be defeated by your ambitions. Real love can solve impossibilities.