

The pea that was useless, from the Princess and the Pea

Once upon a time, in a little town in Greece, during the First World War, a royal family, had for a long time wanted to find a wife to govern the country next to the prince and marry him. Despite so many tries, nobody was up to the task. The reasons were that the girls were too arrogant, a little too big, too redhead, too blonde, too brown-haired, too skinny, too young.... The queen had very strict criteria.

One stormy night, a girl knocked on the door of the castle. The queen opened the door and found a dirty, soaked girl. She didn't even speak Greek but it was decided to welcome her because, for the queen, it was destiny's sign. The family was faithful.

Once the princess had entered, the queen ordered her to wash her body and clean her face. After twenty minutes she was out of the bathroom, and the prince, breathless, discovered the real girl, Bella.

Prince Anchileas was blinded by Bella's beauty, she had blond hair like wheat from the country fields, her blue eyes were like the ocean depth, and her freckles looked like the grains of sand of Mykonos beach. Her hands were soft as sheep's wool, her teeth were as white as a pearl found in the depths of the Aegean Sea.

Finally her voice was soothing, lyric, sweet, and welcoming. How couldn't the prince fall under the spell of a woman as surprising as dazzling?

The glance between the two youngsters promised didn't leave indifferent the queen, who, smart and malicious found an excellent idea. She couldn't let the young woman get hold of her son so easily.

Once alone the queen came up with an idea to see if Bella so deserved her son.

With the help of the maid, she brought about twenty mattresses. The purpose of this act was to see if the princess would feel the pea under the tower of mattresses. In case she felt it, it would mean that she had a delicate and precious skin and therefore was ready to become the future queen. Around midnight, the whole castle was sleeping. The next morning, Bella met the family for breakfast and said that she had slept very badly. The queen smiled and later, offered Bella to live with them. Of course she accepted, a few days after, the prince asked for her hand, they had a lot of children and became king and queen. But no one ever knew that Bella had not felt the pea and therefore, slept badly just because of the number of mattresses piled up. All in all, we should not be satisfied with an answer without explanation

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