

Magic Mirror

One day, a king decided to marry. Everyone asked “How will the king choose a wife?” The king said “Here I have a magic mirror. Anyone who looks in the mirror will see all the mistakes they have made.”

Everyone was worried. They didn’t want to show anyone the mistakes they had made!

"Do we have to?" asked all women.

"It is the only thing you have to do to marry me." Said the king.

"Then it will be easy to be queen!" everyone exclaimed.

"Each woman will have to look into the mirror, with me next to her."

The king said.

A lot of people laughed, but no woman came forward to have a look into the mirror. Some ladies dared their friends to look in the mirror, but no one wanted to.

Every morning the king asked if anyone wanted to look into the mirror. Everyone said: “ No. ”

“Ah, so sad! No one wants to be queen! No one wants to marry me!” cried the king.

“Excuse me. Can I look?” It was a young shepherd girl, who watched the sheep on the hill. She was given the mirror and looked into it quietly. Everyone waited, excited to see what would happen. She looked up and said.

"Everyone makes mistakes and I am not different. I've made mistakes with my flock but I think they must forgive me because every day they let me take care of them and if they sense danger, they come to me for protection. I love my sheep and do my best for them. I am not scared to look in the mirror because I know I do my best every day." She showed everyone the mirror, still clean and bright, with no flaws anywhere. The other girls looked in the mirror and were surprised when nothing happened.

"We were tricked! The king tricked us with a lie!" They all yelled, angry that they were not queen. The king shook his head.

"I did trick you, but it was your own fault. If you had been brave enough to look in the mirror, you would have seen for yourself!" The king married the shepherd girl and they lived happily for the rest of their lives.

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