

## Salt King

Once upon a time there was a king who had three daughters. One day he called them all and asked them how much they liked him. The oldest said : “ Dear King, I love you as much as I love gold. ” The king was very happy. The second sister said: “ Master King, I love you as much as I love gems.” The king was pleased. The youngest told him she loved him as much as she loved salt. Suddenly, the king was very angry! Salt was not special or important! He was so angry he told the princess to leave.

The princess was very sad and cried as she left her home and family. She walked and walked, meeting lots of different people. She finally arrived at another kingdom and asked to work as a maid. She was ordered to take care of the ducks. Next to the lake where the ducks swam, she put her things down and said: “ A duck here, a duck there. A king's daughter taking care of ducks - never seen before.” One day the prince saw the princess and heard everything she said. He looked at her and thought she was very pretty, and that she was smart and very nice. He immediately wanted to marry her. She said yes, and was very happy to marry the kind prince. She worked hard to be a good queen, and to make sure all the people who came to visit them were happy.

She asked her father to come to the wedding, but the day of the wedding he did not know who she was. When they sat down to eat, he

was given special food. The queen cooked it! Everyone wanted to know how delicious the food was. But the king could not eat the food. It did not taste good to him because there was no salt! So, the queen stood up and said that her father made her leave her home because she said she loved her father as much as salt. That was when the king understood just how much his daughter loved him and was very happy to know she was safe. He said sorry many, many times. He felt sad that he was so unkind to his daughter, who loved him very much.

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