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The Padişah's Daughter and the Beggar #582

Once a young man fell in love with the daughter of a padişah. He asked the padişah for the girl in marriage, but her father would not agree to this. He sent his father to plead with the padişah for the hand of the girl, but the padişah refused him too. When the girl realized that her father would never let her marry this young man, she sent him a message that she would be willing to elope with him at such and such a time.

At that particular time there was a beggar who had been given temporary shelter within the palace walls. The girl had said in the message to her lover that he should await her at the palace entry, and that they would leave from there. It happened that the beggar was uncomfortable and wished to go outside to relieve himself. When he opened the door, he saw that the gate of the palace wall was also open, and he wondered who had opened it. When he saw that the princess was coming, he (in conformity with the principle that it was a good thing to look at a beauty) just waited there.

When the girl approached and saw him, she said, "Come, let us go now!" thinking he was her lover. The beggar could not but obey her command, and so he led the way. When the girl suggested that they take the mountain road, they turned in that direction.

In the morning, when the girl discovered that the man was not her lover,

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she was greatly distressed, but thinking of her father's reputation, she realized that she could not return to the palace. By the time evening had arrived, they had used up all of their food. The girl said to the beggar, "There is a village over there. Go to that village and beg some food for us so that we may continue on our journey. It is your profession to beg, anyway."

Fearing that he might lose the girl, the beggar refused to go, but after a while, he made this suggestion: "If you will do as I ask, I'll go and bring back some food." When the girl agreed to this, he tied her to a pine tree and set out for the village. After he had collected some food, he returned to the place where he had left the girl, but she was not there. After searching for her for some time, he finally found her bloody clothes, and he concluded that she had been devoured by wolves. He took her bloody garments from the ground and sang this lament: ¹

¹ An audio problem makes it impossible at this time to transcribe the song from tape. When the audio problem has been resolved, the song will be transcribed. It will then be "tipped in" on the two blank pages that follow.