

The Greedy Prince

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There was once a greedy prince. He felt very *envious* because his mom, the queen, decided to give the kingdom to his brother. He travelled as far as he can, searching for a place to build his kingdom. He found a palace made of gold. As he went inside, a beautiful princess suddenly *appeared*. She's so beautiful; the only thing is that... she's *blind*. Yet the prince asked her to marry him. The girl told him that he can live with her and be his queen only if the prince can give her the eyes of any *female* member in his family for her to see. But if the prince can't make it before midnight, the girl won't be able to see forever. The prince thought that his brother will surely *envy* his palace made of gold and the beautiful princess he's going to marry. So he went back to his mom and took his mom's eyes. He went back to the princess as fast as he can. However, he didn't make it on time. The golden palace turned into a *cave* and the princess turned into an *ugly witch*. He found out that the witch has been *curse*d a long time ago.

The prince felt really sorry for his mom.

- 1 What's the story about? Give the summary.
- 2 What did the prince do to marry the princess?
- 3 What happened after he went back to the princess?
- 4 What do you think about the story?



Vocabulary List

envious:

wanting something or someone else's things or power

(うらやましい)

appear:

something seems, from what you can actually see

(見える)

blind:

a condition of being unable to see things

(盲目、目が見えない)

female:

women

(女性)

envy:

to long for something or someone else's things or power

(うらやましがる)

cave:

a big hole inside a cliff or hill that is made naturally

(ほら穴)

ugly:

bad looking, not attractive, unpleasant to look at

(ブサイクな)

witch:

a woman who has a special power to use magic especially to bad things

(魔女)

curse:

to say or think something bad about someone

(呪う)