

## The Emperor's New Clothes - Hans Christian Andersen

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Once upon \_\_\_ time, there was \_\_\_ vain and silly Emperor who ruled \_\_\_ land. The Emperor loved \_\_\_ clothes more than anything else. He ignored \_\_\_ duties of ruling \_\_\_ country and spent \_\_\_ most of his time buying \_\_\_ new suits of clothes, trying them on, and having \_\_\_ official parades where all \_\_\_ people could look at his clothes.

\_\_\_ Emperor's vanity was known far and wide across \_\_\_ land. Two scoundrels from \_\_\_ distant town heard about \_\_\_ silly Emperor and made up \_\_\_ clever plan to fool him. \_\_\_ scoundrels made \_\_\_ loom from \_\_\_ wood and went to \_\_\_ Emperor pretending to be \_\_\_ weavers and tailors.

\_\_\_ scoundrels told \_\_\_ Emperor, "We know \_\_\_ secret way to make \_\_\_ magical, golden cloth that is \_\_\_ most beautiful cloth ever created. \_\_\_ patterns are so intricate that they will amaze you. And \_\_\_ fabric is as light \_\_\_ feather. But, this incredible cloth is only visible to \_\_\_ people who are wise and worthy; it is fit only for \_\_\_ rulers who are worthy of their office -- \_\_\_ fools cannot even see this magical cloth. If you like, Sire, we could weave you \_\_\_ magical cloth and make you \_\_\_ suit of clothes that is suitable for \_\_\_ man of your distinction. It will take us \_\_\_ week.

\_\_\_ Emperor said, "Yes, of course I want \_\_\_ suit made from \_\_\_ magical fabric. You must begin at once." The immediately began planning \_\_\_ parade to show off \_\_\_ new suit he would soon have. Soon \_\_\_ whole town was excited about \_\_\_ Emperor's new magical suit of clothes.

\_\_\_ crooks gave \_\_\_ Emperor's men \_\_\_ list of supplies they would need, including many chests full of \_\_\_ gold and spools of \_\_\_ fine silk thread. After \_\_\_ gold and silk arrived, \_\_\_ scoundrels set up their loom in \_\_\_ room in \_\_\_ castle and pretended to weave, using \_\_\_ fake invisible thread.

After a few days, \_\_\_ Emperor sent his Prime Minister to check on \_\_\_ progress of \_\_\_ weavers. \_\_\_ Prime Minister entered \_\_\_ room but couldn't see \_\_\_ magical thread or magical fabric. \_\_\_ scoundrels were busy measuring and cutting and sewing \_\_\_ invisible cloth. \_\_\_ Prime Minister was very upset about this, and was afraid that he must be \_\_\_ fool and unworthy of his office because he couldn't see \_\_\_ magical fabric. When he reported back to \_\_\_ Emperor, he lied and said that \_\_\_ magical fabric had such \_\_\_ beautiful pattern that no words that could describe it and that \_\_\_

colors were brighter than \_\_\_ rainbow. \_\_\_ Emperor was very happy and could hardly wait for his new suit.

In a few more days, \_\_\_ Emperor's new suit was finished. \_\_\_ Emperor and his men happily entered \_\_\_ room. Neither \_\_\_ Emperor nor his men could see \_\_\_ magical clothing. But \_\_\_ people was afraid to admit it because that would mean they were foolish and unworthy of their position. So all \_\_\_ people said that \_\_\_ clothes were beautiful and amazing, even though no one could see \_\_\_ thing.

\_\_\_ scoundrels told \_\_\_ Emperor to take off his clothes, and he did. Then \_\_\_ crooks pretended to dress him in \_\_\_ magical clothes. They carefully dressed \_\_\_ Emperor in \_\_\_ invisible trousers, shirt, and cloak. When they were done, each of \_\_\_ Emperor's men said that \_\_\_ suit was magnificent, and \_\_\_ Emperor in underwear nodded in agreement -- but \_\_\_ Emperor was only wearing his underwear!

\_\_\_ Emperor in underwear and his men left \_\_\_ castle and walked through \_\_\_ town. He was very proud of \_\_\_ new, magical suit. At first, people gasped when they saw \_\_\_ nearly-naked Emperor in \_\_\_ underwear walking through \_\_\_ town. Then they remembered that only \_\_\_ fools couldn't see \_\_\_ magical clothes, so they began cheering and telling \_\_\_ Emperor that \_\_\_ clothes were absolutely amazing.

Suddenly, \_\_\_ small child spoke \_\_\_ truth. She pointed at \_\_\_ Emperor in \_\_\_ underwear and said, "\_\_\_ Emperor is only wearing his underwear." Everyone in \_\_\_ crowd gasped. They knew it was true, and everyone cried out, "\_\_\_ Emperor is only wearing his underwear." \_\_\_ Emperor turned red with embarrassment but he refused to admit that he had been fooled. He continued with \_\_\_ silly parade and eventually went back to \_\_\_ castle where he put on \_\_\_ real clothes.

He was angry with \_\_\_ men who made \_\_\_ suit and and asked to speak to them, but they had disappeared and taken all \_\_\_ gold and \_\_\_ silk with them.



a loom for weaving cloth



spools of thread