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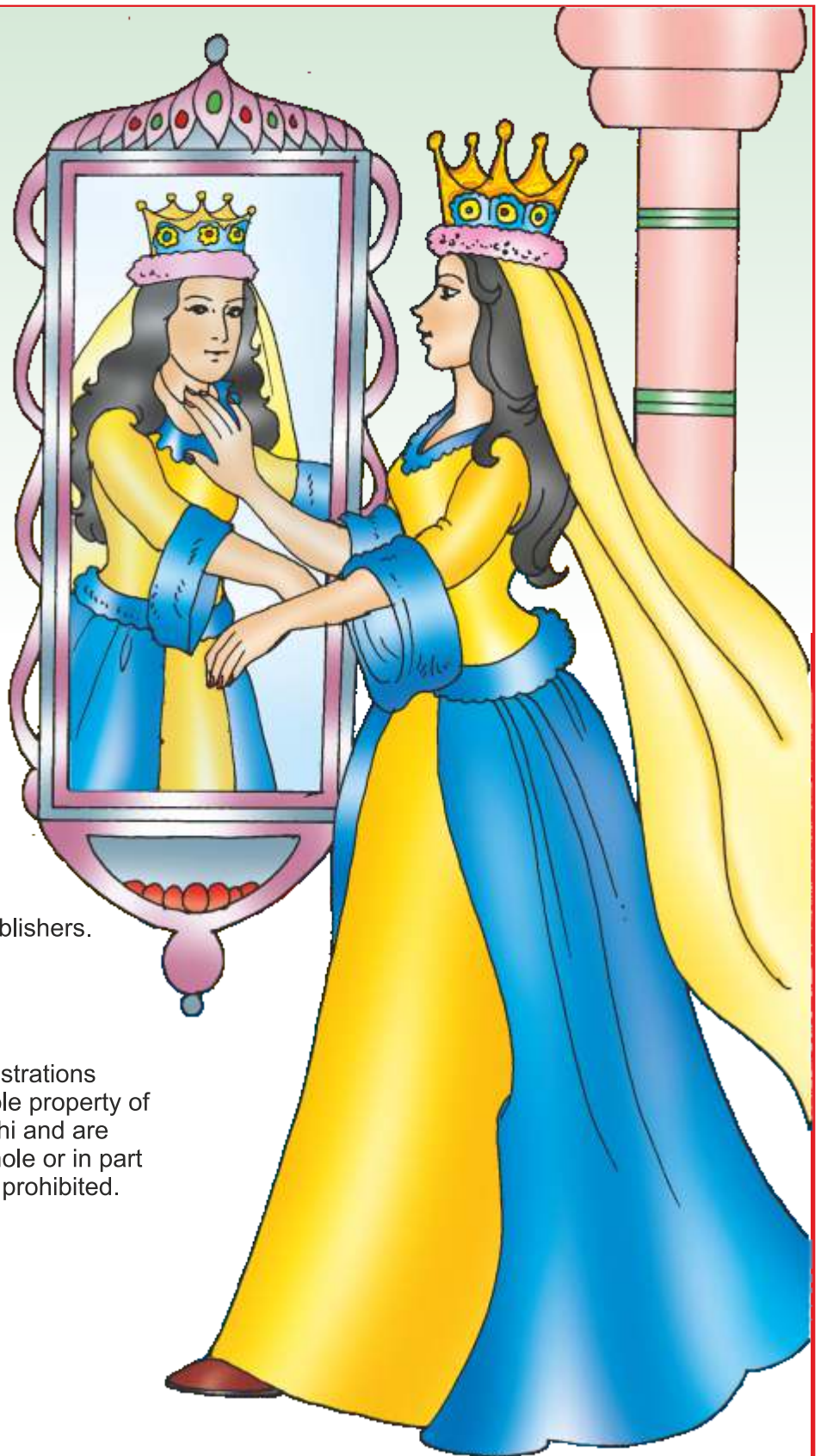
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PREFACE

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We sincerely hope that the series will be highly beneficial for whom it is intended. We shall cordially accept the suggestions of the learned teachers.



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Long, long ago, there was a young princess who lived in a palace. She was very beautiful. But she was also very proud of her beauty. Every day she looked into her mirror and said, “There is no one as pretty as I am.” Soon, she came to be called, “The proud princess.”

One day she stood before her mirror admiring her own beauty. She heard a voice say, “There are three things lovelier than you.” She looked around but found no one there. The voice continued, “Go to the pool in the garden. There you will see three things lovelier than you.”

The princess was angry. But she was also curious to know about those three things. She went straight to the garden and looked down into the pool. She saw a beautiful lily in the pool.



At that moment, she heard the voice, “The lily is more lovely than you. A lily gives joy to all. You don't give joy to anyone. Besides, you are very proud.”

The princess was annoyed. She went back to the palace. But soon her curiosity drove her back to the pool.

This time she saw a star in the water of the pool. Again she heard the voice say, “The star is more lovely than you are. The star gives joy to all. You don't give joy to anyone, for you are very proud.”

Now, the princess was very much annoyed. She could not sleep the whole night. She was upset that there were things lovelier than her.

But, she was also curious to know the third thing which was more lovely than her. She again ran back to the pool.

When she looked into the pool, she saw a pretty face staring at her. It was the face of a blind beggar girl. The voice said, “This poor girl's face is lovelier than yours.”



“Who is this girl ?” asked the princess.

“This girl is a blind beggar. Her parents are very old and ill. The poor girl begs all day long and looks after her poor parents,” said the voice.

The princess was moved to tears. “Where is this beggar girl ?” she asked. “I want to meet her at once.”

“She is begging at your gate at this very moment,” the voice said.

“Bring her to me,” said the princess.

The beggar girl came to the garden. The princess held her lovingly by the hand and brought her to the palace. She felt sorry for the unfortunate girl. She gave her food, clothes and money. The poor girl went home happily. The princess returned to the palace with a dense sense of satisfaction.



From that moment, “The proud princess” was no longer proud. She stopped talking about her beauty. She started seeing beauty and goodness in the poorest of the poor. The people of the kingdom now loved her very much for her kindness and humility. Soon her name was changed to “The sweet princess.”

VOCABULARY

<u>Words</u>		<u>Meanings</u>
proud	—	feeling greatly honoured.
curious	—	eager to know something.
annoyed	—	angry.
upset	—	sad.
unfortunate	—	unlucky.
satisfaction	—	meeting expectations and wishes.
humility	—	humbleness.

COMPREHENSION

I. Answer the following questions :

1. Why was the princess proud ?

2. What was she called ?
3. What did the voice say ?
4. Which three things were lovelier than the princess ?
5. How did the princess help the beggar girl ?
6. What was the princess called then ?

II. Fill in the blanks using the words given below :

admiring, proud, unfortunate, curiosity, beggar

1. She was of her beauty.
2. She stood before the mirror her own beauty.
3. Her drove her back to the pool.
4. It was the face of a blind girl.
5. She felt sorry for the girl.

LANGUAGE

I. Make sentences using the following words :

1. **Proud** :
2. **Unfortunate:**
3. **Curious** :
4. **Satisfaction** :
5. **Lovelier** :

II. Write the opposites from the text :

- | | | | |
|--------------|-------|----------|-------|
| 1. fortunate | | 2. cruel | |
| 3. richest | | 4. ugly | |

III. Change the following sentences from direct to indirect speech :

1. You said, to me, "I am honest."

.....

2. The teacher said to Harish, "Where do you live ?"

.....

3. I said to Gopal, "You are wrong."

.....

4. The father said to his son, "Work hard."

.....

5. The teacher said to the boys, "Get out."

.....

IV. Select words given in the brackets and complete these sentences :

1. The farmer returned after sunset.

The was built by my uncle. *(home, house)*

2. Sunny days in winter are

..... winds blow in May and June. *(warm, hot)*

3. I a car dash against a bus.

..... at the stars in the sky. *(look, saw)*

4. I can someone weeping.

..... to the birds singing. *(listen, hear)*

V. Change the gender :

1. princess

2. girl

3. horse

4. tiger

5. duck

6. hen

7. author

8. master

9. father-in-law

10. maid-servant

COMPOSITION

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his winning a Quiz Time Prize. Also advise him how to utilize the money. Use the clues given in the help box.

Help-Box

Heartiest congratulations few tips to make the best use of prize money donate some amount in the name of God buy things you want Deposit the remaining in bank to meet day-to-day expenses.

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PROJECT

Collect the pictures of some strange and magic persons like fairies and genie from your old story books. Paste them in your project file.

