

**Anna, the Wondrous Beauty**

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In a certain city, there lived a tradesman, his wife and their only daughter, Anna, the wondrous beauty. Anna's mother was a drunk and went touring with McHammer, so she basically fell off the face of the earth. The father loved Anna very much and wanted a mother for her. The father was a charming man and he instantly found a new wife, a former prom queen. The former prom queen had two daughters, one was lanky, the other pudgy. The father was on business a lot and figured since the former prom queen already had two daughters; Anna would be well taken care of. Anna was a charming girl, she had perfect hair and body and suitors from all around would come to marvel at her beauty. The former prom queen had lost her previous beauty. She had grown wrinkles and a harsh voice from her excessive smoking. She and her pudgy and lanky daughters would talk excessively about any dumb thought that came across their minds, while Anna sat quietly, patiently minding her manners. The former prom queen despised Anna's poise and would send her to do awful, never-ending chores. Anna was a very obedient girl so she lived with the constant badgering without complaint. After a short time or a long time, a very handsome man, Ivan, came to pay Anna a visit. The former prom queen and her daughters talked Ivan's ear off while Ivan watched Anna hang up laundry in the back yard. Ivan was unable to escape without a headache, but he made his departing words heard, "We're holding a bash at my place tonight, and I'd really like for all the tradesman's daughters to be present." Anna perked up at this, finished the laundry, and came into the house. "Did I hear mention of a bash?" she asked

the former prom queen. "Yes, but you cannot go unless you chop down all the trees in the backyard." The pudgy and lanky daughters were already swarming around the house in search of an outfit to wear. Anna struggled to pick up an ax and went to the backyard. She took one look at the forest and began to cry. How will I ever chop down these trees, I can hardly lift the axe. Just then a cluster of termites came out and asked her why she was crying. She told them her story and they immediately went to action, clearing the forest in mere minutes. Anna was delighted. She thanked the termites and went into the house to prepare for the bash. Just as Anna was sorting through her closet, the former prom queen appeared. She was shocked at the work that Anna had accomplished and asked her how she did it. Anna told her the story and the former prom queen became outraged. "How dare you lie to me, you're not going to the bash unless you polish the basement floor, I want to see my face in it." She then went off to prepare herself for the bash. Anna began to cry, the basement was filled with dirt, and there was no way that she could polish the nonexistent floor. Just then a bird came and asked her why she was crying. Anna told the bird the story and the bird told her to relax and get some rest. Anna thanked the bird and laid down. After a short time or a long time, Anna was awoken by the former prom queen screaming. "How did you ever get the basement so clean? There isn't a speck of dirt in there and it's fully carpeted now." Anna just replied "maybe the little birdie helped me." With that, the former prom queen became more enraged and started tearing Anna's clothes to

shreds. "Let's see how you look now, going naked to the bash." The former prom queen laughed as she recounted how beautiful she had looked when she had gone to prom. Anna asked the pudgy and lanky stepsisters for something to wear, and even though she would not have fit into their clothing anyways, they were already instructed by their mother not to help Anna in any way. Anna watched her stepmother and stepsisters leave for the bash and began to cry. Just then an old woman appeared and asked her why she was crying. Anna explained her situation in between sobs. The old woman pulled a glorious dress out of her pocket and told Anna to meet her outside, in the stretch limo. Anna was very grateful. When she arrived at the bash, everyone stopped to get a glimpse at her beauty. Anna received many compliments from just about everyone, well except for her stepmother and stepsisters, they were outraged. They began to rip her dress and started an all out brawl. Anna was defenseless until Ivan, the brave youth stepped in. Ivan regulated and kicked the former prom queen and her daughters out of his home, declaring that the bash was now to be considered an engagement party. One day later, Ivan and Anna wed. I was there, I drank wine and danced all night long.