

The Modern Wise Little Girl

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Once upon a time there were two brothers who had departed from their house because their father decided that they have lived off of him for far too long. It was time for them to go out and make their own living. The eldest brother became a rich CEO while the younger brother was a poor fast food worker. One day the brothers both decided to travel together to their hometown to pay a visit their father. The rich brother and his family traveled in a chauffeured Limousine, while the poor brother and his family rode in a very old station wagon. They had been traveling for a long time or a short time when a wheel fell off the car of the poor brother which caused him to lose control and wreck into the rich brother's car. The rich brother became angry at the damage to his car and said, "Brother you will pay for this damage you have done to my car." The poor brother said, "Brother you know I do not have enough money to pay for your pricey limousine, you are rich and can certainly afford to get it fixed, you cannot expect me to bear such an expense with the wages that I live on." This made the rich brother even angrier and he decided to sue his poor brother in court and force him to pay for the damages to his vehicle.

The rich brother paid large amounts of money to an experienced lawyer to fight his side of the case while his brother could not afford a lawyer and was forced to defend himself. The case progressed and the rich brother appeared to have won the case when a TV court show hosted by the Prince of a powerful nation decided to jump in and take the case. The Prince said, "Whoever answers my riddles will win the case. Rich brother, if you win your brother shall pay you for the damage to your car. Poor brother, if you win you will not owe anything to your brother." He then asked them to solve three riddles.

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The rich brother went home and thought about the riddles. He could not come up with an answer on his own, and so he asked his wife, who was very educated about matters such as these. He said to his wife, “I must solve for riddles in order to win my case against my brother, I could use your assistance.” She said, “Of course I will help you what are the riddles?” The brother said, “I need to know three things. What is the richest thing in the world? What is the funniest thing in the world? And what is the smartest thing in the world?” The wife replied, “Why those are easy. The richest thing in the world is my brother John; he owns several profitable companies and is certainly the wealthiest man in the whole world.” The funniest thing in the world is certainly my cousin Jonathan. He is a famous comedian who can make almost anyone laugh. And the smartest thing in the world is most definitely my Father; he holds several degrees from the most prestigious university.”

The poor brother went home and shed bitter tears. His little seven year old daughter asked, “Father, what is wrong?” The poor brother said, “The Prince said the only way to win the case against my brother, is for me to solve three difficult riddles.” The wise little girl replied, “Do not fret father, tell me the riddles, I bet I can answer them.” The poor brother said, “The Prince asked, what is the richest thing in the world? What is the funniest thing in the world? And what is the smartest thing in the world?” The daughter quickly replied, “The richest thing in the world is a bar of chocolate, you can tell by simply tasting it. The funniest thing in the world is a hyena, because those around it are constantly laughing. The smartest thing in the world is the internet, because

it knows everything anyone has ever wanted to know.” The poor brother was pleased and was ready to face the Prince.

The poor and the rich brother showed up at the TV court show and their answers to the riddles. The Prince said to the poor man, “I did not expect you to have such clever answers to the riddles, are they your own or did someone else solve them for you?” The poor man replied, “No, I did not solve the riddles on my own, my little seven year old daughter solved them for me.” The Prince said, “Your daughter seems very wise, but I would like to prove the fact. Take home this golden thread and give it to your daughter and have her sew me a golden tie to wear on television. I want it by tomorrow morning.” The father came home once again and shed bitter tears. His wise daughter asked her father what was wrong. He said, “We have a big problem. The Prince has ordered you to sew him a tie from this golden thread and give it to him by tomorrow morning. I am afraid this is impossible.” The daughter replied, “Do not worry father, I know what to do.” The daughter gave her father a dime and said, “Have the Prince find someone to make a needle out of this time, then I will sew him a tie with it.”

The next morning the poor brother took up at the TV court show and told the presented the Prince with the dime and told him the words of his daughter. The Prince replied, “Your daughter seems very wise, but I still need more proof. I have 100,000 pairs of shoes that need to be polished enough to wear on television. Take them to your daughter and have her polish all of them and bring them to me by tomorrow morning.” The father went home and shed bitter tears. His wise daughter said, “Father why do you shed bitter tears again?” The father said, “The Prince has asked me to bring you these 100,000 pairs of shoes to be shined by tomorrow morning. They need to be polished

enough to wear on television. This task seems impossible.” The daughter replied, “Do not worry father. Tell the Prince to find someone to fly across the ocean and gather the hair of finest horse in the thrice tenth country. Only this hair will make a brush good enough to shine his shoes as he desires.”

The next morning the poor brother showed up at the TV court show again, and told the Prince what his daughter had said. The Prince said, “Your daughter has once again proven to be wise, but I still have one more test for her. Tell her to come to me tomorrow, appearing neither tall nor short, neither by walking nor by driving, and neither alone nor with another person.” The poor man went home and shed bitter tears. The daughter asked her father what was wrong. He said, “The Prince wants you to go to the TV court show tomorrow appearing neither tall nor short, by neither walking or driving, and neither alone or with another person. We are doomed.” The daughter said, “Father do not worry, just bring me one of my high heeled shoes, my bike, and our dog.”

The wise little girl showed up at the court TV show the next day. She was wearing one high heel so she was neither tall nor short. She rode up on her bike so that she was neither walking nor driving. She also had her dog with her so that she was neither alone or with another person. The Prince said, “You rode in on a bike, to me that is the same as driving.” The girl replied, “No you are foolish, a bike does not have a steering wheel so it cannot be driven, just like it has no man can be at fault when a wheel falls off of his car, if he does not have the money for a good wheel to begin with.” The Prince saw that the little girl was very wise. He announced that the poor brother had won the case and that the rich brother would have to pay for the damages to his own vehicle. The Prince then asked for the wise little girl’s hand in marriage.

The two got married and they live and chew bread together. I was at their wedding, I drank beer and it ran down my face but some of it went into my mouth and I don't remember what happened after that.