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Once upon a time in a far away land there lived a beautiful princess. She lived in a great castle but her life was not too good. Her mother died when she was a baby and ever since then her stepmother Ophelia had raised her. Ophelia was evil and hated Princess Peach ever since she was born. She would dress her in rags, while she spent all of her day spying on people in her crystal ball that had been passed down from generation to generation in her family. Her father and mother were both sorcerers and she was one too. Princess Peach spent most of her day cleaning outside and sometimes she would gaze at the sky and trees wishing for someone to whisk her away from her nightmare life.

Then one day she met Kurt. He was a Prince from a very wealthy family and offered her some treats he had on him and a fresh rose he had picked. Princess Peach blushed and accepted the rose and the treat. He reached for Princess Peachs hand and gave her a kiss. Her face lit up and she knew she was in love. She had to hide this from her stepmother because she would not approve. But things have their way of traveling fastly from one mouth to another and in no time Ophelia knew about this blossoming romance. She was madder than mad, crosser than cross and her emotions erupted like the volcano Mt. Vesuvius. She threw her crochet set down and thought about how she was going to stop them from falling in love.

Meanwhile Princess Peach could not be happier. She was struck by Kurt's charm and sweet caress and almost could not wait to see him again. She never felt like this before and she did not know what was coming over her. She was content for the first time in her life. Back at the castle Ophelia was working on a plan to get rid of Princess Peach for good. But who would work with her? She knew. The cross old cook who was always cranky and a bit mean. He would have to help her. While Princess Peach was outside Gusto, the cook would tell her to come into his room to help look for spices that he misplaced. He would tell her to look for them while he killed her and rapped her body up in a towel and put her in a large bag for Ophelia. Ophelia sat all day gazing into her crystal ball hoping that this was the last time she would hear of the little Princess, who she despised.

The plan was working perfectly. Princess Peach gladly was led into his room by Gusto. All the candles were burnt out and she could barely see. She began poking around for the spices but could not find any. While her back was turned Gusto approached her with a butcher knife and stabbed her in the arm. The Princess screamed and ran as fast as she could away from the cook. She ran out of the room, down the stairway and into the city. She stopped in an old womans hut to help her bandage her cut. She ran all the way down to the oceans shore and she fell asleep. The waves were viscous and she was taken in by the tide. When she awoke she was wet and salty and she was lying in the sand of a deserted island. It was covered by tropical trees and inhabited by viscous animals. She was scared and ran for cover because it began to rain.

She walked and walked for hours but there was nothing in her sight. The wind blew violently and she could hear violent growls and cries from nearby animals. What was she going to do? She finally smelled fire and followed the light and smell of roasting food. She followed the light as it poured and thundered and eventually found a small grass hut with a door and a coconut knob. It was very high up and it had ropes dangling from it. She pushed on the door but it did not budge. She pushed harder and it opened. Inside she found a kitchen, living room and four canopys made of banana leaves. The place was very messy. There were spaghetti bowls left on the table and clothes thrown everywhere on the floor. She started to pick up the clothes of the floor and noticed they were short pants and dresses and the smallest shoes she had ever seen. Who was living here she thought? Four beds for who?

After straightening up a bit she fell asleep on the bed. When she awoke there were 4 faces staring at her. The animals asked her who she was and all Princess Peach said was, "You are talking animals." They were animals and they did talk and they were dressed in human clothes and shoes. One was a ape, the other a miniature monkey, other a baby tiger cub that acted like an adult and the fourth and final one was a snake. They took care of the Princess for a long time and she cleaned the house for them. While all of this was happening Ophelia was brooding back at the castle. She knew the head the cook had brought back for her was not Princess Peachs and she was sour. She needed to trick her once again and this time she would not fail. Every day Princess Peach kissed all of the animals goodbye and sent them off, with their lunches to work. While they were gone something terrible happened. Princess Peach heard a knock at the door and

wondered who it could be. She opened the door and in front of her stood a old ogar with moles and warts covering her whole face. “Hello deary”, she said. “Would you like to buy one of my nice fresh bananas I have here?” She stretched her hand covered in warts holding the banana to Princess Peachs face. She looked at the banana. It did look delicious. Why not she thought. She took the banana from the woman and took a big, succulent bit of the fruit.

After this she dropped dead. The old woman cackled and fled from the house. At about nightfall the animals came back and saw her lying dead on the ground. They were very sad. Their love was dead. She was so beautiful that they put her in a clear coffin made of crystal. The crystal was not as nearly as beautiful and she was but she still looked like the beautiful princess that she was. The 4 animals cried for days especially the ape. He loved her more than life itself. But he was not the only one. Prince Kurt had been looking for weeks for Princess Peach and finally found her in the middle of the jungle in a crystal coffin surrounded by 4 strange little animals. Is she dead? The animals all nodded with sad faces. Kurt was devastated. He thought just one kiss before I leave my love. Kurt bent down, opened the crystal case and kissed Princess Peach and she miraculously started breathing again.

The banana that had poisoned her had been from Ophelia. It had gotten stuck in her throught and had stopped all of her circulation in her body. Luckily Prince Kurt had caught her in time to actually save her. The witches poisonous hate no longer was going to work on her any more. She was now in the arms of her love and nothing could get in their way. She was alive again and she never had to be the slave for Ophelia again.

Once Princess Peach was able to walk Kurt walked her to his house. Before she left she kissed all of her favorite animals goodbye, Apey, monks, tiger-fluff, and snakes. They were sad she had to leave but happy that she was alive. Princess Peach no longer lived a miserable life. She married Prince Kurt and had a very big, joyous wedding. People from all lands traveled to get to the wedding. There was beer, chicken, ham and every other type of meat you could think of. There were cakes and pastries in the hundreds and thousands and a glass waterfall in the center of the banquet hall. The Prince and his new wife danced the night away and she wore a beautiful, long white dress. Her hair was up and she had roses in it. The animals were invited to the wedding and they enjoyed their favorite foods, cookies and cakes. They had a joyous time, maybe too joyous according to Princess Peach, who later told me they had drunk, in large quantities, their favorite beer Budweiser.

When it was over the animals were passed out on the banquet floor and Princess Peach tucked them in in the guestroom. She kissed her husband goodnight and went to sleep happier than she had ever been. Time passed and she gave birth to twins, which she named strawberry and kiwi. One morning she heard a knock at the door. She opened it and once again to her surprise it was the same old ogar who had given her the tainted banana. "Deary, would it trouble you to give a old woman some water." Princess Peach went to get some water for the woman and when she gave it to her she drank it and the water turned to blood. After she drank the whole thing she wiped her mouth spreading the blood and immediately dropped dead. That was the end of her and her evil ways.

Nothing ever again bothered Princess Peach and her loving, handsome husband. They lived with undying love for each other. Strawberry and Kiwi grew up and married well and everyone lived happily ever after. The evil stepmother is dead and all peace is restored to the good and innocent. The End.