

## Story 18: The Golden Bread

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### The Story:

One day, there was a beautiful girl, beautiful but poor, who dreamed of becoming rich. Because she was beautiful, she did not want to do housework, fearing it would dirty her nails and make her look ugly. She didn't want any of the men in her village because she considered them unattractive and not wealthy. She preferred to stay at home and wait for a rich prince who would marry her and provide her with a good life.

One day, a prince came along. The prince was handsome and rich. Then, the girl's mother told the prince to marry her daughter and take her with him. The girl left with him without telling her parents anything.

When they arrived at his castle, the prince told her to sit down and eat because the girl was hungry. The table was filled with golden items because her dream was to eat golden bread. She wanted everything to be golden. However, when she went to eat the bread, she couldn't because it was made of gold. She couldn't bite it, as it was too hard, and she began to cry, since there was no way to eat it. She cried and begged to return home.

Eventually, the prince took her back, and the girl said to her mother, "I don't want to be rich. I don't want to eat gold because golden bread can't be bitten."

**Story Moral:** *The moral of the story is that one should not seek too much without putting in the effort. It teaches that to turn dreams into reality, we must work hard and be diligent..*



