

Story 4: The Most Comfortable Bed



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The Story:

Once upon a time, a poor family living in a small village had a very beautiful daughter. The beauty of this girl became legendary and was heard even in the neighboring villages and towns. The son of the richest family of one of the neighboring towns also heard about this beauty and wanted to marry the girl. The members of this rich family loaded their camels with gold and gifts and came to ask for her



hand in marriage. The poor family agreed to this marriage both because of their own poor financial situation and so that their daughter could live in better conditions.

After the wedding, the man took the girl to his majestic home. The house was extremely luxurious, with servants, the finest furniture and silk beds in it. As the days and weeks passed, the man noticed something. His wife was going to bed next to him at night, but she could not sleep in that comfortable bed. Every night they went to bed together, but when the man woke up in the middle of the night, he would find his wife sitting in a corner, not sleeping.

The man was very upset about this and wondered why. He asked his wife why she couldn't sleep and if she had ever had this problem before. She replied that she did not have such a problem in the past, that when she was at her father's house, she used to sleep very comfortably all through the night. And now, she didn't know herself why she couldn't sleep.

The man did everything he could to improve the situation. He changed her bed, which was already very expensive, with the most comfortable mattresses, put the softest sheets on them, and sprayed the feather pillows with the best scents. But no matter what he did, it didn't work and she couldn't sleep at night.

One day the man had an idea. He said to his wife:

“Get ready, I'll send you to your father's house, stay there for a few days and catch up with them.”

His purpose was to follow her secretly and see how she slept in her father's house and try to understand why she could not sleep in his house. He disguised himself and followed his wife to her father's house and spied on them through the window.

In the evening, they set a modest table at home, they had dinner while sharing a warm conversation, and it was time to go to sleep. The man expected the family to make their beds and go to sleep. However, this did not happen.

The father sat on the floor in a corner and the mother slept with her head on his knees. The eldest brother put his head on the mother's knees, and so on. The whole family slept on the floor with their heads on each other's knees. His own wife also slept on the floor, resting her head on her brother's knees.

The man continued to watch by the window until morning. His wife slept soundly until morning without waking up. When morning came and everyone woke up, the man could not stand it and knocked on the door. His wife opened the door and was surprised to see him there. When she asked him why he was there, he explained his reasons.

The man finally understood why his wife couldn't sleep. What she needed was not an expensive and comfortable bed, soft sheets or fragrant feather pillows. On the contrary, she could sleep very comfortably on a carpet on the floor, surrounded by the family she loved. After all, she had been used to it since she was a little girl, and for her, this was what was comfortable and safe.

From that day on, the man realized that to make his wife happy, money, possessions and property were not the things that were important. First, he won her love and trust, and then he tucked her in every night on his knees, stroking her hair, while she slept soundly until the morning. After all, the most comfortable bed was wherever you are as long as you are with the one you love.



Story Moral: *What matters most in life as well as in a relationship is love, trust and peace of mind. In most cases, these things take shape early in life through habits and childhood memories.*