

(002) The Emperor Has No Clothes

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國王 自負
There was once an emperor who was very vain. He was only interested in wearing the most beautiful clothes and showing them off to his people. They believed he had a new suit for every hour of every day. 衣服

皇宮 假裝 裁縫
One day, two men arrived at the palace pretending to be tailors. They promised to make a suit of clothes that was very special. It would be so light and delicate that only intelligent people could see it. If you were a stupid person, the clothes would be invisible. 隱形

The emperor liked this idea. He could wear a beautiful suit and find out who was stupid at the same time. He gave the two liars gold and rolls of very precious silk cloth to work with. 說謊者

大臣 珍貴的 絲綢布 檢查
The ministers went to inspect their work. They looked at the weaving machine but could not see anything on it. The swindlers 騙子 pretended to cut cloth. They were just snipping the air with their scissors. The ministers did not want to be called stupid. They told the emperor that the suit looked splendid. 華麗的

When the emperor came to wear the suit, he could not see anything either. He said nothing. He could not admit that he was unintelligent. 承認

傳開 沒有
News about the suit had spread round the city. None of the people wanted to be called unintelligent either. When the emperor 巡遊 paraded through the streets, everyone applauded and cheered. 稱讚 歡呼

除了...以外
All, except for one little boy. He was amazed at seeing the emperor in his underpants. He cried out, "The emperor has no clothes!" 內褲 令人震驚的 寂靜 真相
There was a shocked silence. Then everyone saw the truth and burst out laughing. 突然大笑