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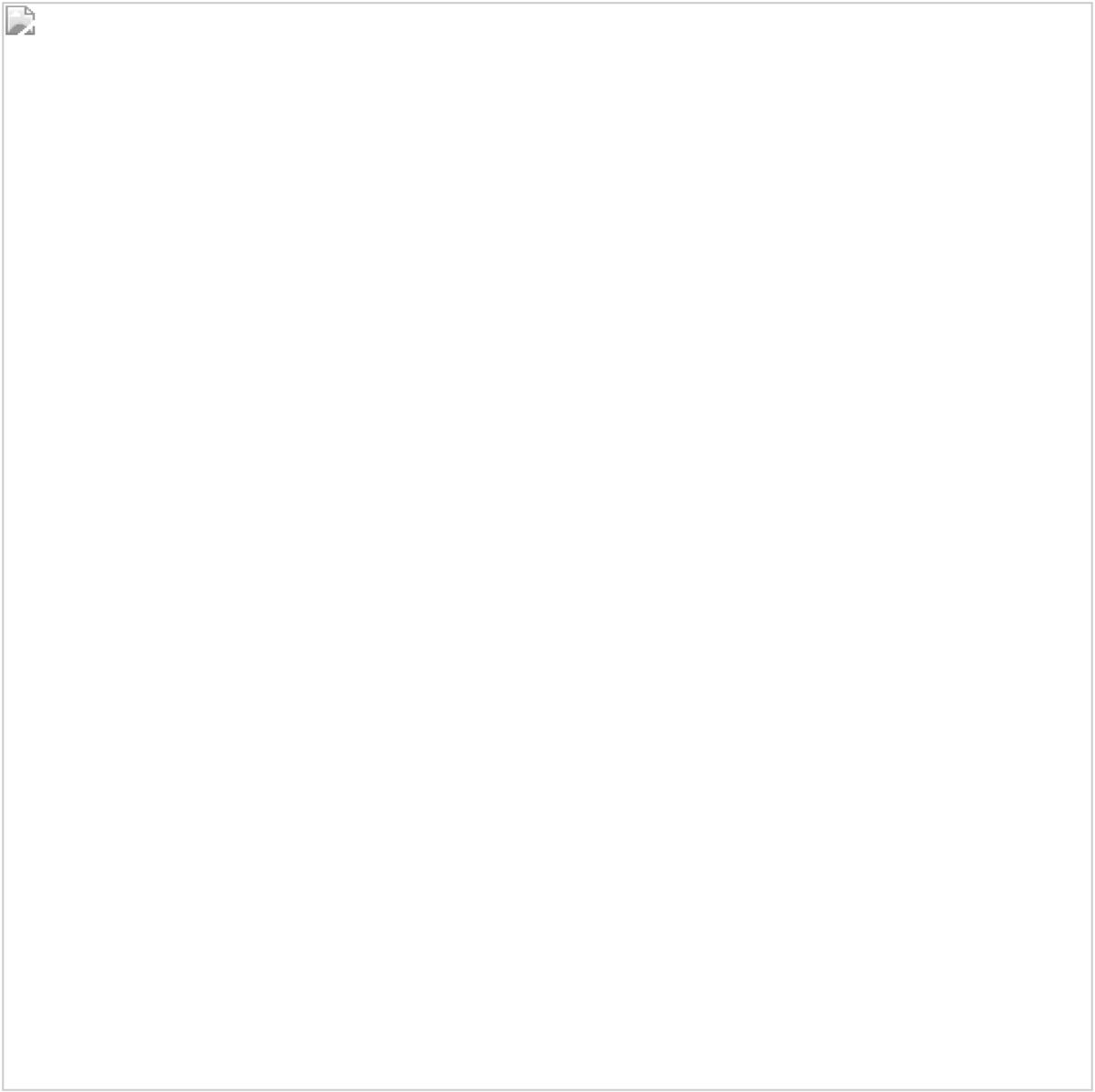
Rumpelstiltskin

A Tale from the Brothers Grimm



Once there was a miller who was poor, but who had a beautiful daughter.

One day he had to go and speak to the King. To make himself seem important, he said, “I have a daughter who can spin straw into gold.”

TALK ABOUT IT

The miller said something that was not true. What do you think might happen next?

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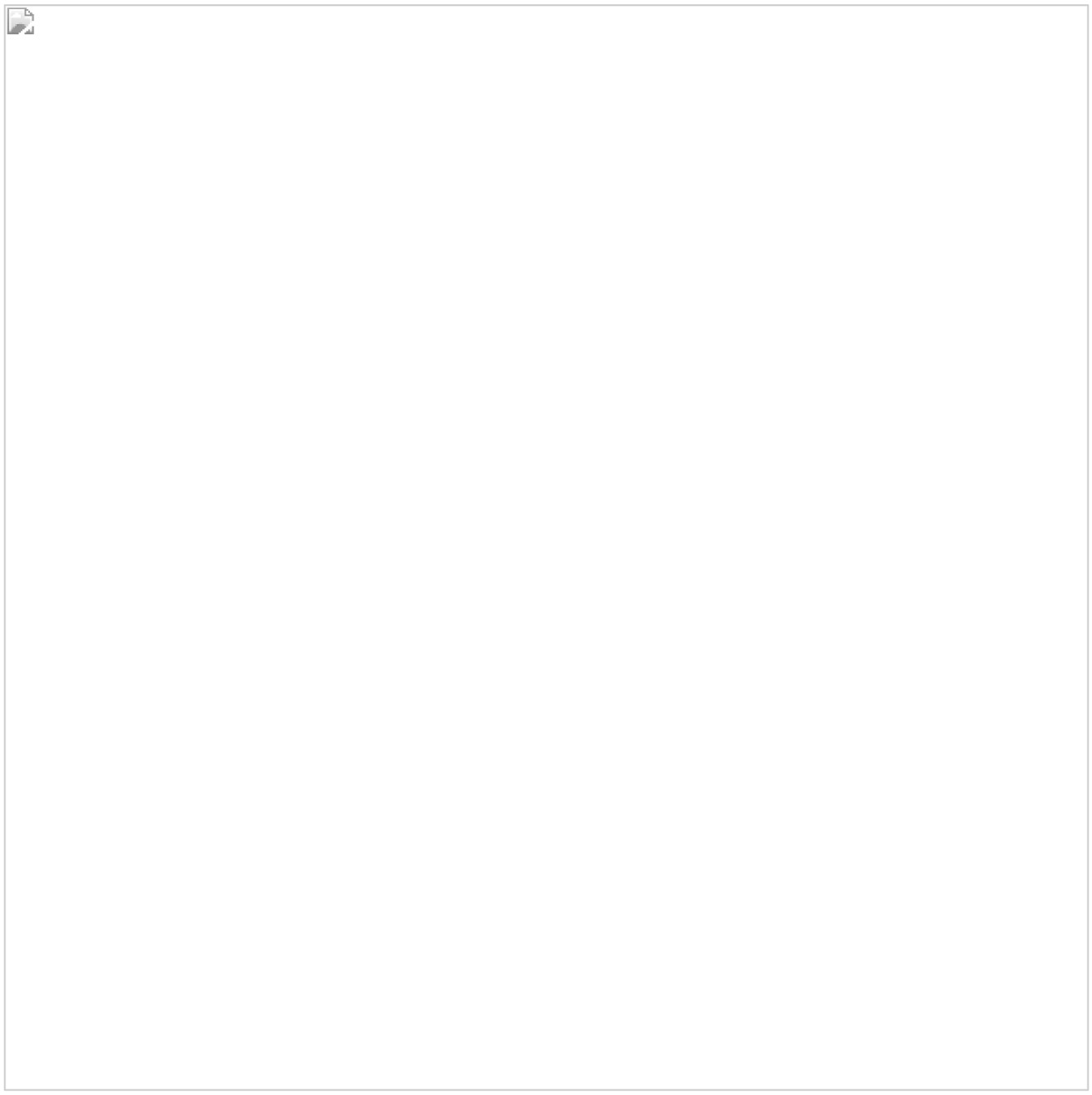
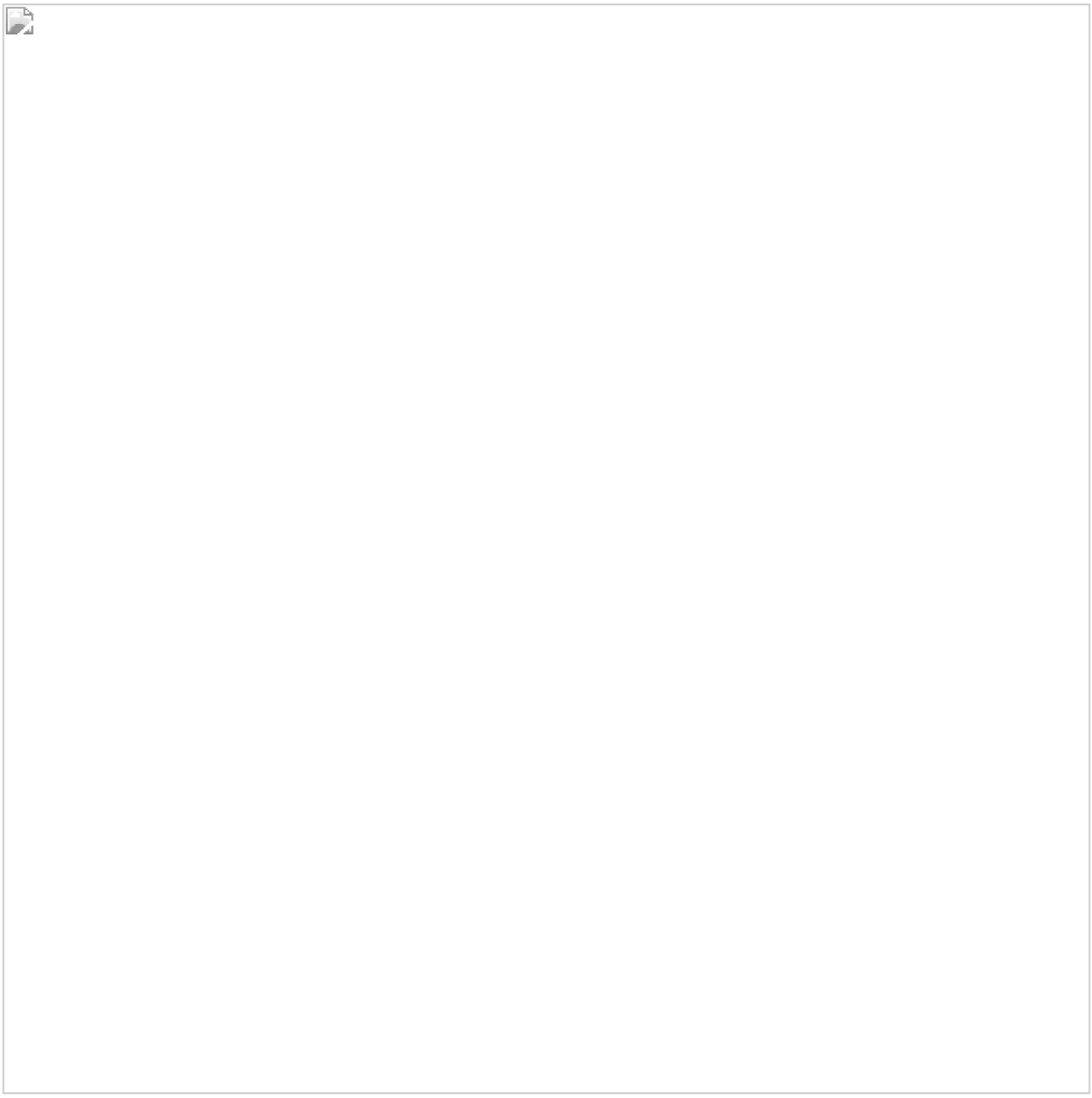
Rumpelstiltskin · another picture



A Room Full of Straw



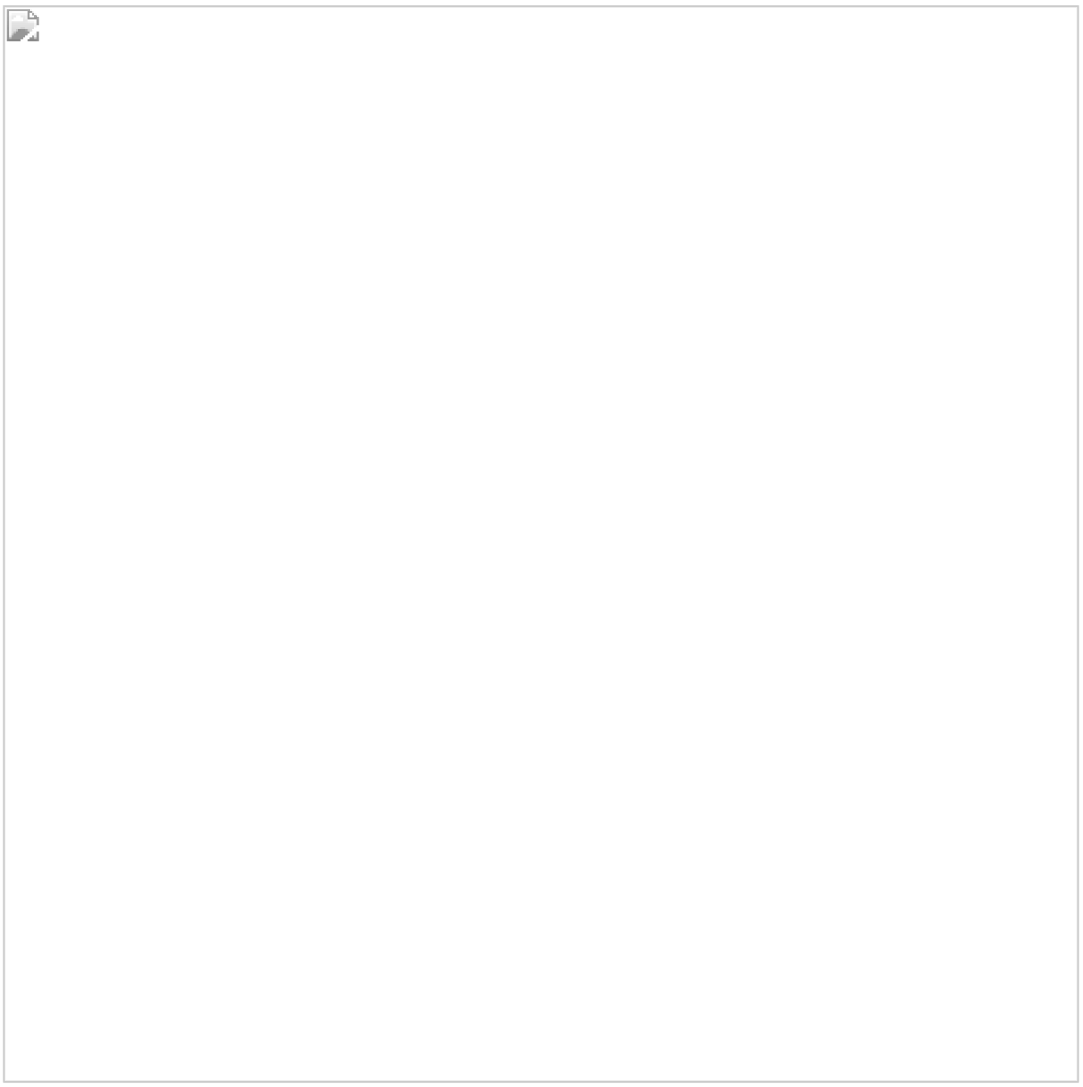
The King said, “That is an art which pleases me well; if your daughter is as clever as you say, bring her to-morrow to my palace, and I will try what she can do.”

When the girl was brought to him, he took her into a room quite full of straw. He gave her a spinning-wheel and a reel. She had to spin all that straw into gold by morning, or she would be in terrible trouble.

Then the King locked the room and left her there alone.

TALK ABOUT IT

How would you feel being left alone in a room like that? Tell me what you'd do.

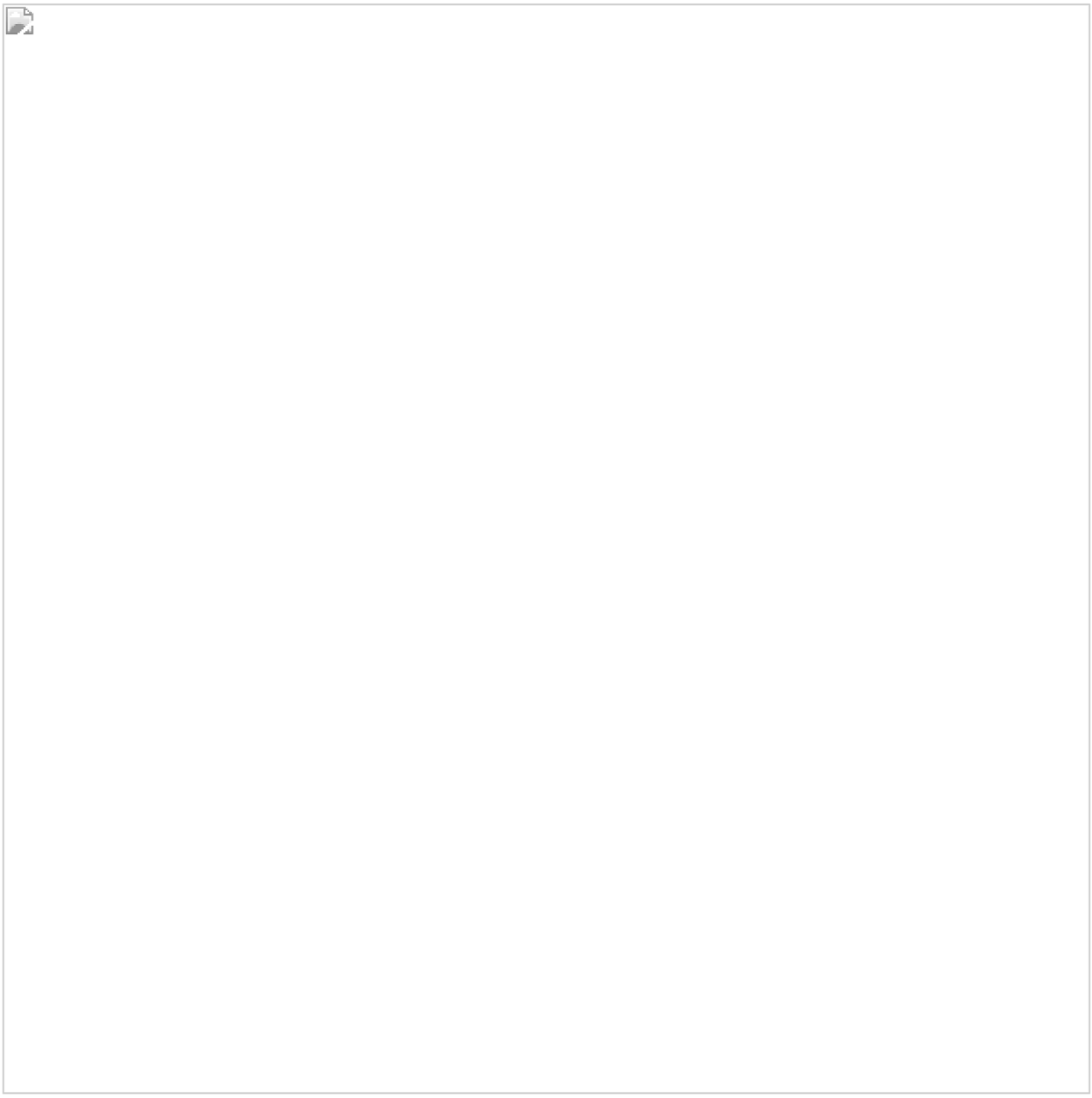


Think about it

1. What did the King want the miller's daughter to spin into gold?

- ○ Wool
- ○ Straw
- ○ Flax

The Little Man



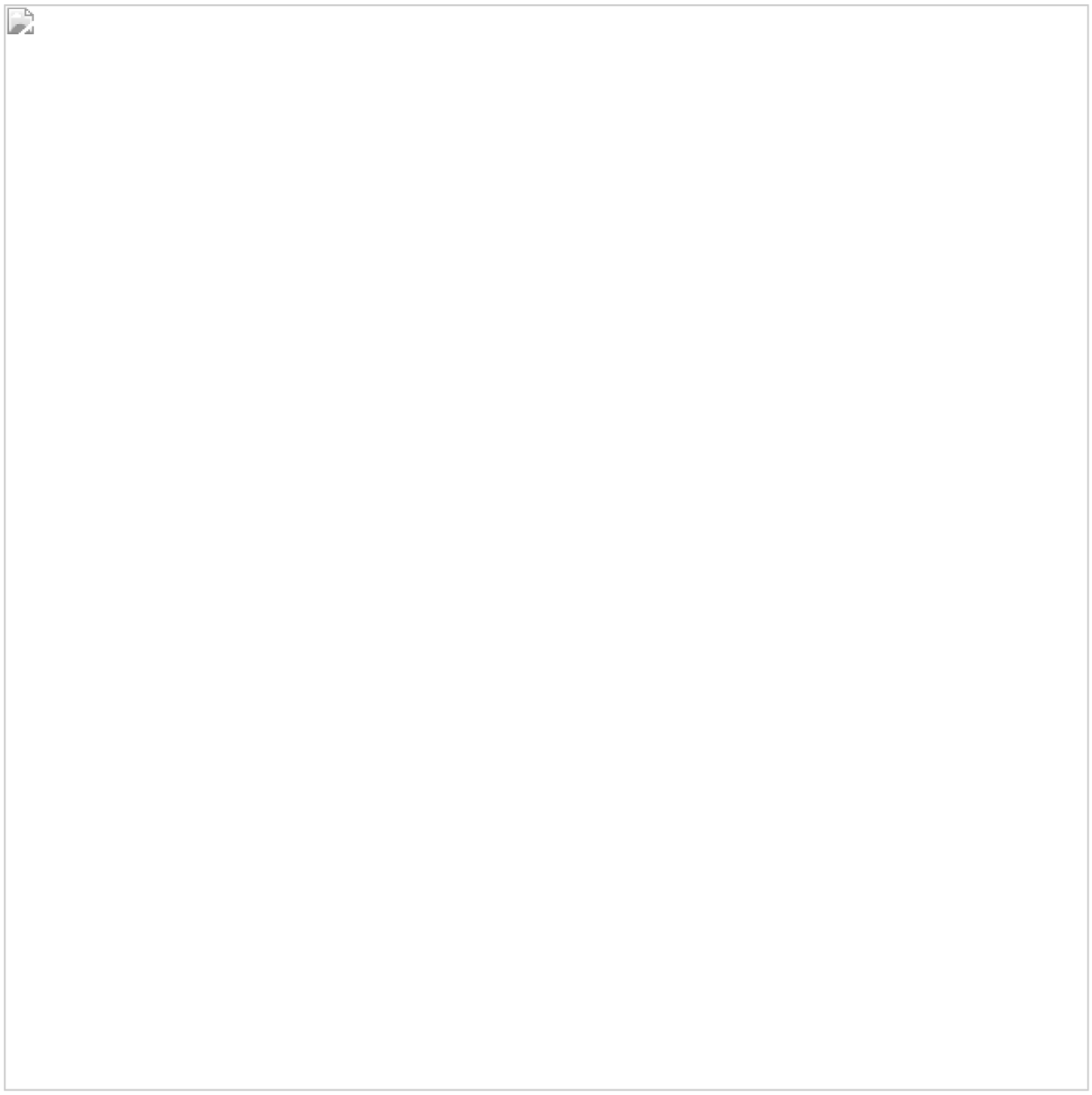
The poor miller's daughter had no idea how straw could be spun into gold. She grew more and more miserable, until at last she began to weep.

All at once the door opened, and in came a little man. He said, “Good evening, Mistress Miller; why are you crying so?”

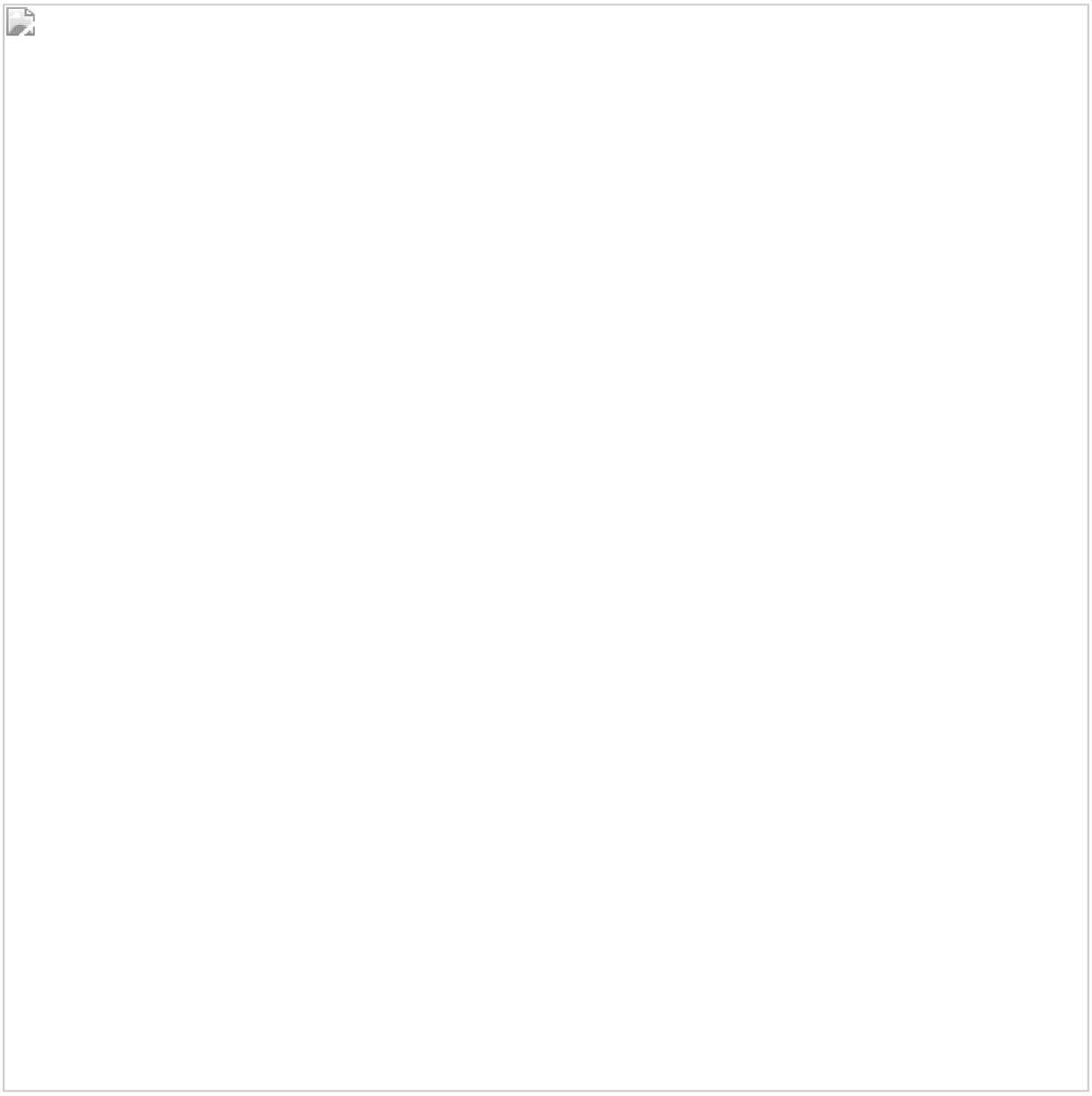
“Alas!” answered the girl, “I have to spin straw into gold, and I do not know how to do it.”

TALK ABOUT IT

A little man appeared out of nowhere. What do you think he wants?



Whirr, Whirr, Whirr



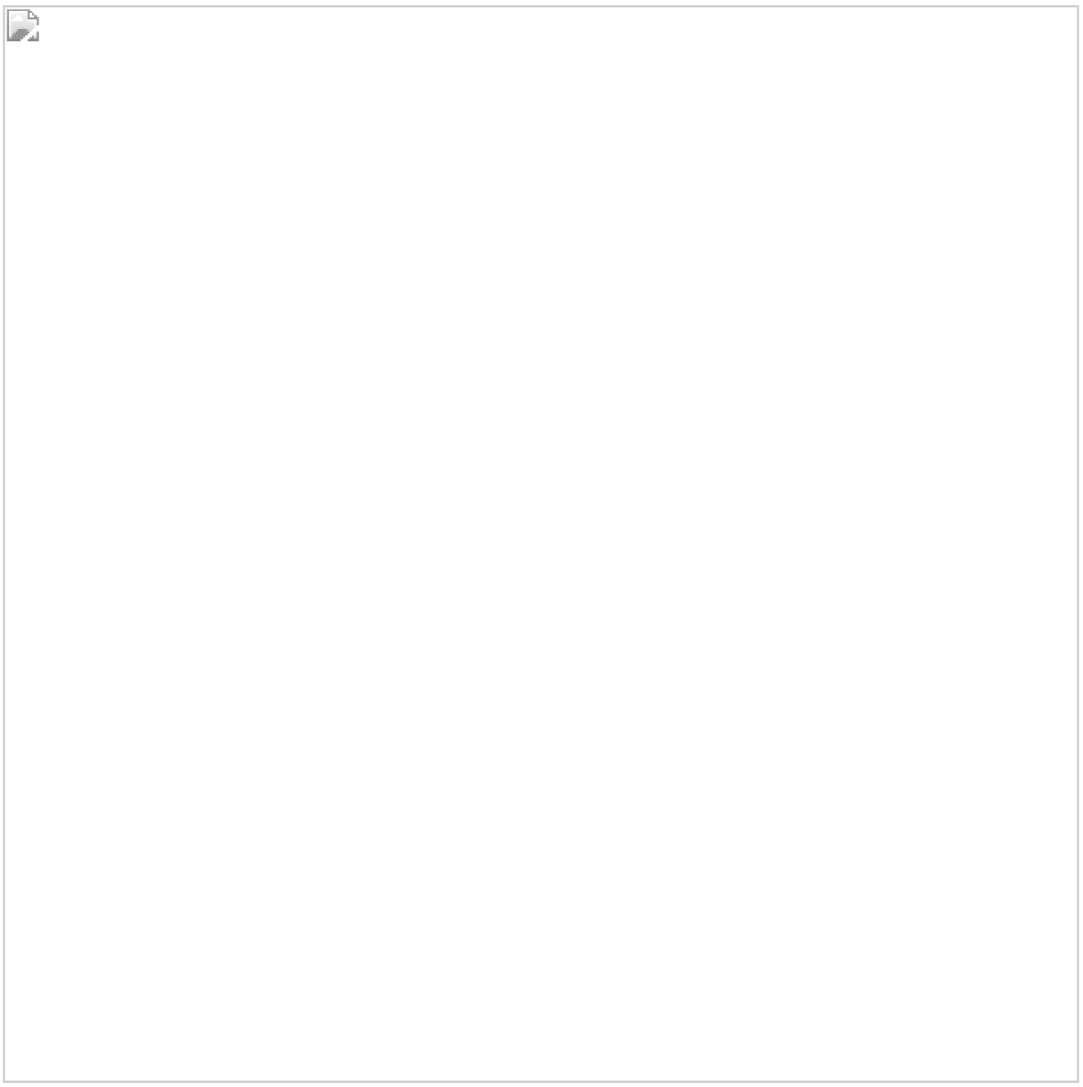
“What will you give me,” said the manikin, “if I do it for you?” “My necklace,” said the girl.

The little man took the necklace and sat down in front of the wheel. “Whirr, whirr, whirr,” three turns, and the reel was full. Then he put on another, and whirr, whirr, whirr, three turns, and the second was full too.

So it went on until morning, when all the straw was spun and all the reels were full of gold.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think the little man will do with the necklace?

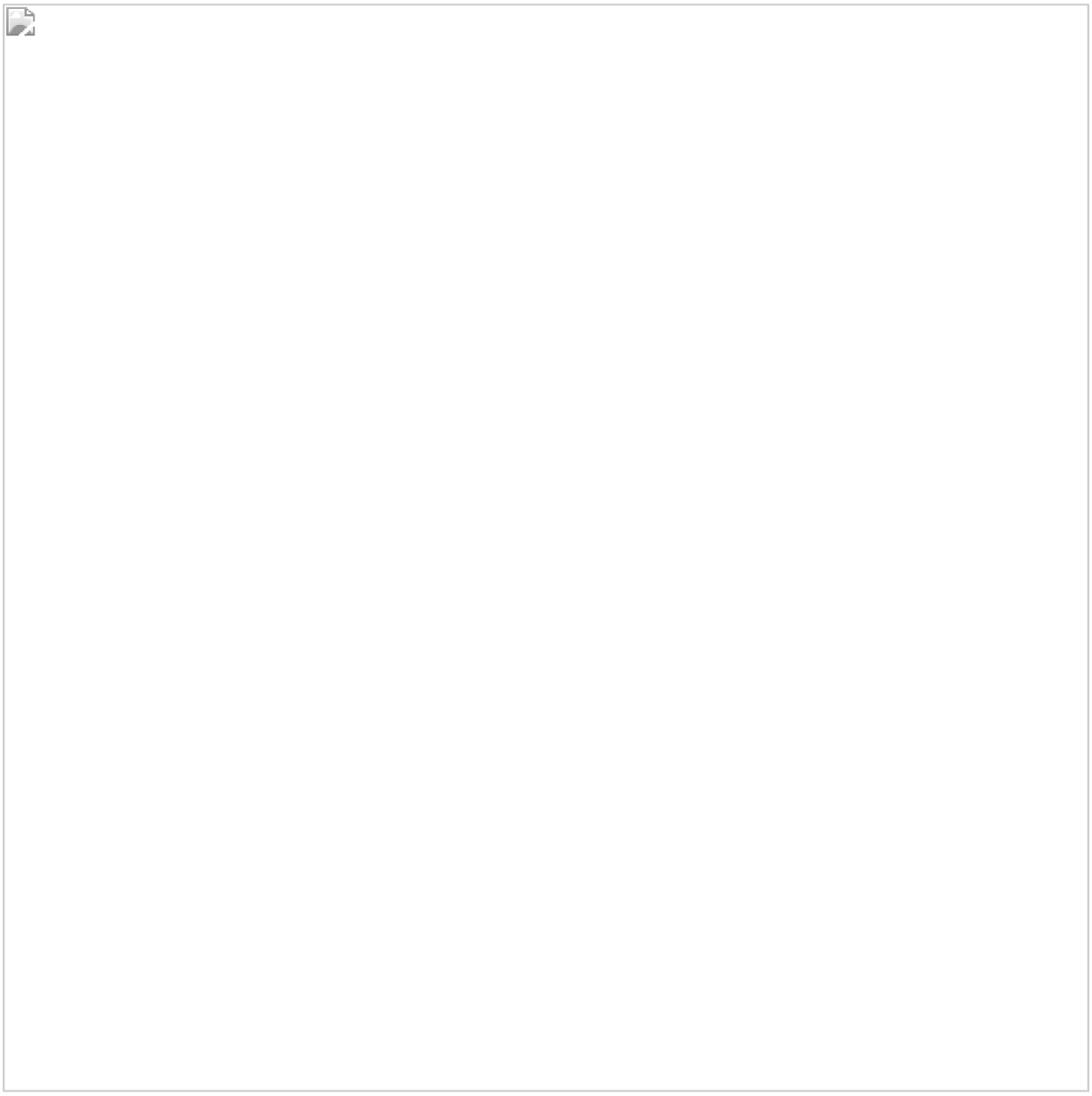


Think about it

1. What did the girl give the little man the first night?

- ○ Her necklace
- ○ Her ring
- ○ Her shoes

A Bigger Room



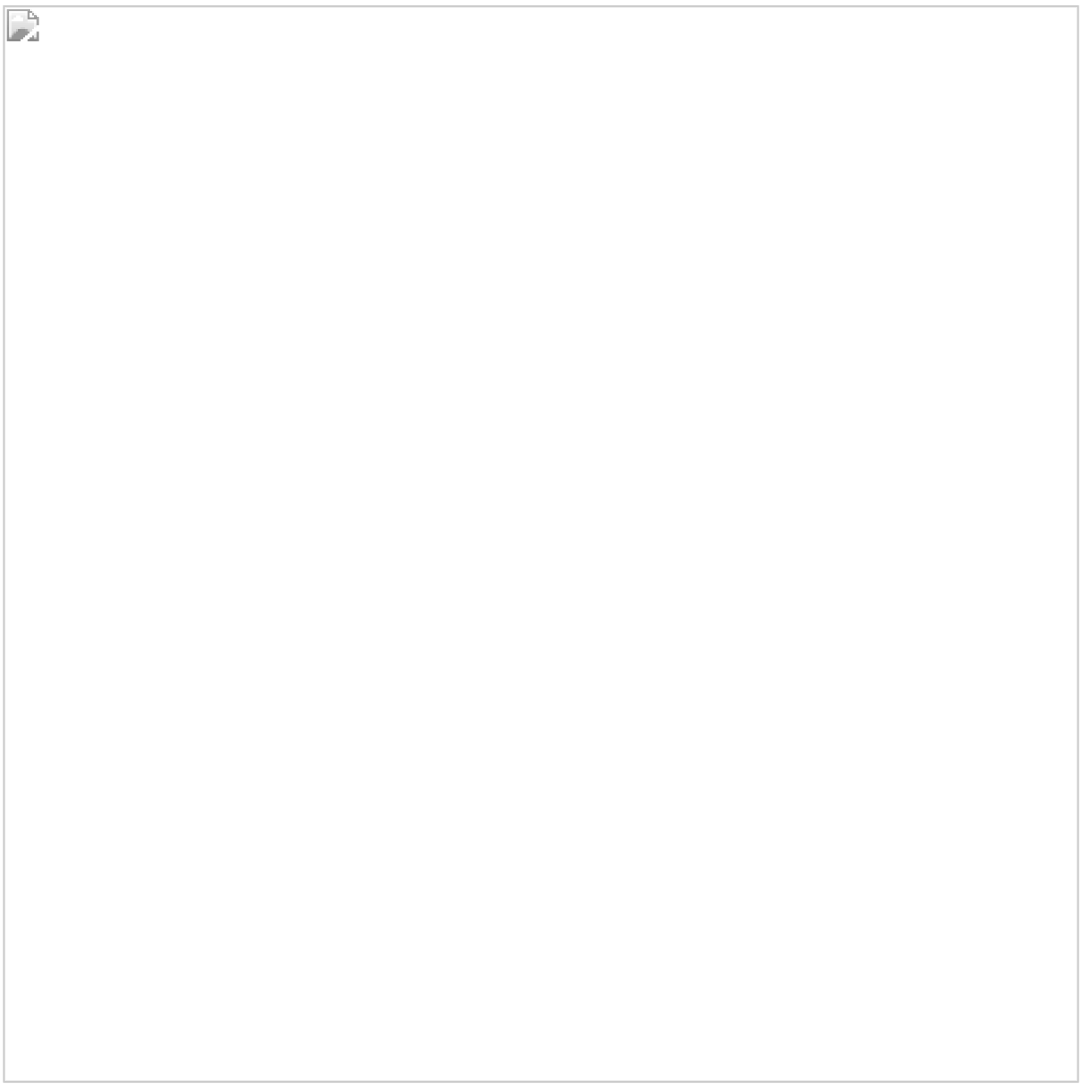
By daybreak the King was there. When he saw the gold, he was astonished and delighted. But his heart only became more greedy.

He had the miller's daughter taken into another room full of straw, much larger, and told her to spin that too in one night.

The little man appeared again and said, “What will you give me if I spin that straw into gold for you?” “The ring on my finger,” answered the girl. And by morning he had spun it all into glittering gold.

TALK ABOUT IT

The King already had gold, and still he wanted more. What do you think of that?

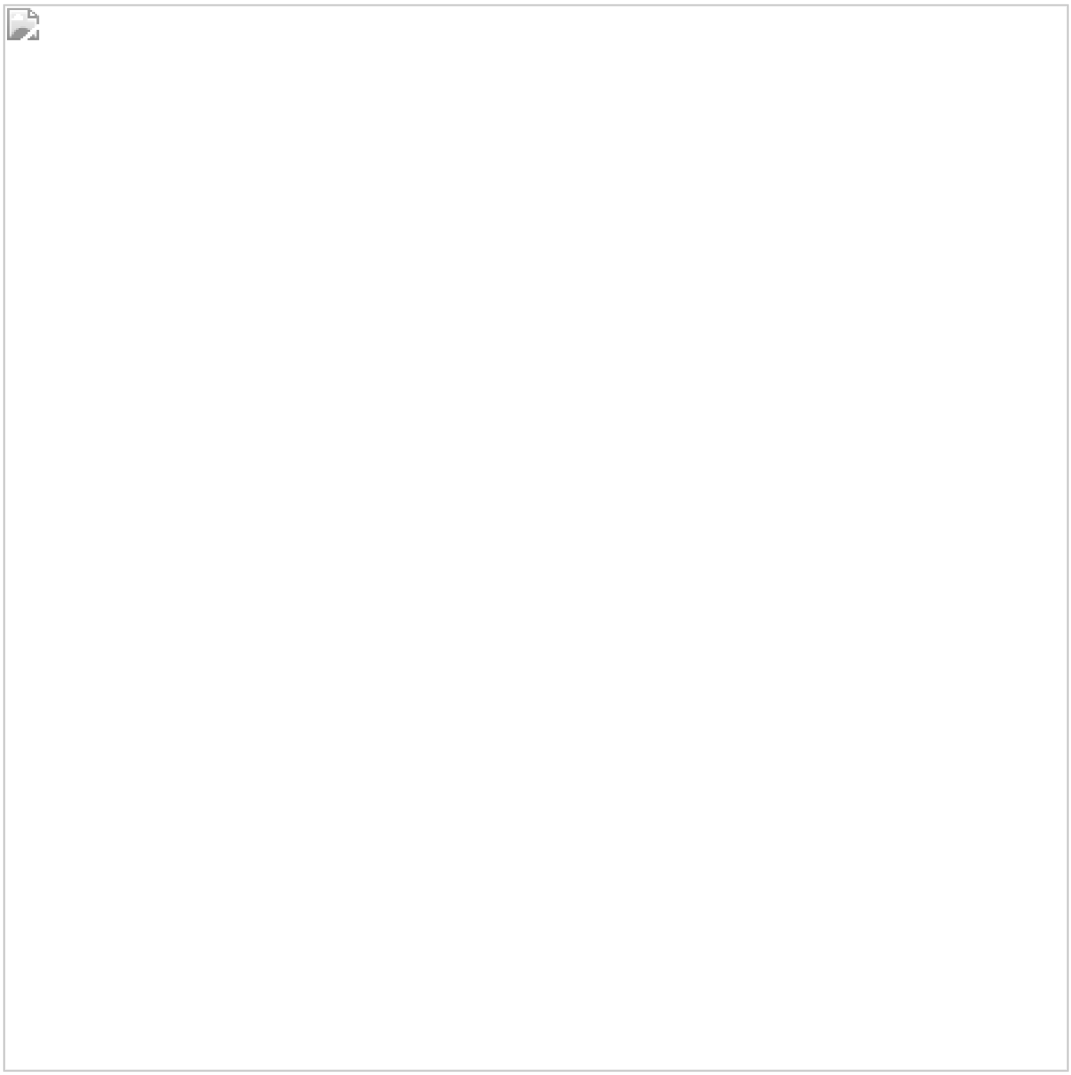


Think about it

1. What did the girl give the little man the second night?

- ○ The ring on her finger
- ○ Her golden crown
- ○ Her bread

Nothing Left to Give



Still the King had not gold enough. He had her taken into a still larger room full of straw. “If you succeed,” he said, “you shall be my wife.”

Then the little man came a third time. “What will you give me if I spin the straw for you this time also?”

“I have nothing left that I could give,” she answered.

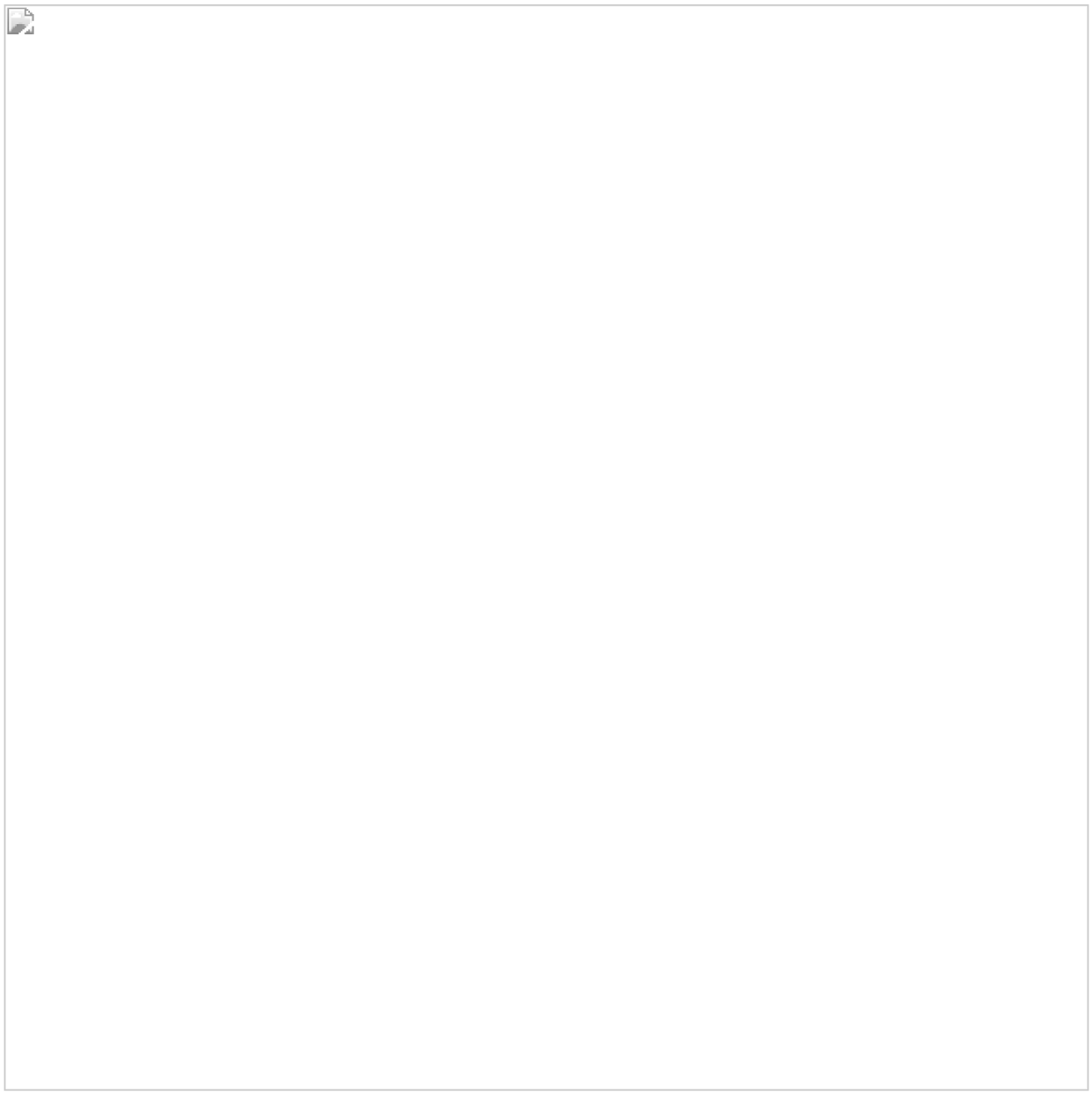
“Then promise me, if you should become Queen, your first child.”

“Who knows whether that will ever happen?” thought the miller's daughter. She did not know how else to help herself, so she promised. And the little man spun the straw into gold once more.

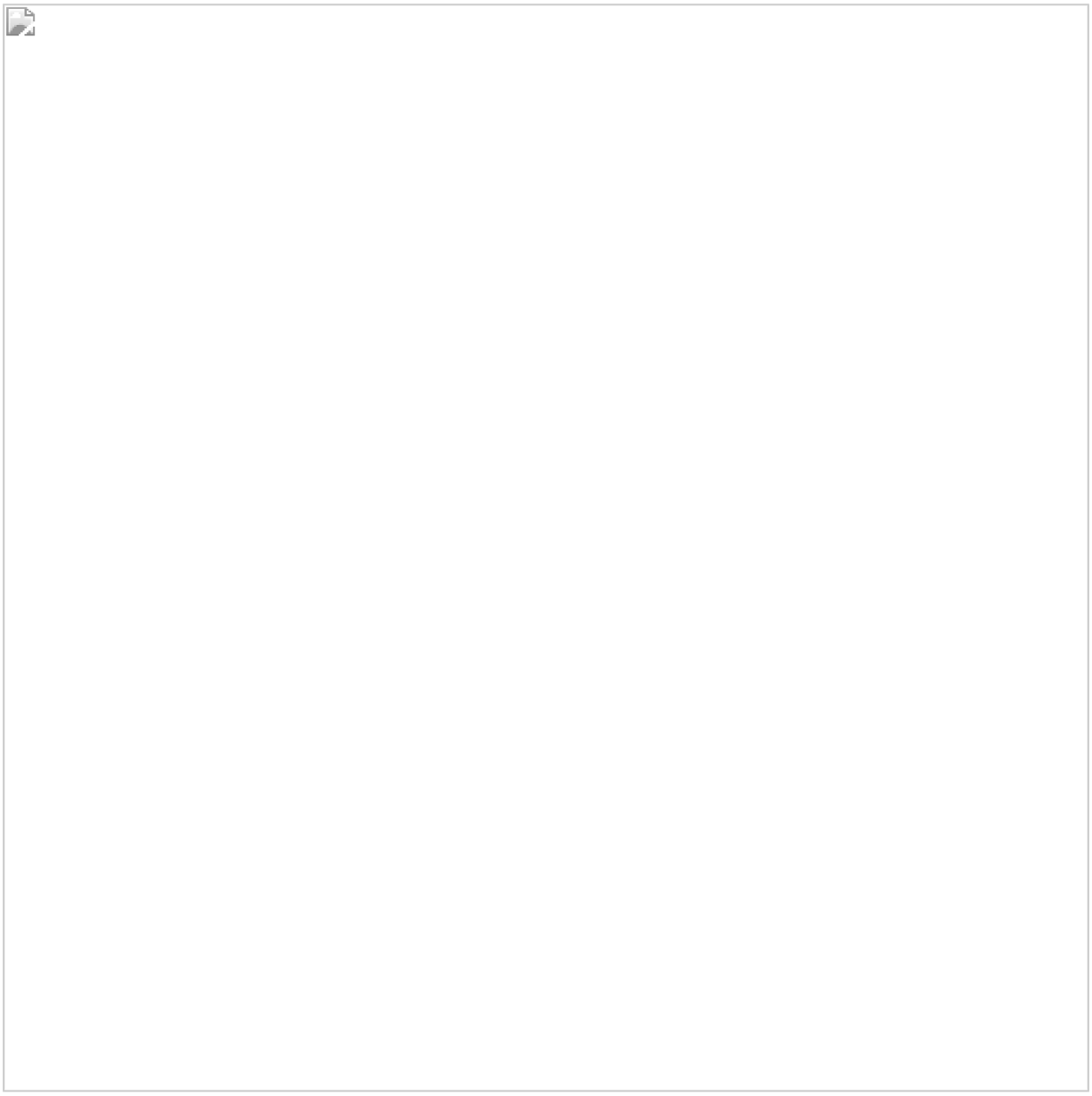
TALK ABOUT IT

She promised something very big because she didn't know what else to do. What would you have done?

Nothing Left to Give · another picture



Give Me What You Promised



In the morning the King found all as he had wished. He married the miller's daughter, and she became a Queen.

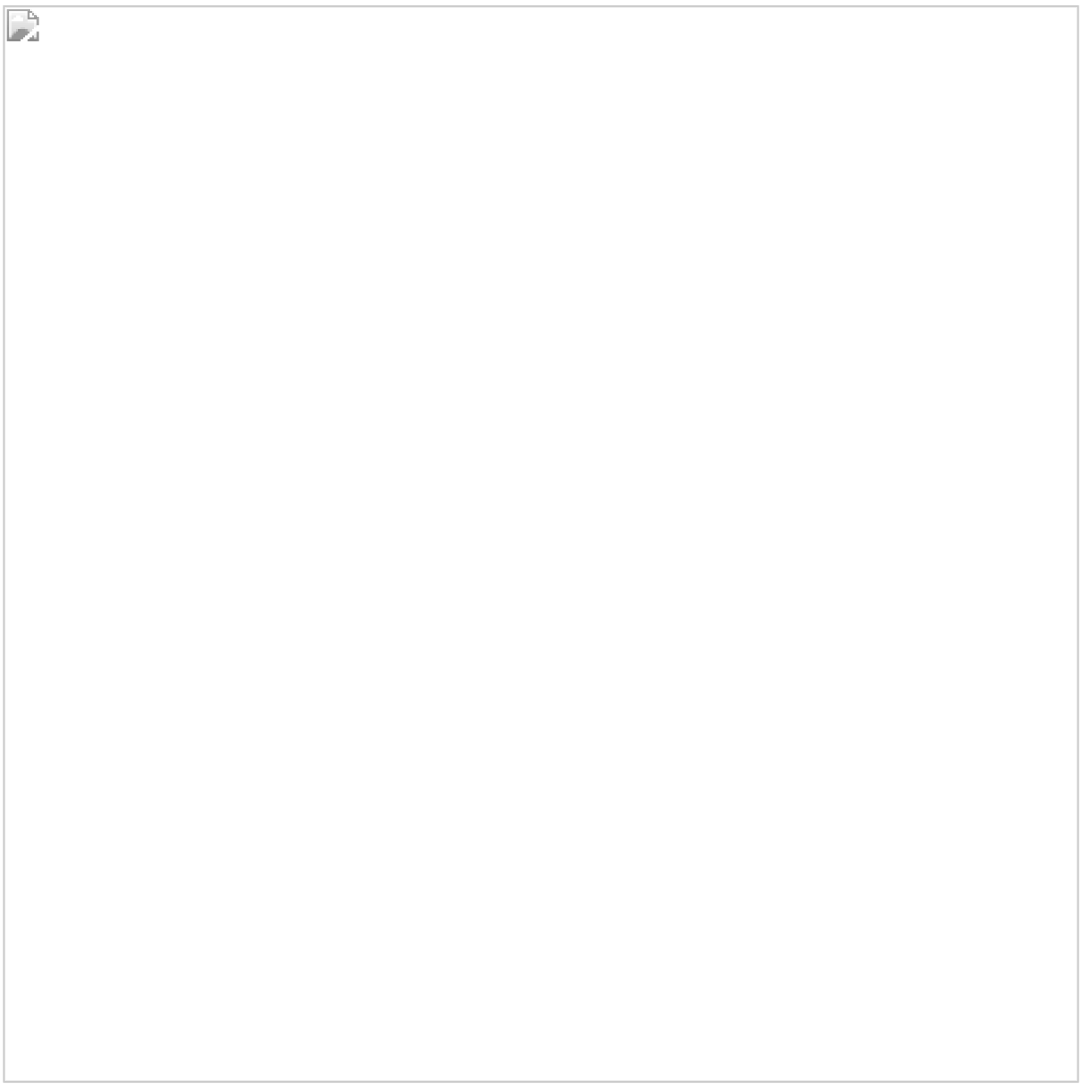
A year after, she had a beautiful child, and she never gave a thought to the little man. But suddenly he came into her room, and said, “Now give me what you promised.”

The Queen was horror-struck. She offered him all the riches of the kingdom if he would leave her the child.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Queen forgot her promise for a whole year. Why do you think she forgot?

Give Me What You Promised · another picture

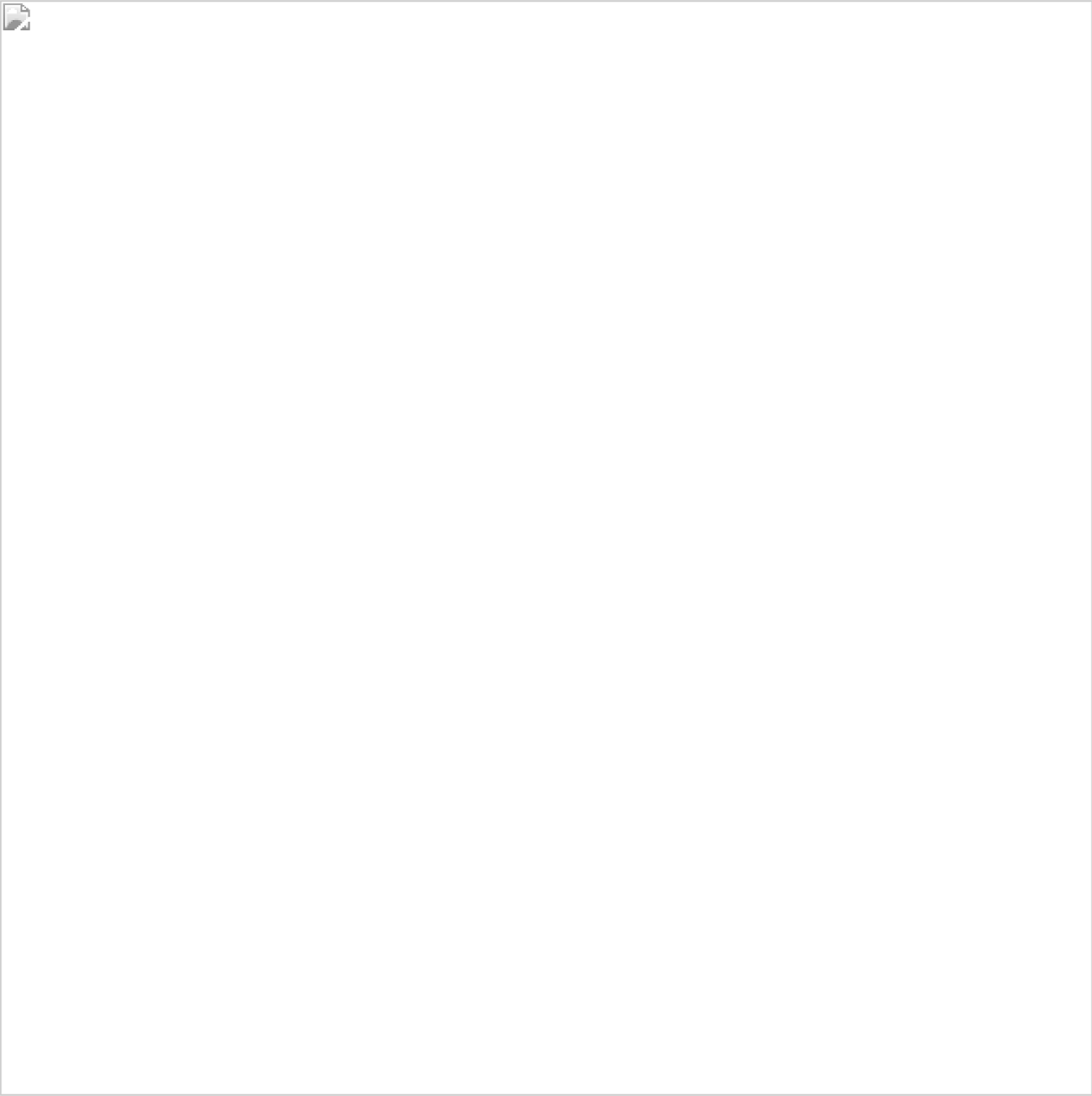


Think about it

1. What did the little man come back for?

- ○ Her crown
- ○ Her child
- ○ More straw

Three Days

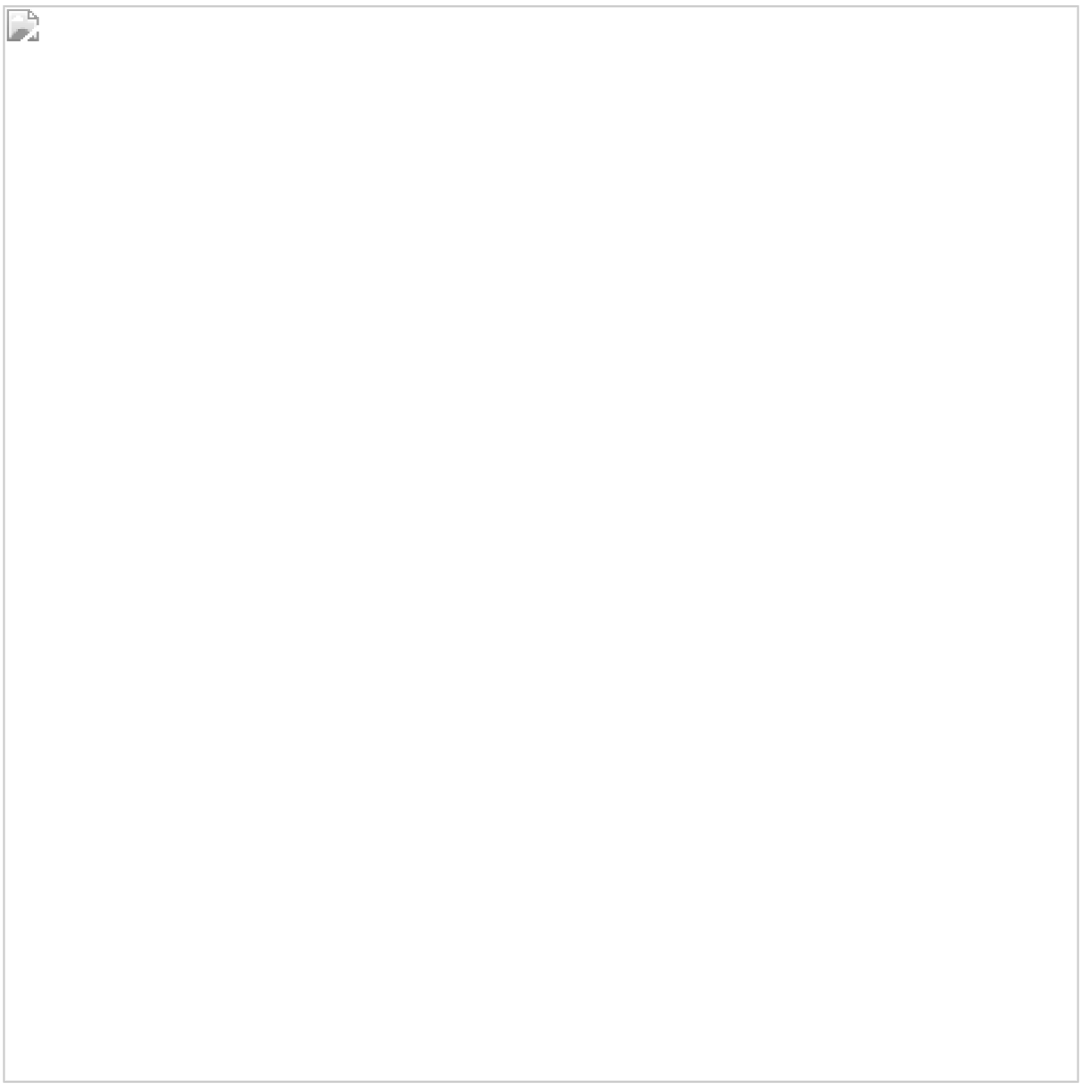


But the little man said, “No, something that is living is dearer to me than all the treasures in the world.”

Then the Queen began to weep and cry, so that the little man pitied her. “I will give you three days’ time,” said he, “if by that time you find out my name, then shall you keep your child.”

TALK ABOUT IT

How do you think you could find out someone's name if you had three days?

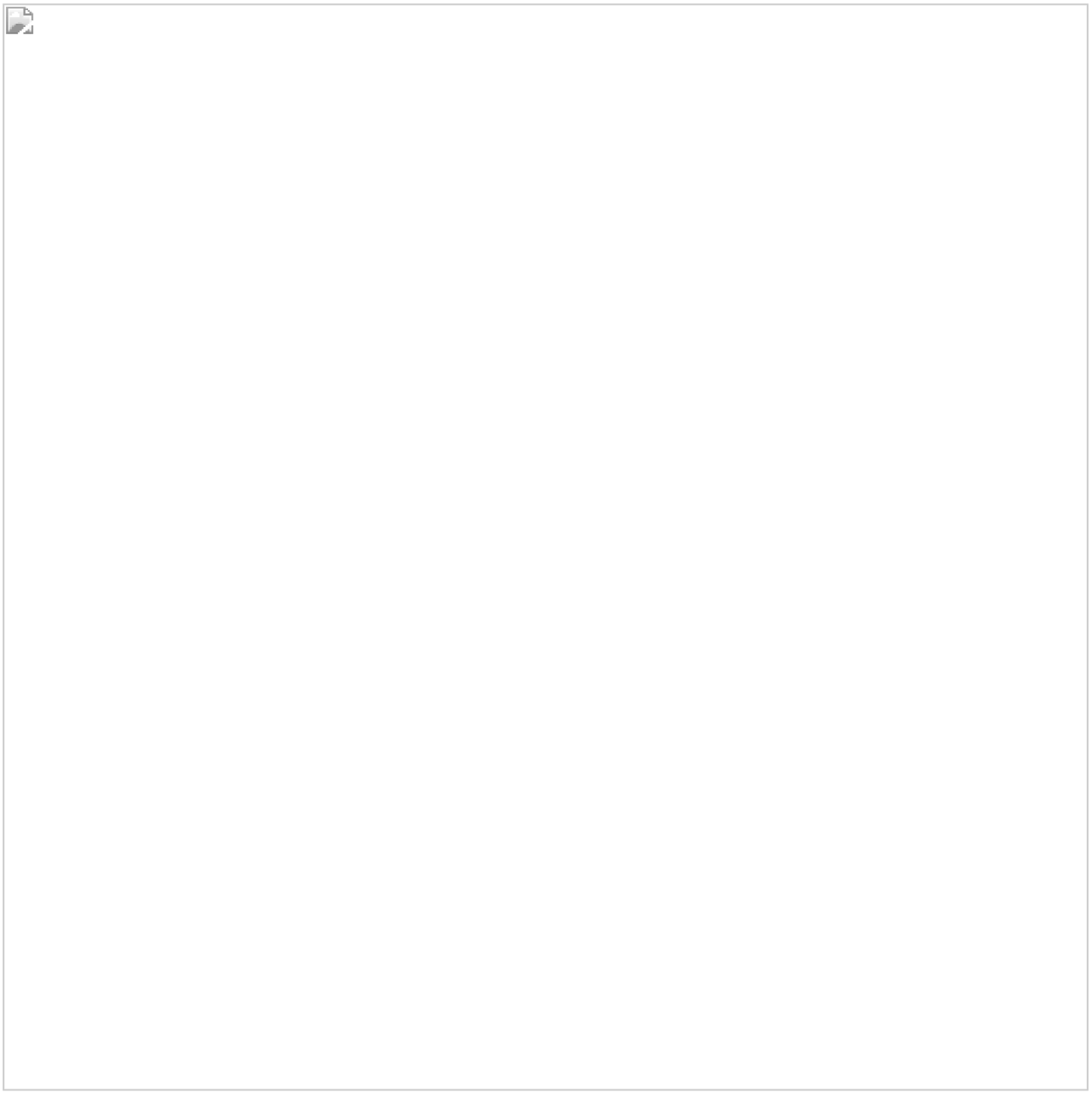


Think about it

1. How many days did the Queen have to find out his name?

- ○ One
- ○ Three
- ○ Ten

All the Names She Knew

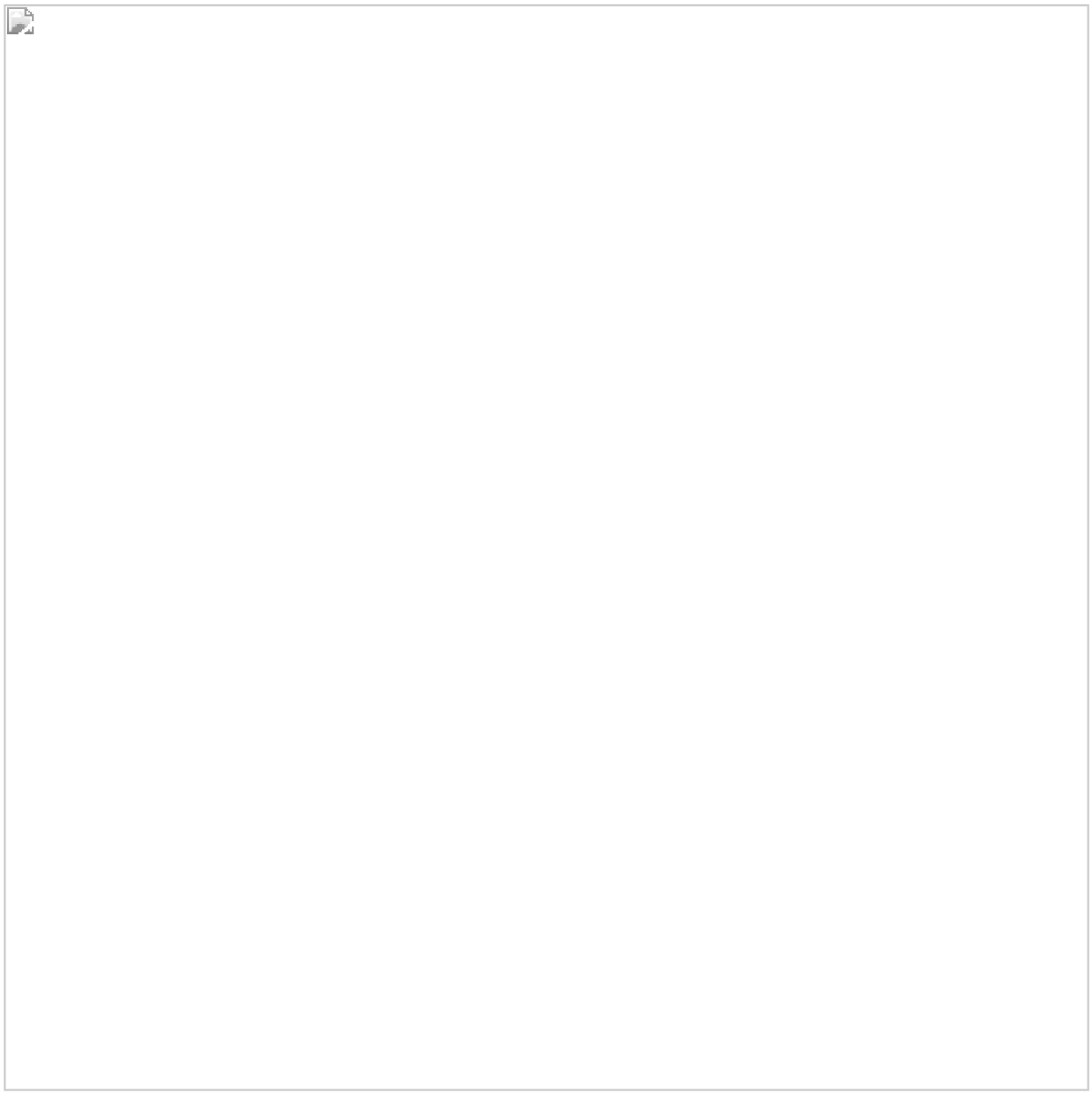


The Queen thought the whole night of all the names she had ever heard. She also sent a messenger over the country to ask, far and wide, for any other names that there might be.

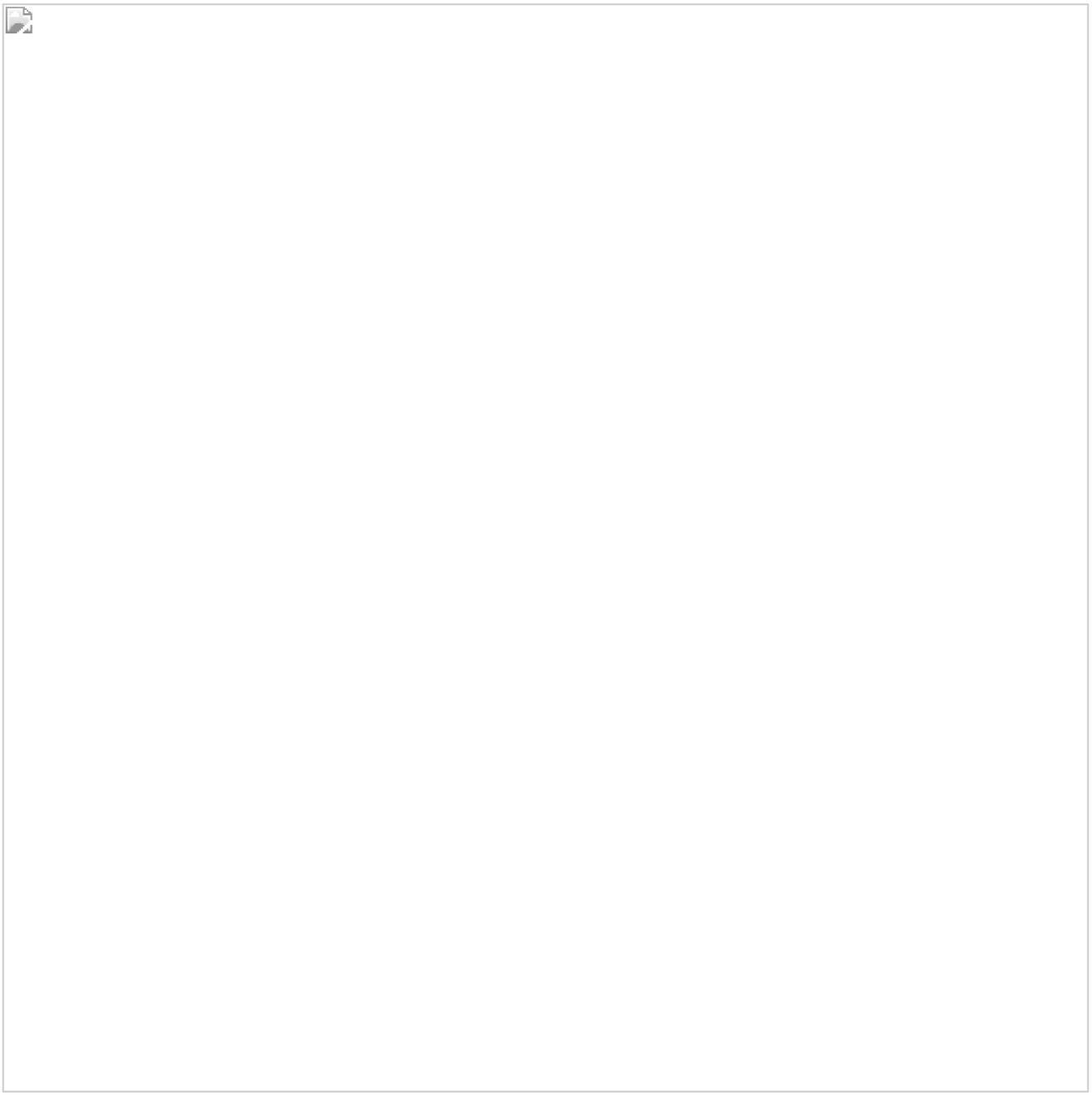
When the little man came the next day, she began with Caspar, Melchior, Balthazar, and said all the names she knew, one after another. But to every one the little man said, “That is not my name.”

TALK ABOUT IT

Can you think of names the Queen might have tried?



Shortribs and Sheepshanks



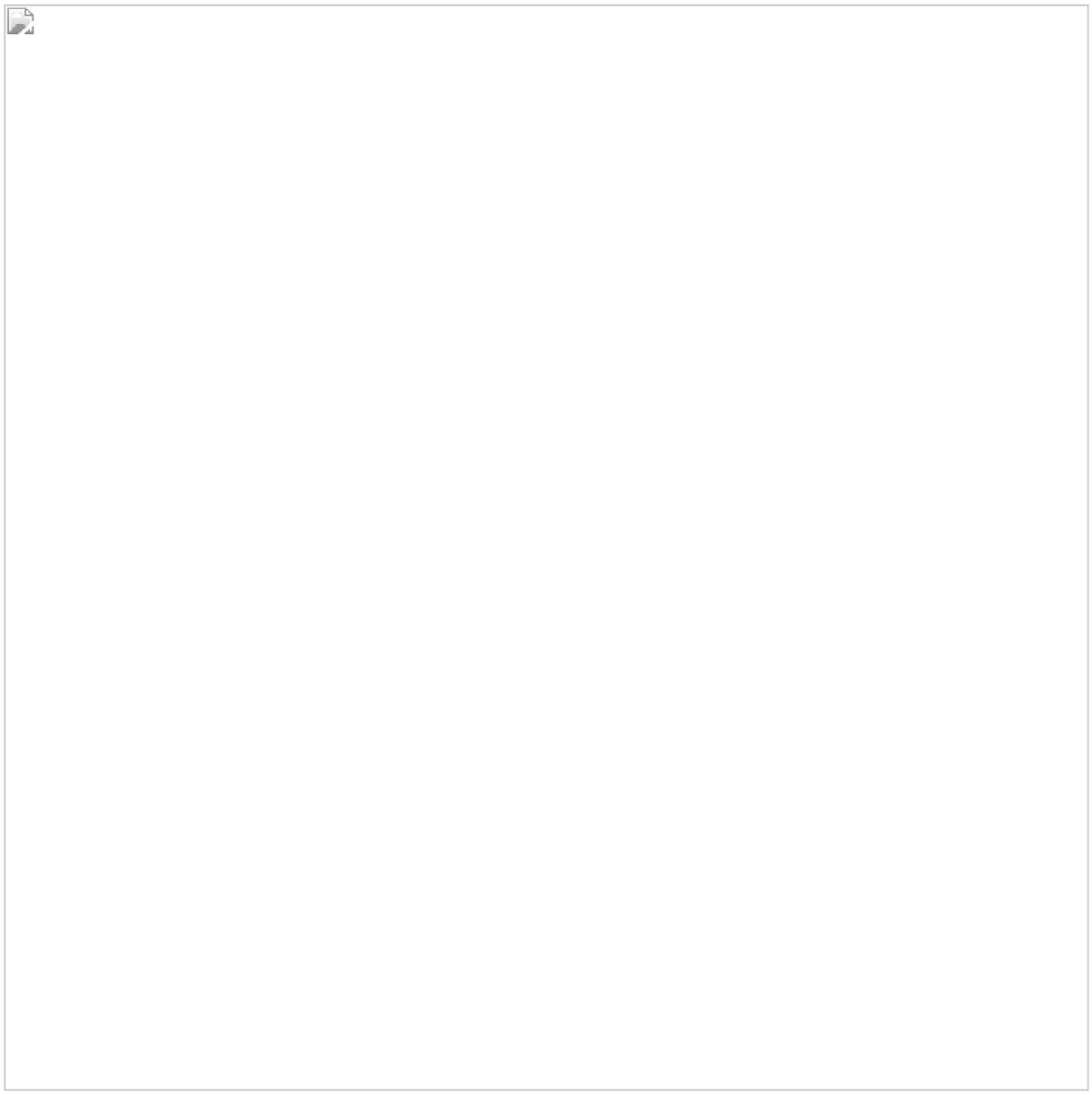
On the second day she asked about the names of people in the neighborhood. She tried the most uncommon and curious ones she could find.

“Perhaps your name is Shortribs, or Sheepshanks, or Laceleg?” But he always answered, “That is not my name.”

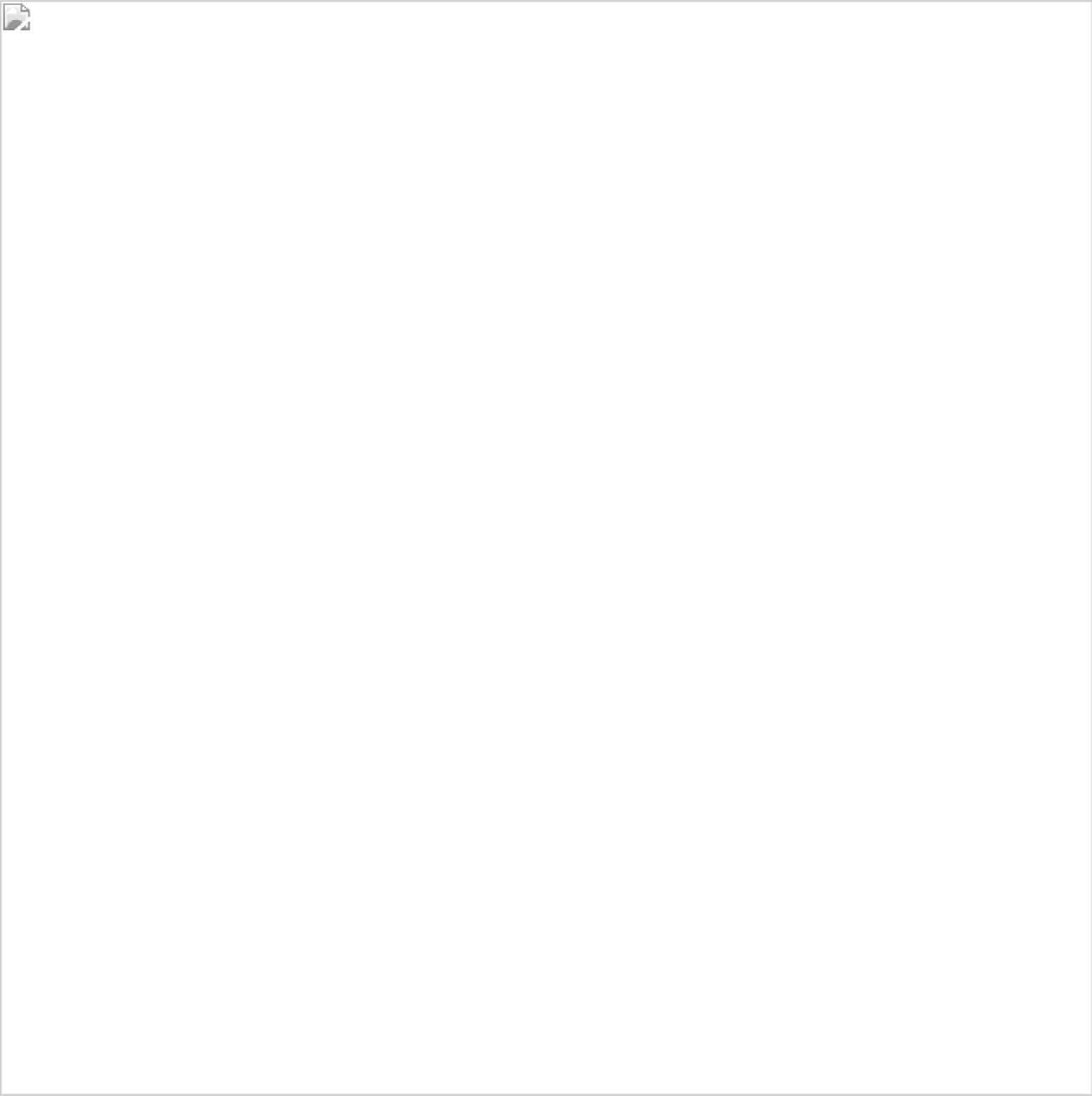
TALK ABOUT IT

Which of those funny names do you like best?

Shortribs and Sheepshanks · another picture



The Messenger Comes Back

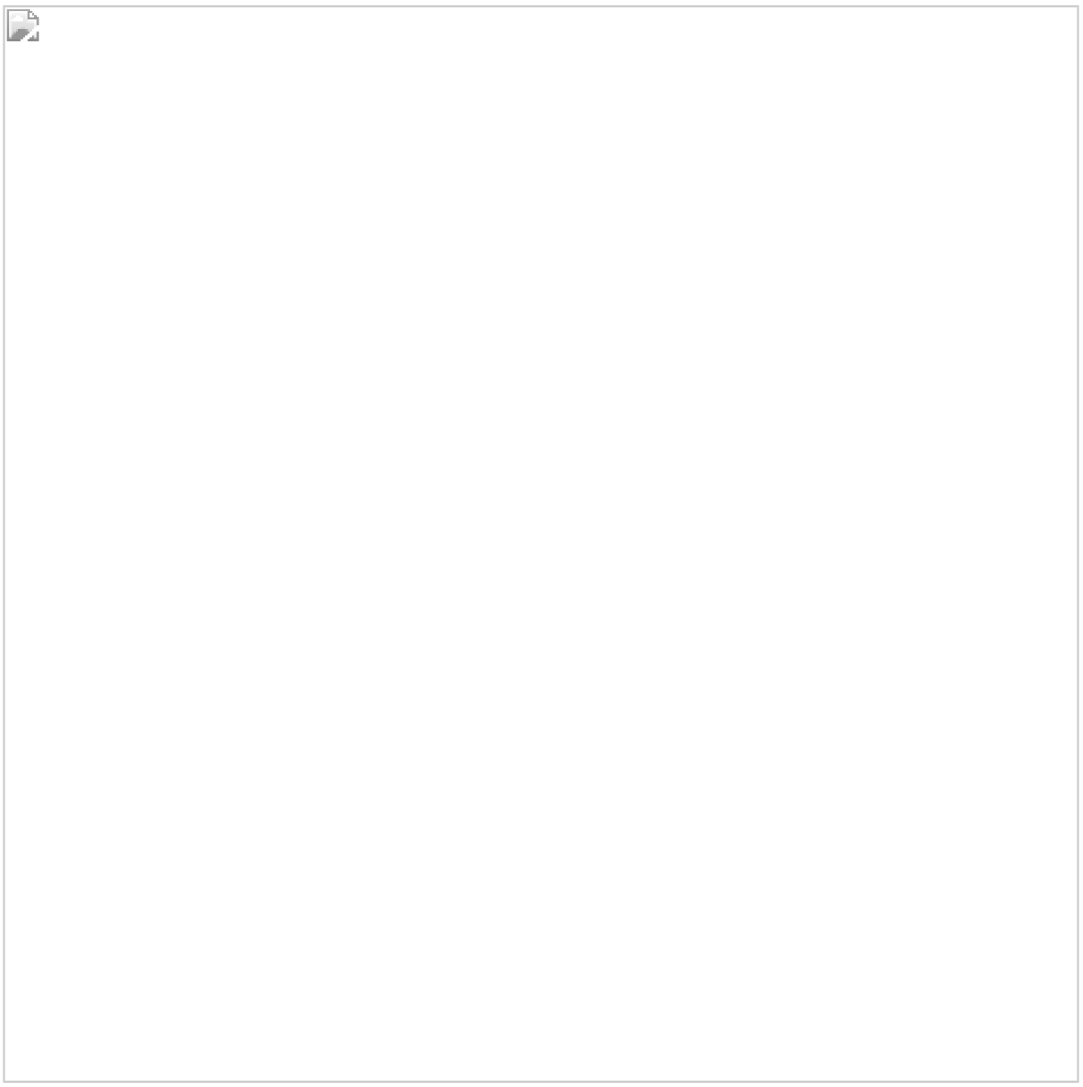


On the third day the messenger came back and said, “I have not been able to find a single new name, but as I came to a high mountain at the end of the forest, where the fox and the hare bid each other good night, there I saw a little house, and before the house a fire was burning, and round about the fire quite a ridiculous little man was jumping: he hopped upon one leg, and shouted—”

TALK ABOUT IT

Where do you think the messenger found this little man? What do you think he shouted?

The Messenger Comes Back · another picture

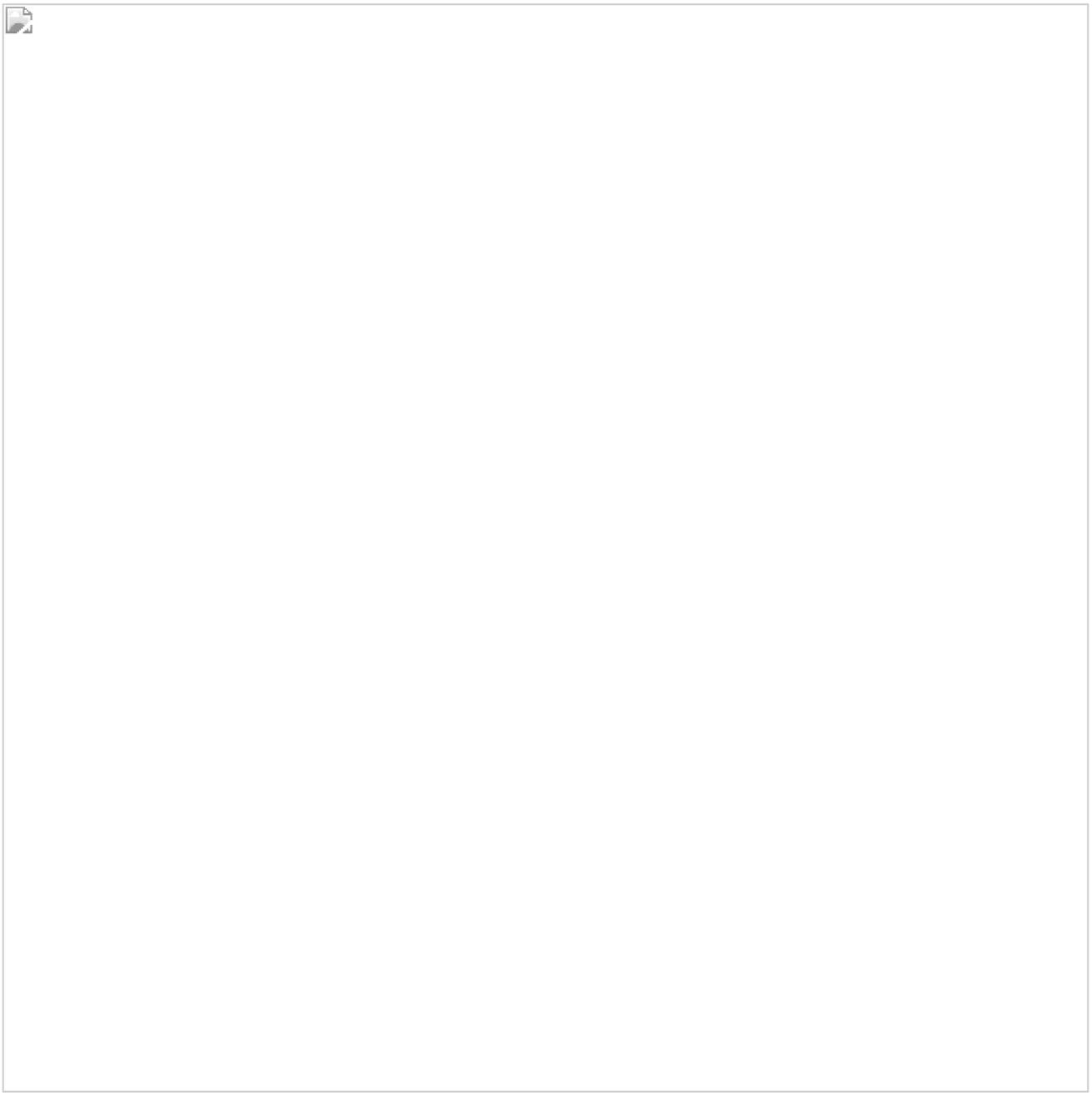


Think about it

1. Where did the messenger see the ridiculous little man?

- ○ By a fire, near a little house
- ○ On a ship at sea
- ○ In the King's garden

To-day I Bake



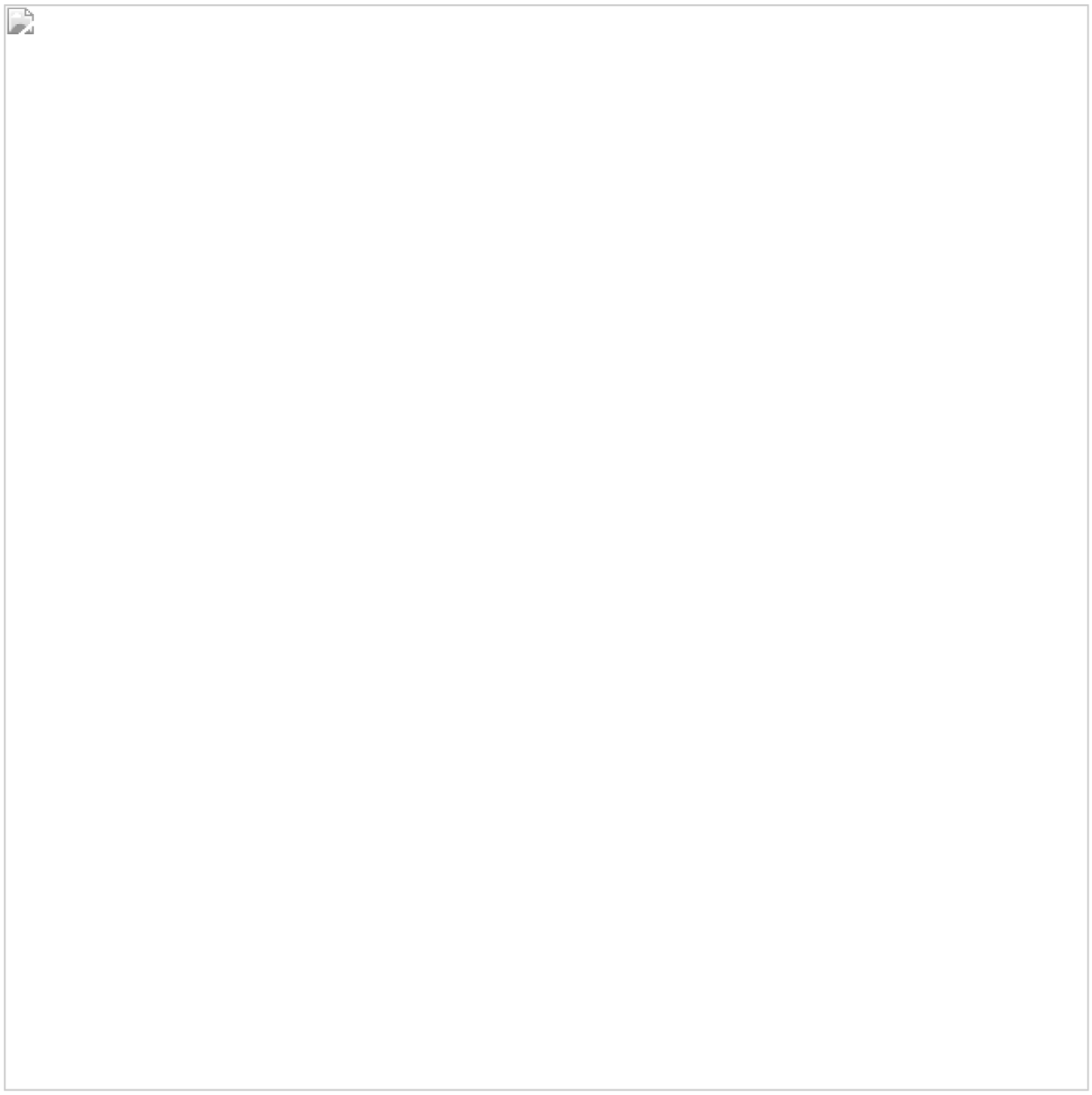
“To-day I bake, to-morrow brew, The next I’ll have the young Queen’s child. Ha! glad am I that no one knew That Rumpelstiltskin I am styled.”

You may think how glad the Queen was when she heard the name!

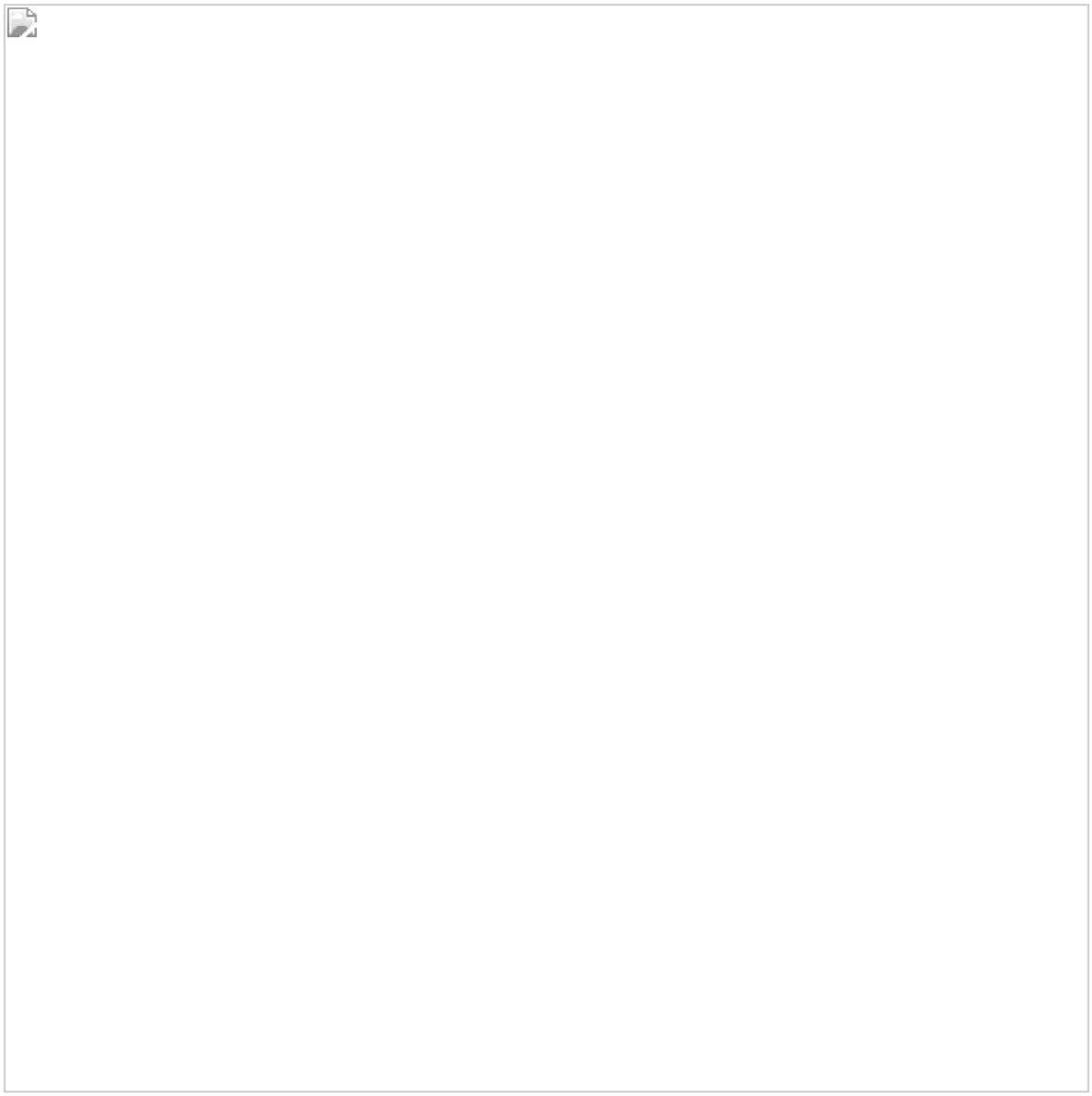
TALK ABOUT IT

How do you think the Queen felt when she heard the name?

To-day I Bake · another picture



What Is My Name?



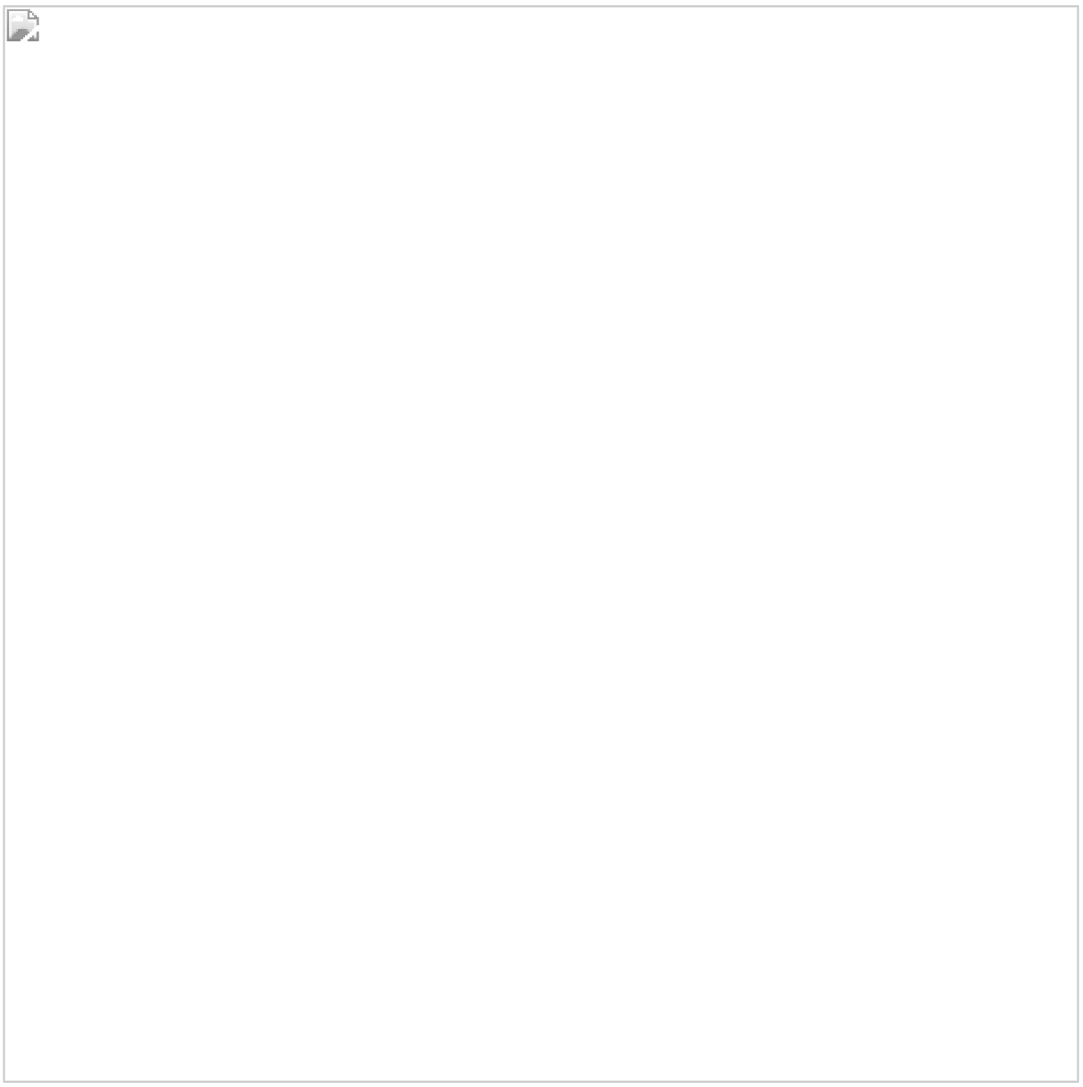
Soon afterwards the little man came in and asked, “Now, Mistress Queen, what is my name?” At first she said, “Is your name Conrad?” “No.” “Is your name Harry?” “No.”

“Perhaps your name is Rumpelstiltskin?”

“The devil has told you that! the devil has told you that!” cried the little man. In his anger he plunged his right foot so deep into the earth that his whole leg went in. Then, in rage, he pulled at his left leg so hard with both hands that he tore himself away, and that was the last anyone saw of him.

TALK ABOUT IT

The Queen kept her child. What do you think she did next?



Think about it

1. What was the little man's name?

- ○ Conrad
- ○ Shortribs
- ○ Rumpelstiltskin

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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