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The Clumsy Crocodile

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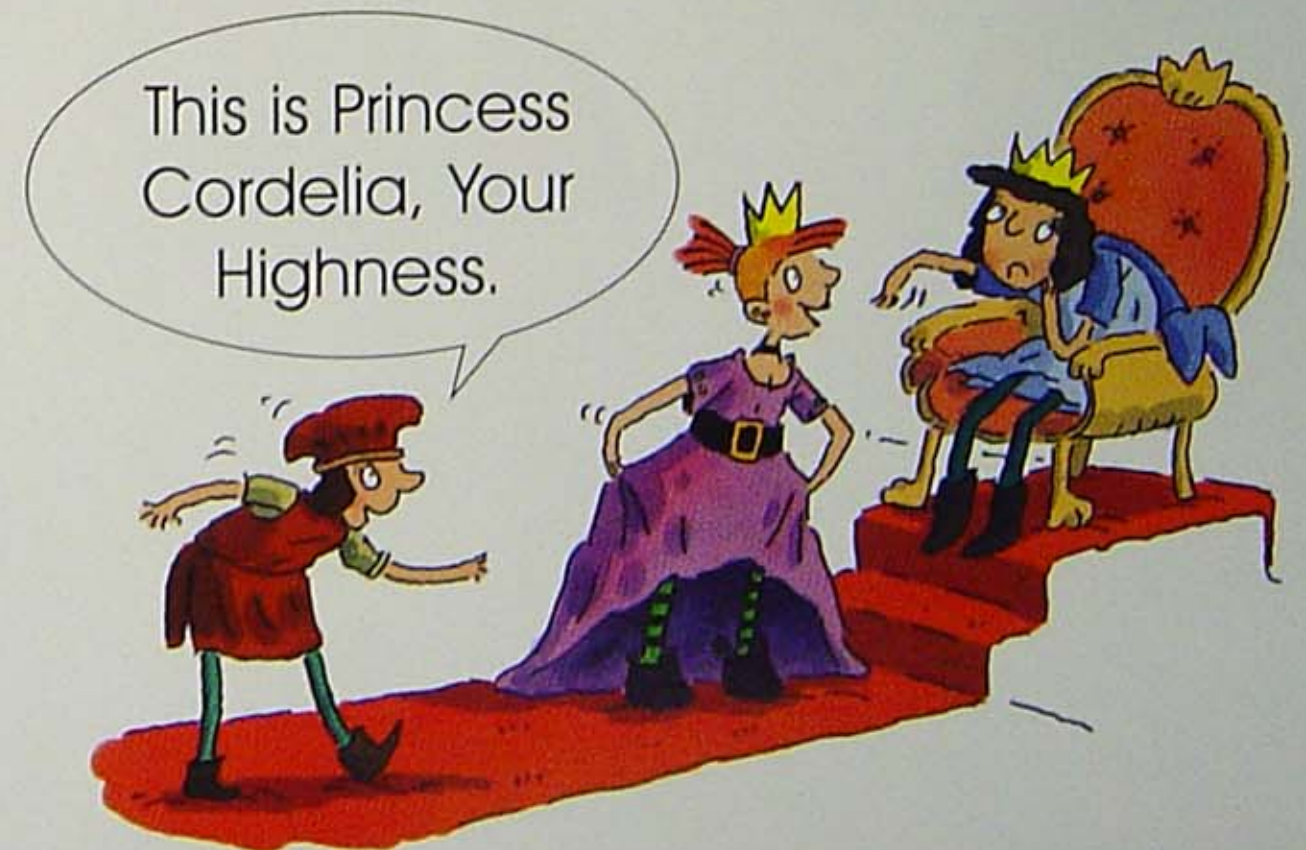
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Chapter 1

The picky prince

Once upon a time there was a prince who wanted to marry a princess. But he didn't want just any old princess. He wanted a *real* one.



Not one of the local princesses would do.

“What’s the matter with them, Patrick?” cried his father, the king. “I’m running out of princesses to show you.”

Are they too old? Too tall? Too hairy?



“I can’t be sure they’re real,” sighed Prince Patrick. “I’ll have to find one for myself.”

“You must do whatever you want, darling,” said the queen, who spoiled him rotten.

Nothing but the best for my princey-wincey.

Mother!

