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## The Greedy Sultan

**I**n a far-off Eastern land, a long, long time ago, there once lived a great and mighty Sultan. He was, without doubt, the

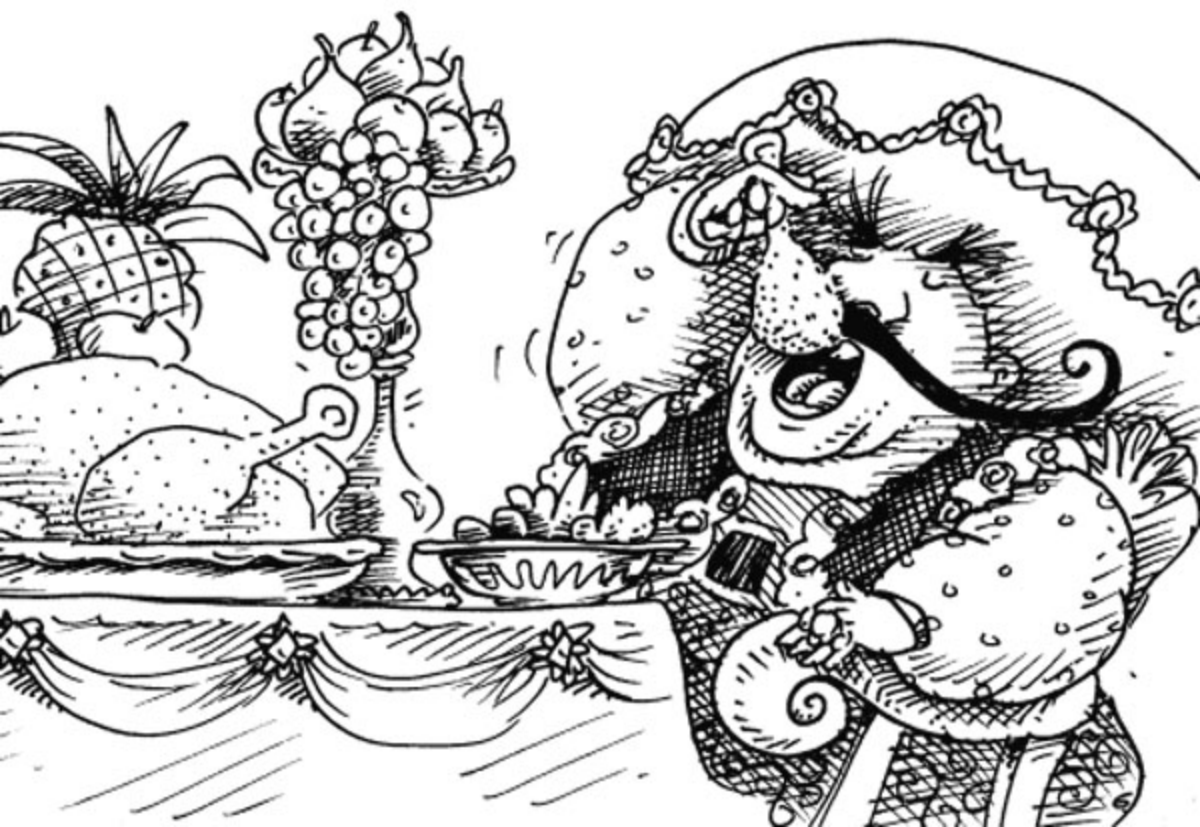
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richest, laziest, greediest  
and **fattest**  
Sultan there had ever been.



## The Greedy Sultan

He did nothing for himself, except eat. He was so **greedy** that every meal – breakfast, lunch and dinner – he'd gobble down a nice plump peacock just to himself, and a great bowl of sweetmeats, too.



## The Greedy Sultan



He was so rich his palace was built of nothing but shining marble and glowing gold, so

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rich that even the buttons on his silken clothes were made of diamonds.



He was so **lazy** he had to have a special servant to brush his teeth for him, and another one to dress him.

