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The Hole in the Ling's Spek

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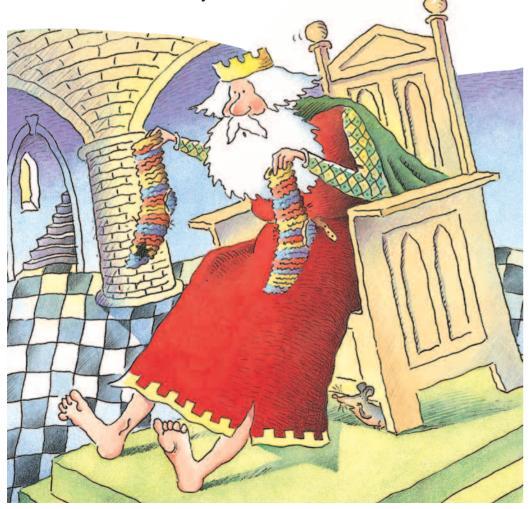
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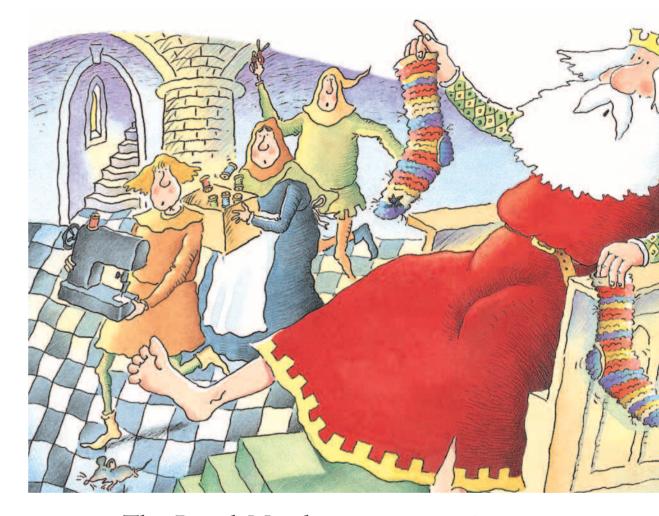
The King had cold feet.

He looked at his socks.

"There's a hole in my sock!" he cried.

"Get me the Royal Menders."





The Royal Menders came running.
"We will mend the hole
in your sock," they said.
They stitched the hole
in the King's sock with gold thread.

The King put on his sock. "That's no good," he cried. "The gold is too cold! Get me the Royal Cooks."

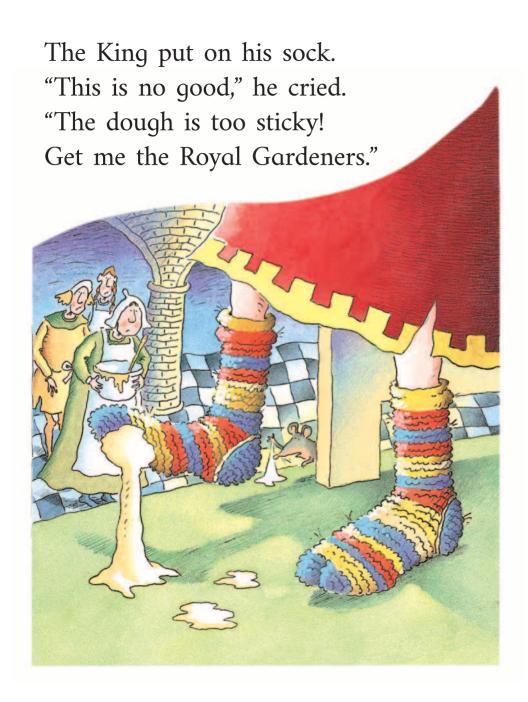


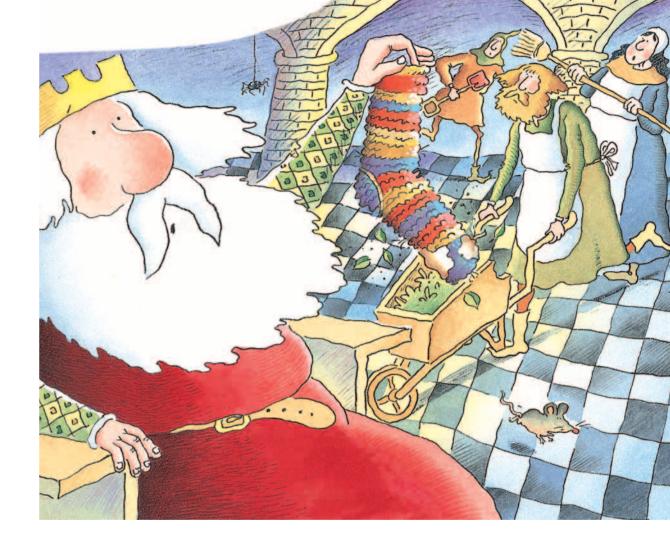
The Royal Cooks came running.

"We will mend the hole
in your sock," they said.

They made dough from flour and water
and covered the hole in the King's sock.

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The Royal Gardeners came running. "We will mend your sock," they said. They wove leaves into the hole in the King's sock.

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The King put on his sock.

"This is no good," he cried.

"The leaves are too prickly!"

Just then, the Queen came in.





"What are you doing?" asked the Queen.

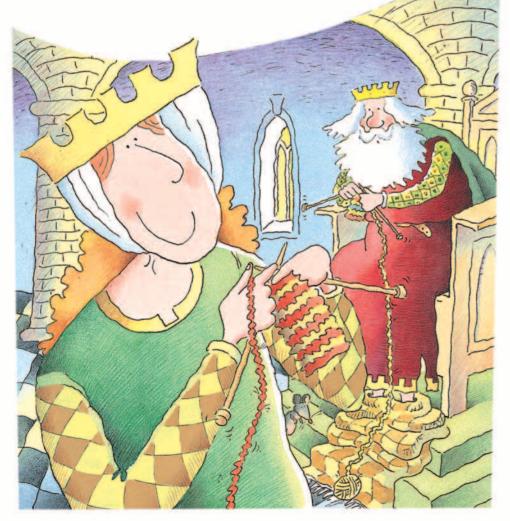
"My feet are cold, and my sock has a hole in it," said the King.

"Then knit yourself some new socks," said the Queen.

"I can't knit!" cried the King.

"Then it's time you learned," said his wife.

She gave the King some wool and some needles. She put a rug around his cold feet and showed him how to knit.





The King knitted all day.
Click, click, click
went the knitting needles.
At last the socks were finished.

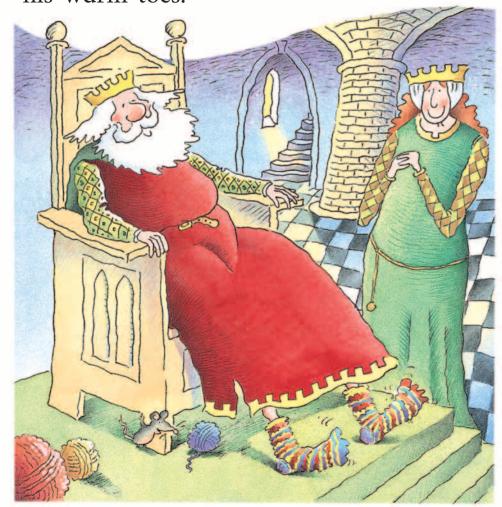
"Well done," said the Queen.

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The King put on his new socks.

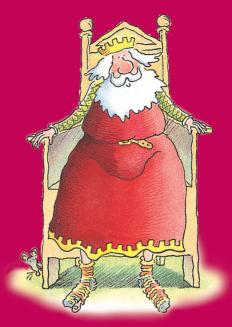
"That's better," he said.

And he smiled and wriggled
his warm toes.



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