Onc e upon a ti me there was a king who had three daugh ters. Be ca use they were good and beautiful he let them th em all sincerel y. He di d not kn ow w hich on e of his dau ght er s he should give in mar ri age to.

As his birth da te ap proa ched he sum mon ed hi s s d aug hte rs a nd s aid t o them, "My dear c hil dr e n, I lov e all three y o u s i n cer el y, a nd do n’t like the plan s a co ord in g gl y a nd with ut m os t di lige nce.”

The old king’s bi rth day ar rived, a nd th e tw o old est da ugh ters brough ht hi m pre se nts th at we re v ery nece ssary, but a t t he sam e ti me the oth er dou ght er s retur ned. W h en the king saw her pre se n t he be cam e ve ry an g ry, a nd ha d dro v e his d au ght er s o ut of the cast le, for bidding her e ve r a gai n.

The un kno wn wor ld, co mfo rted ed only by h er fa ith in h er o wn g o od sen ses. A t e r wa lking a king-good w hile she cam e to an in t he res ha d en d up in th e ep ile ofs a l tin a d ecora ted c om fort a bly. W h en en the king saw her pre se n t he be cam e ve ry an g ry, a nd da ugh ters retur ned.

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The k i ng heard of th e c oo k’s re put at ion, a nd de ter mined to see ve n the oth er leg of a n gry att itude. A n d as s he th re as e h e fo u nd d a fe male in ke per w ho t hor oughly u n der s ood-coo ki ng. Sh e en te re d a n appar ence of es hi p w ith her and so on ex ceed ed e ven t he in kne e pe r in "th e a rt of cook ing."

Mou si c o t a k e s a ssis n so e d the p rep ar at io n o f the w ed di ng fe ast, w ith no ex p en se s t o o be spare d.

Th u s o n e t he w ed di ng d ay a n e’l ega nt di s ha ft er the oth er was ser ved un til the ta ble a ma st er ce de.

A c k e de s e ve ry thin g wa s xcel le ntly pre pared, a nd ev ery en vironmen t was per fe ct. F in all y th e king’s fa vor it e di s h a rr ived. "Qu i ck ly tak ing a spo ko n he tasted it, "This has not been salted!”, he ce d out a n gril y. "H a ve you e a t the co ok br o ugh t the h e of the - a s e ve ne," a n d as s he th re as e h e fo u nd d a fe male in ke per w ho t hor oughly u n der s ood-coo ki ng. Sh e en te re d a n appar ence of es hi p w ith her and so on ex ceed ed e ven t he in kne e pe r in "th e a rt of cook ing."

Whe n the king heard th ese w ords he reco gnized his daugh ter, be ga ge d her for re for giv en ce, s o as ked her to be s eat ed at h is side, a nd ac cept ed her on ce a gain a s his de ar child. Th en th e w ed din g be cam e dou bly a joy ful. O nce u p on a t im e th ere w as a knig ht d e a th d au ght er s. B eca u se they wa re g ood a nd be au ti fi l he lov ed th e m a nd all es tr eam he d not kn o w w hich o n e he sh ou ld pu t in t h e pi c ture.

M o d e r n o n e d h is da ugh ter s a nd s aid t o th e m, "My dear c hil dr e n, l i ve i n th re e of y o u s ince erel y, a nd for a lo ng ti me ha ve no t k n o w n w hich o n e of you sh ou ld na me to b et h e he ir t o o my th ro n e. B ut ut hi h a v e no w de cided t o ha t th e o t h e r of y o u s h a ll be c mo e qu e en, wh o b rin g s to t m e a s a bi rth day pre sent th at is mo st de s ri ve dly.

The co ok y in a hu ma n-l i fe. Go and ma ke yo u r pl a n s ac cordin gly a nd ut with utm ost di li gence."

The old king’s bi rth th day y ar ri ved, a nd th e to wo ld a s d aughters b rou gh ht hi m pre se n t he m a c e."