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"You shall have a son, who will never be happy until he finds out that his nose is too long ..."

Reading Notes

enchantment	a spell or some kind of magic
Roman nose	a prominent or slightly curved nose
Prince Hyacinth	the son of the King and Princess; He was given a long nose from the enchanter because his father, the King, broke the enchantment of his mother, the Princess.

Vocabulary

Definitions Bank

not able to be comforted

terrible; horrible

the act of comparing things to see how they are alike or different

wonderful; beautiful

1. The Queen was **inconsolable** when she saw this great nose _____
2. they told him all sorts of **dreadful** stories _____
3. But, do what they would, they were nothing by **comparison** _____

4. The Prince made him a **splendid** present _____

Comprehension Questions

1. In the beginning of the story, what must the King do to break the enchantment of the Princess whom he loves? Does he succeed? _____

2. Who appears "as suddenly as a flash of lightning" and snatches the Dear Little Princess away just as Prince Hyacinth is about to kiss her hand? _____
3. What important person does Prince Hyacinth meet on his journey to find the Dear Little Princess?

4. Why does she turn out to be so important? _____

5. What happens when Prince Hyacinth says, "Well, it must be admitted that my nose *is* too long!"?

Quotations

"Now, say if you are not very much obliged to me. Much good it was for me to talk to you about your nose! You would never have found out how extraordinary it was if it hadn't hindered you from doing what you wanted to. You see how self-love keeps us from knowing our own defects of mind and body. Our reason tries in vain to show them to us; we refuse to see them till we find them in the way of our interests."

1. Who said this? _____

Discussion Questions

1. For most of the story, Prince Hyacinth thought his nose was the right size, and everyone else's nose was too small. Whom do you think is most to blame for Prince Hyacinth's faulty view of his nose?
2. Why do you suppose the Dear Little Princess was snatched away just as Prince Hyacinth was about to kiss her hand?

Enrichment

1. From the quotation above, can you find the two sentences that teach an important life lesson? With good penmanship, copy the two sentences below.
