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 We may find sermons in stonss, but who would look for fairy tales in a sand heapNevertheless, in the lost tomb of the last King Nevertheless, in the lost tomb of the last King original story of Cinderella and her slipper
There is, indeed, only one variation of any consequence between the two versions, and the Cinderella's princely admirer finds in her los shoe a clue to his vanished enchantress, but
King Psammetichus falls over head and ears in love with he knows not whom, from only seein
her sandal. The ancient Cinderella was beautiful Greek; Sappho calls her Doricha, an that was most likely her proper name, but the
Greek people, with whom fairness of skin was one of the highest qualities of female beauty "erion "Phodisis" Rosy Ch co Rosy Cheels she is known in history. She is mentioned by several writers, but the slippe story rests on the authority of Wlian. H
relates it as having occurred to Pasmmetichus There were three kings of the name, and hat
probably meant the third (Psametib III. Saite kings, who was conquered and depos
Saite kings, who was conquered and deposed
by Cambyses the Persian. Rhodopis wa originally a slave and a fellow bondswoman of Iadmon of Samos; and, like the heroine of then parallel bolds good from the beginning. Lik Cinderella, too' she had a fairy godmother, bu was Aphroditè. This patroness procured he liberty, and heaped upon her riches; and
Rhodopis, to make her name immortal by an offering such as had never been made before,
dedicated with a tenth part of her property a quantity of iron spits in the Temple of Apollo at Delphi, and this extraordinary gift was still also say that she built one of the Pyramids of
Egypt; but, ss Herodotus remarks those
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$\qquad$ horses, and chariots were really rats, and mice hape; and no disenchanting clock sent h hurrying back to her scullery, one shoe off and
one shoe on. Midnight never struck for her, and she lost her shoe in quite another wa At the time I speak of she was said to be th
nost beautiful woman in Egypt, and she live Nancratis, a port on the Canopic branch of colonists from Miletas ; and, though a bo Greek, living in a Greek city, it pleased he
now and then to play the Egyptian, and to adopt the manners and fashions of her ne country. And so it came about that one morn-
ing, before the sun was yet high, she went maidens to bathe in the Nile. At a shor distance from the bank she left her litter, a the feathering papyrus, she would be undis turbed and unseen from the busy river, and there her girls unmade her toilet. Now, th
banks of the Father of Rivers are hard places-a mixture of sand and clay baked by the scorching sun, and rough to delicate feet So Rhodopis did not quit her sandals until th
moment when she stepped down into the still moment when she stepped down into the still,
cool water, herself as white and rosy as th lotuses around her. There, half-wading an half-swimming, she played and frolicked Lappy in the pare joy of living, like the gay She gathered handsful of lotuses, and threw hem away again ; and then, in a lazj fit, sh thoughts on things in general, and on herself in particular. But to return to her sandala which she kicked off on the river's brink They lay as she had left them, a pair of daint
shoes fit for such dainty feet. They were em broidered in gold and brilliant colours with a

Gaint pattern, and with the ever-present lot and, most carious of all, the apper surface the sole on which her foot rested bore the
figure of a captive with bound arms, on one andal an Egyptian, on the other a Greekanciful way of suggesting the dominion
their own over the hearts of two nations their own over the hearts of two nations.
Now it chanced that just above, sailing round in his vast circle, a mere speck in the dancing litered by the water's edge they caught h eye. Now, whether he thought they were
good to eat, or whether he was a bird of cultivated taste, I know not, but atraightway swooped and seized one. Rhodopis, roused
from her reverie by the rush of wings, caught sight of the great bird as it flew off, and,
frightened, set to screaming, and then ducked.
frightened, set to screaming, and then ducked.
By the time she had recovered herself and taken By the time she bad recovered herself and taken
in what had happened, the eagle and her sanda it was all over, her girls, who had been bus) telling one another secrets, began in their alarn hide everything away in a place of safety as if they expected a whole phalanx of eagles
were coming to carry off their mistress's clothes. and no doubt they had some reason for the
concern, for ancient ladies had a variety o amiable little ways of producing sympathy Rhodopis, sweet as she was to look at, was like the rest. Bat, after all, it was not a very
serious matter, for Rosy Cheeks had cupboards full of sandals at home, and besides, her litte
was only round the corner, so, after her firs astonishment and fright were over, she though
ittle more about it. Now this event was in reality the tarning-point of her life, for what did
this mysterious bird do, bat fly straight awsy this mysterious bird do, bat fly straight a asa
with his prey, over the Delta, far up the long iver to Memphis, and there, as if his mission
ended, he dropped the sandal before the judgmat seat of King Psammetichus. The Kin
was sitting in the open air, close to the ci gate, dispensing jastice to his subjects. The
sun was hot, and the imagizations of plaintiff haustible, so P Psammetichus was bored-his thoughts wandered far away, and he fell to
building castles in the sir. Now no Orienta could ever build a castle in the air, or other
wise, without giving it a mistress : so be pleased imself by imagining for his ideal palace a
deal beauty. He pictured her with the eye of the gazelle, the voice of the nightingale, th and as his thoughts dwelt still on the dainty es that hardly pressed the ground they rested
n, the sandal fell from heaven plump at his oyal feet. Astonished out of all dignity, he
umped up, stared up into the sky and down a the slipper, and then stooped and picked it -for no one had dared to tonch it. Was it a
goddess's? No, it was a lovely little shoe, little earthly toes distinctly marked on it -the very little toes be had just been drean
ing of. Then of a sudden it became plain wishes he had just been indulging in to the planned a castle, here was a mistress for it Let search be made," cried he, "for he jou know her : Whosoever the shoe fits anal who has the fellow shoe, and who can explain owner; bring her to me, that I may make he nessenger started on his search. Many days he travelled down the Nile, making proclama earing the sandal on a cusbion. wherever he came through the whole land and a hunting up of left-off shoes, in cas chance there might be found among the a match for the wonderfal sandal; but non forlorn. At last he came to Naucratis, snd When the proclamation resched the ears sandal, and knew herself the one sought fo by the King. The ambassador was admitte fited. "And here," cried Rhodopis, the fellow shoe, and this is Rhodopis, symbols, on the soles-as Greece is to my beauty, so shall Egypt be, and Egypi master!" And then she went with him to Memphis, and when the King, whose hear was sick with waiting, saw her, he succumbe at once to the charm of her loveliness ; he did as he had promised, and made her his queen
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