

Pipetta e il mercante (Pipetta and the merchant)

Once upon a time there was a contadino called Pipetta; he had lots of animals including a donkey. The contadino asserted that this animal excreted gold coins as well as dung, but it was untrue.

One day a merchant who bought donkeys passed by: Pipetta had put a sheet under the donkey to serve as a bed; the merchant asked why he had put the sheet there and Pipetta replied: "Because in the night it craps gold coins".

The merchant asked him: "At what price would you sell it to me".

And Pipetta sold it to him.

When the merchant took it home, every day he checked the contents of the sheet put beneath the donkey for gold coins, but he found only dung.

The merchant, very angry, took the animal back to Pipetta.

Whilst he was on the way, he thought about what he would do to the contadino.

He arrived at the farm and found Pipetta who in despair had murdered his wife. The merchant did not then have the courage to talk and saw the deceased on the ground.

Pipetta said to the merchant, disconsolate: "Have no fear at what you have seen because, with this whistle, I will bring my wife back to life".

The merchant replied: "I only wish that what you say were true".

The contadino took his whistle and said: "(Whistle) wife - move an arm". "(Whistle) wife - move the other." And his wife obeyed. (Whistle) and his wife raised both legs. "(Whistle) wife - get up on your feet". And his wife got up. The merchant, captivated by the object, said to him: "At what price would you sell it to me". And Pipetta gave him the price and sold it to him.

The merchant arrived home, quarrelled with his wife and killed her, then tried to whistle, but to no avail. His wife did not stir; she was as dead as a dodo.

The man, beside himself at what he had done, decided to go to murder Pipetta, but the contadino's wife told the merchant that her husband was dead.

The merchant replied that, as he was dead, he would play a nasty trick on Pipetta; he pulled down his breeches in readiness to shit in Pipetta's mouth. Just then, Pipetta grasped the merchant's testicles between his teeth and would not let them go.

The merchant screamed out and said to Pipetta: "If you let me go then you will be forgiven all that you have done to me!". And they became good friends.

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