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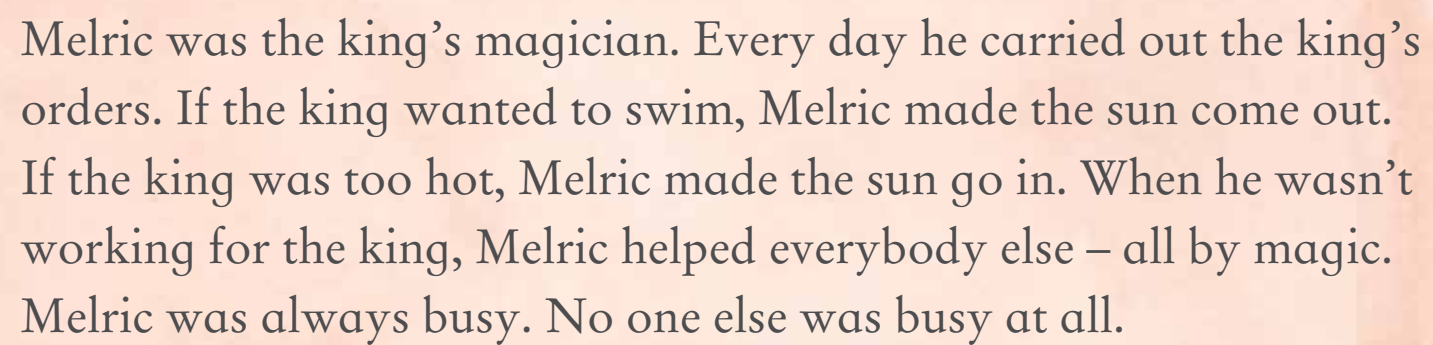
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THE MAGICIAN WHO LOST HIS MAGIC



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One morning Melric woke up late. He muttered the spell that should have washed and dressed him and made his bed, but nothing happened. He said the spell again, louder. Nothing happened. He shouted the spell. Still nothing happened. In a great hurry – because the king didn't like to be kept waiting – Melric dressed himself, making a terrible mess of it. He took one look at the bed and left it, unmade.