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## The Brave Little Tailor

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*REPORTER:* Look Bill, I'm telling you, this story is huge! I'm outside the palace now and there's so much coming and going it's like Grand Central Station. I managed to grab a few of the servants as they were coming off the night shift and although it took a bit of bribery, I managed to corroborate the story that she hired a couple of hoodlums to come in in the dead of night and ship him off somewhere, then they reckoned she'd spread the story that he'd disappeared.

I wouldn't be surprised if her father was behind it mind you because I don't think he ever imagined he'd complete all those awesome tasks and he'd have to keep his promise and give him half the kingdom and his daughter. I mean, how stupid is that? Someone you've only just met tells you they're a great hero and you believe them. Did he look him up on YouTube? I think not? Did he check his criminal record? No he didn't.

Well yes, he did do all those tasks, getting rid of the giants and the unicorn and the boar, but does that make him the right person to be king? Of course the anti-monarchy lobby is out in force and they were only too keen to share their views. I quote: 'We spend our money on keeping these people in an archaic situation of privilege and they turn out to be no better than common criminals.' Strong words Bill, strong words and I don't know that I agree with them, but if he does turn out to be nothing more than a common little tailor then that rubbishes their argument and good luck to him I say.

Hello, there's more activity now. I think it's the Princess's car. She hasn't been seen in public or made any statement yet and what we've heard has just been speculation. Is he with her I wonder? No, she seems to be on her own.

Princess! Princess! Is it true that you and your husband are splitting up? Can you give us a statement Princess? No, she didn't give any indication of what's going on. What's that Bill? He is? Now? OK. Live on air in two. How do I look? Yeah I know I've been up all night but at least tell me I don't look like it. 5-4-3-2-1

Good morning. This is Charlie Humdinger live at the palace bringing you all the latest on the sensational news story that has just broken. I understand we are about to go over to the palace library where his majesty the King will make a statement.