

## **Pigs and People**

Once upon a time a rich man invited a poor man to a ball at his place, in order to have some fun at his expense. He had the lowest place in a dark corner all set for him.

The peasant appeared at the ball before the rest of the guests and took the place that was reserved for the richest prince. Soon all the nobles arrived. They tried to chase the man away but they could not. He just sat there eating and took no notice of the lords. Then the greatest prince of them all said to them, “Do not chase him away—I’ll settle him.” He approached the peasant and, standing near him, started to eat while the poor man continued his meal. The prince saw that this had no effect on the peasant so he decided to use other tactics.

“My dear peasant,” he said. “Tell me: what’s the difference between people and pigs?”

“Who doesn’t know that?” answered the man. “People eat sitting down but pigs eat standing up.”

The prince thereupon opened his mouth from surprise because a peasant had managed to make fun of him!