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Once, there was a little girl with her mother. They were at the market when all of a sudden the little girl lost her mom. She looked and looked but her mother was nowhere to be seen.

The girl started crying and a lord and lady came up and asked what was wrong. She told them "I have lost my mother!"



They asked, "What does she look like? We might be able to find her."

The little girl said, "She is the most beautiful woman in the world!"



They looked everywhere to find her mother they found very pretty women that could have been the Queen of England, but she kept saying “no that is not my mother!”





Then all of a sudden this old lady came walking up the street with dirty hair, chipped nails, and ragged clothes.



The girl saw that woman and shouted, “Mother!” the mother embraced her and the little girl was happy.





The Lord  
and Lady  
asked, "You  
said she was  
the most  
beautiful  
woman in the  
whole world!?"

"She is." And that was the little girl's reply.

It didn't matter what her mother looked like, it just mattered that the little girl loved her mother and with that, she saw that her mother was the most beautiful person in the world.

The moral of this story is that it doesn't matter what you look like, it matters what's in the inside that counts.

Out of all the pretty women, the little girl knew that her mother was the most beautiful woman in the world because of her personality.





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