

The Emperor's New Clothes

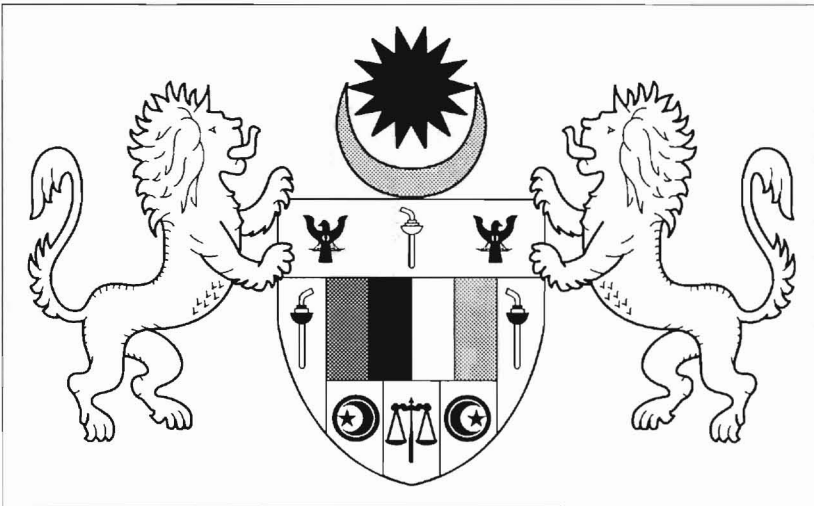
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Exclusive Interview with Emperor

"Good evening. This is Barbara Watts with News Line. Tonight we have a breaking story from our empire. The Emperor, it seems, paraded through the capital city today to show off his new clothes. All of the people in the empire realized before the Emperor did that he was wearing nothing at all! How could this happen? To answer this question, we will interview the Emperor at home in his bedchamber. Later we will interview the weavers who made the Emperor's new clothes."

"Good evening, Your Majesty," said Barbara.

"Good evening, Barbara. As you can see, I am very upset,"

said the Emperor.

"What happened today, Your Majesty?" asked Barbara.

"It should have been a magnificent day. I was to parade through our beautiful city showing off my new clothes. And what happened was a disaster! Boo hoo . . . Boo hoo. How will I ever show my face in public again? I am so embarrassed. But let me tell you, those weavers will face charges of fraud and robbery. There may be other charges. They'll see that they can't trick me. What nonsense . . . magic cloth, indeed . . . nonsense! I'll have their heads!" shouted the Emperor.

"Thank you, Your Majesty. I'm

sorry you are so troubled," said Barbara.

"After this break, we will hear from the weavers, who are chained in their dungeon cells in the palace," reported Barbara.

We're back now with the two mysterious weavers.

"Good evening, Gentlemen. How could you think that you could fool our Emperor and trick him out of thousands of dollars?" asked Barbara.

"Barbara, didn't you see the beauty and the colors of the magic cloth? We didn't trick His Majesty, the Emperor. The magic cloth can be seen by anyone fit to be an emperor or anyone terribly smart or clever. We can see the cloth. Can't you, Barbara?" asked the weavers.

"Uh, I didn't see anything today at the parade. Perhaps if I look at the Emperor's new suit once more, I will see the colors. You know, I am the smartest news woman in the business. I'm going over to the palace right now. Perhaps I will see those colors. Good night, Gentlemen. Good night all. More on this subject tomorrow . . ."