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Legend of the Nuremberg Wedding Cup

Once upon a time there was a beautiful maiden named Künigünde, who fell in love with a young and ambitious goldsmith.

She refused many titled and rich suitors who asked for her hand in marriage, and finally she confessed her secret love to her father, a rich and powerful nobleman. He became furious, and the young man was thrown into the dungeon.

This broke poor Künigünde's heart, but not even her bitter tears would change her father's mind. She wasted away until finally one day the father seemed to relent and said "If your goldsmith can make a chalice from which two people are able to drink from at the same time, without spilling one single drop, I will free him and you shall become his wife."

Of course he was certain nobody could perform such a task. However, love inspired the young man and in only a few days his nimble fingers formed a chalice, the like of which no-one had ever seen before. He fashioned it in the shape of his true love, aglow in her wedding dress (which was a hollow skirt that served as a cup), with her upraised arms, holding a smaller cup that swiveled between them.

As they looked into each others eyes, with balanced movement, the lovers drank simultaneously from the wine filled chalice. The story ended well with the loving couple becoming man and wife. On their wedding day, and often later on, they drank from the chalice and lived happily ever after.

To this day for many couples the chalice remains a symbol. Love, faithfulness and good luck await the couple who drinks from this cup.