THE REMARKABLE ROCKET

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CHARACTERS

- THE KING
- THE PRINCESS
- THE LITTLE SQUIB
- THE CRACKER
- THE FIRE-BALLOON
- THE CATHERINE WHEEL
- THE DRAGON-FLY
- THE GOOSE
- THE PRINCE
- THE LITTLE PAGE
- THE ROMAN CANDLE
- THE ROCKET
- THE BENGAL LIGHT
- THE FROG
- THE WHITE DUCK
- THE TWO LITTLE BOYS
There were general rejoicings at the King’s Palace because Prince was going to be married with the Russian Princess.

It was a beautiful ceremony: the bride and the bridegroom walked hand in hand under a canopy of purple velvet embroidered with little pearls. Then there was a State Banquet and they drank out of a cup of clear crystal. Then day danced the Rose-dance and the King played the flute. The last item of the ceremony was a grand display of fireworks.
The fireworks began to talk each other about romance. While speaking, the supercilious-looking Rocket interrupted them. He said that the King’s son was fortunate because he was to be married on the day on which he was to be let off.

But the other weren’t agree. They told him they were glad to be let off on that day. The rocket went on saying anything would happen if he weren’t there and started sobbing and getting wet.
The other fireworks said he had better keep himself dry, but when the Royal Pyrotechnist let them off, he was too wet and he didn’t work.

The day after, the workmen came out to put everything tidy. Hey saw the rocket and threw it away. A frog found him in the mud, and after they had quarrel, she got away. Then a duck and a dragon-fly and both of them didn’t listen to him.
Then two boys found him, and decided to use it to set a fire. Even if it was wet, he dried himself and at the end he soared up, but since it was day, nobody could see him.