



Chapter 9

Who Stole the Tarts?



The King and the Queen were sitting on the throne¹.
The Knave of Hearts was
standing in front of

them. There were two soldiers
near the Knave. It was the
Knave of Hearts' trial.

'I must be in a courtroom².
Here's the judge with his wig
and gown and that's the jury,'
thought Alice, looking at the
twelve animals and birds in
the jury-box³.

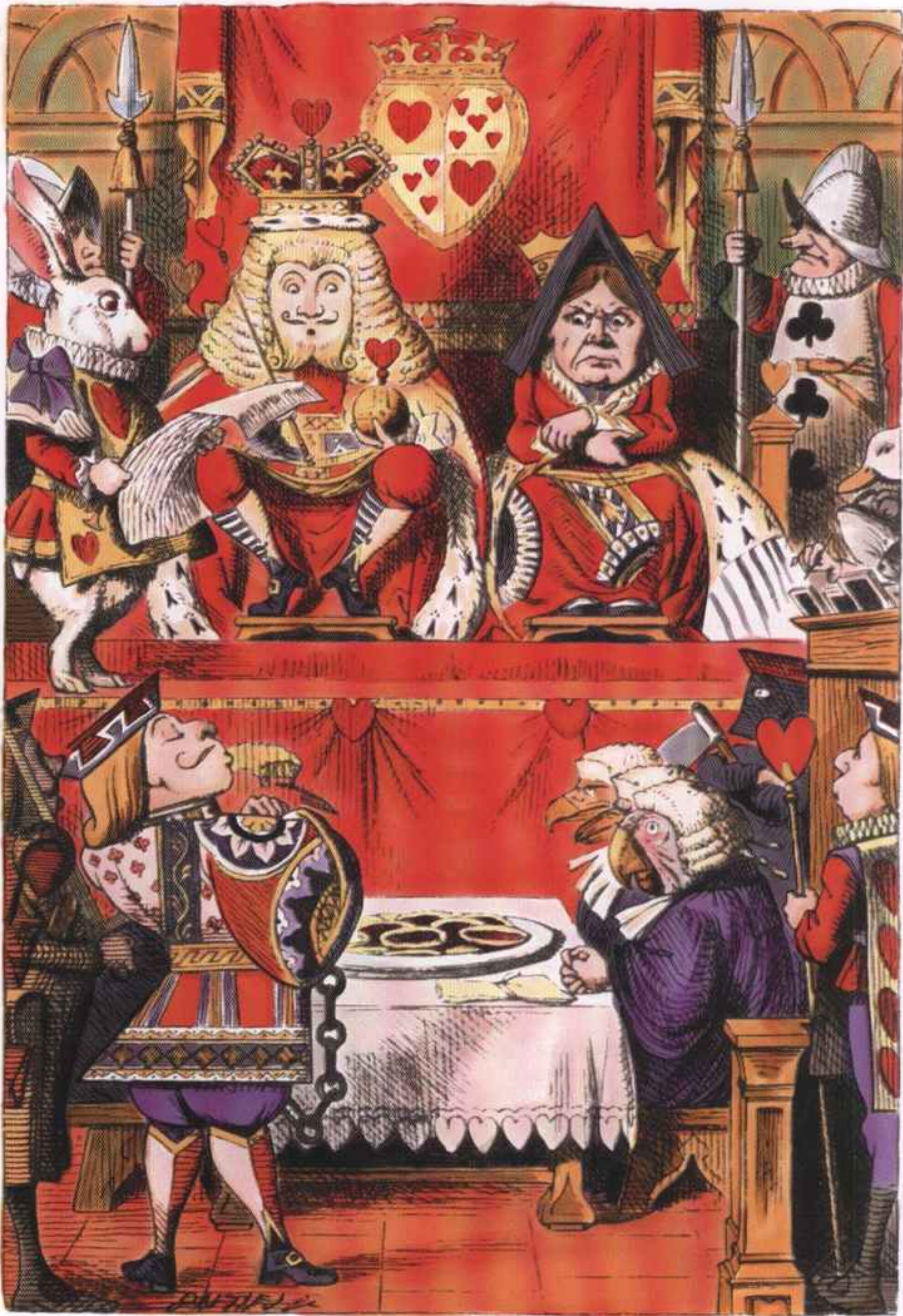
Alice sat down. When
everybody was ready the King,



1. throne : 君位。

2. courtroom : 法庭。

3. jury-box : 陪审席。



Who Stole the Tarts?



15 who was the judge, said: 'Read the accusation 1!'

The White Rabbit read from a big roll of paper:

'The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts ,

All on a summer day:

The Knave of Hearts, he stole those tarts,

20 And took them all away!

'Off with his head!' cried the
Queen.

'But we must have some
witnesses 2 first!' cried the
25 White Rabbit.

'Call the first witness!'
said the King.

The first witness was the
Hatter. He had his tea in one
30 hand and bread and
butter in the other
hand.

'I am sorry about

さ



1. accusation : 指控。

2. witnesses : 目击证人。



this but I was having my tea when they called me,' said the Hatter.

35 'When did you begin your tea?' asked the King.

'March the fourteenth, I *think*,' answered the Hatter.

'The fifteenth,' said the March Hare.

'The sixteenth,' added the Dormouse.

'Write that down!' said the King, 'and take off your hat.'

40 'It isn't mine,' said the Hatter.

'You *stole*¹ it, didn't you?' inquired the King.

'No, your Majesty, I didn't,' replied the Hatter. He was very frightened.

'I sell hats, you see. I'm a Hatter,' he said.

45 'Let's continue now. What did you see?' asked the King.

'Well, your Majesty, I was having my tea when the March Hare said...'

'I didn't!' protested² the March Hare.

'I mean... the Dormouse said.'

The Dormouse didn't protest. He was asleep so the Hatter went on,

50 'Well, I cut more bread and butter.'

'But what did the Dormouse say?' inquired the King.

'I can't remember,' replied the Hatter.

1. *stole* : 偷。

2. *protested* : 抗议。

Who Stole the Tarts?



'You *must* remember or I'll cut off your head!' threatened the King.

The Hatter was shaking with fear ¹.

'Please, your Majesty, I'm a poor man. Let me go!' cried the Hatter. 55

'Cut off his head!' ordered the Queen.

The Hatter ran away so quickly that the **executioner** couldn't catch him.



1. fear: 害怕 *



Alice felt very strange. 'This courtroom seems so small. Perhaps I'm
60 growing again!' Alice thought.

'Next witness!' the King called out.

The next witness was the Duchess' cook. When she entered the
courtroom she had a pepper pot so everybody started to sneeze.

'Tell us what you know,' said the King.

65 'Your Majesty, you must ask her questions,' said the White Rabbit.

'That's right. Well, let's see, what are tarts made of?' asked the King.

'Pepper, of course,' answered the cook.

'Next witness!' said the King.

The White Rabbit looked at his paper and read out the name: 'ALICE!'

