

Story 3: The Frog King

Once upon a time, there was a king who had a very beautiful daughter. The princess loved playing with her gold ball near a well in the forest.

One day, the princess accidentally threw the ball into the well. She was very sad and cried. Suddenly, someone called out to her, "What is the matter with you, princess?"

She saw a frog and said "I am crying because my golden ball has fallen into the well."

"Stop crying," answered the frog. I can help you, but what will you give me if I bring back your ball?"

"Whatever you want, my dear frog," she said.

The frog answered, "I want you to love me, accept me as a friend and let me live with you. If you promise, I'll bring your golden ball back."

"Oh, yes," she said, "I promise!" But she thought, "How can this ugly frog ask to be my friend?"

As soon as the frog heard her say "Yes", he dove to the bottom of the well and came back with the golden ball in his mouth. The princess had no choice but to bring the frog back to the palace.

The king asked her what happened and she told the king the story. "It is a disgusting frog," she said.

The king said, "What you have promised, you must do. Now, be nice to the frog."

She hesitated, until finally the king ordered her to do so.

"Now push your golden plate closer, so we can eat together," the frog said. She did it unwillingly. The frog enjoyed his meal. Finally he said, "Now carry me to your room."

The princess began to protest. The king became angry and said, "You should not despise someone who has helped you in time of need."

She carried him to her room. "I want to sleep on your bed. Pick me up or I'll tell your father."

The princess became bitterly angry and threw him against the wall with all her might. "Now you will have your peace, you disgusting frog!"

The frog pretended that he was seriously hurt and going to die. At that moment, the princess was afraid and said, "I am sorry. I didn't mean to hurt you. Please don't die. If you don't die, we can live happily together for as long as you wish." The princess kissed the frog.

Right at this moment, the frog suddenly transformed into a handsome prince. He told her how he had been enchanted by a wicked witch. The princess was very happy. They got married and lived happily ever after.