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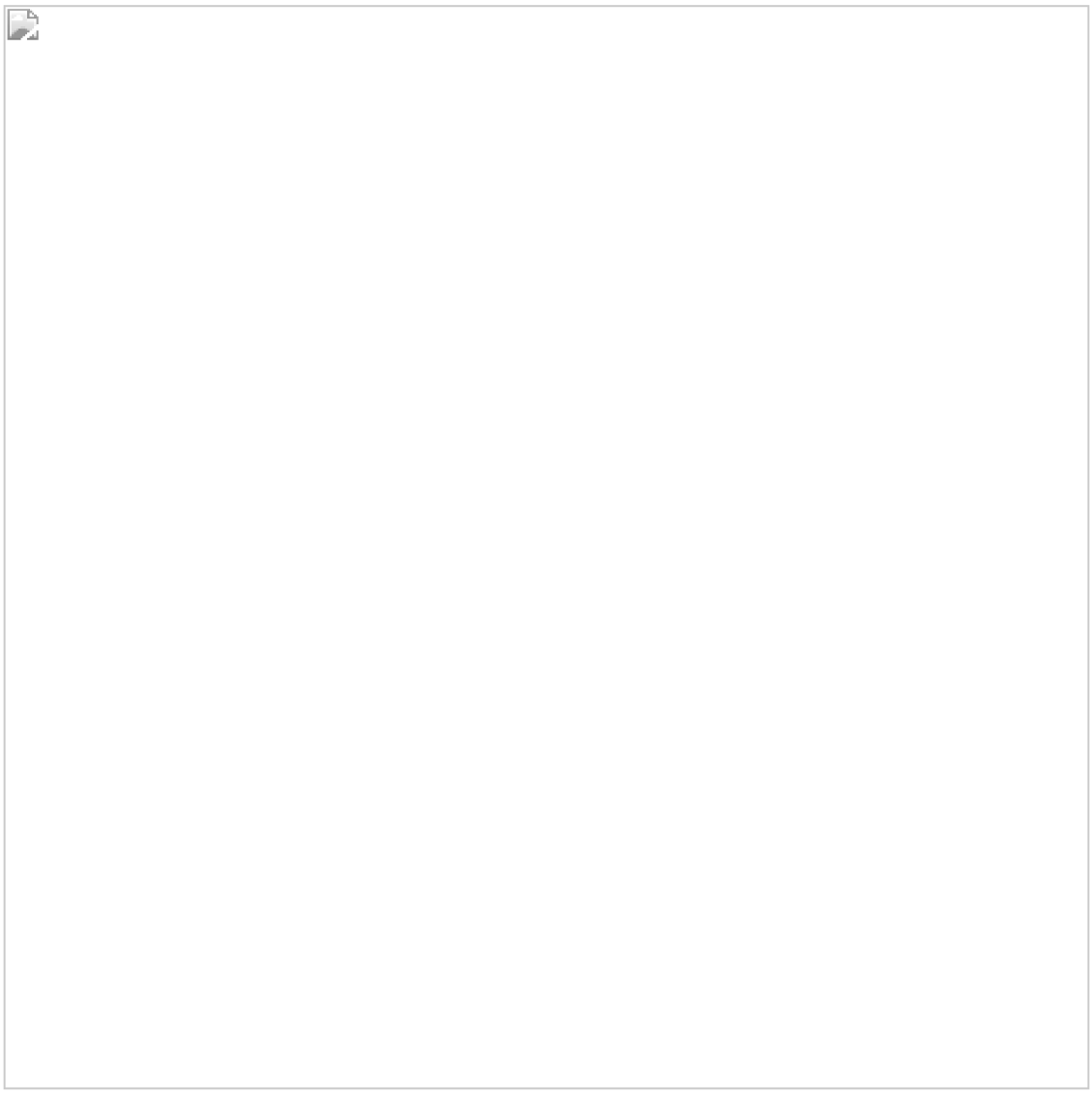
The Frog Prince

The Frog-King, or Iron Henry



In old times, when wishing still helped one, there lived a king whose daughters were all beautiful. But the youngest was so beautiful that the sun itself, which has seen so much, was astonished whenever it shone in her face.

Close by the King's castle lay a great dark forest, and under an old lime-tree in the forest was a well.

TALK ABOUT IT

Wishing used to help, the story says. What is something you have wished for?

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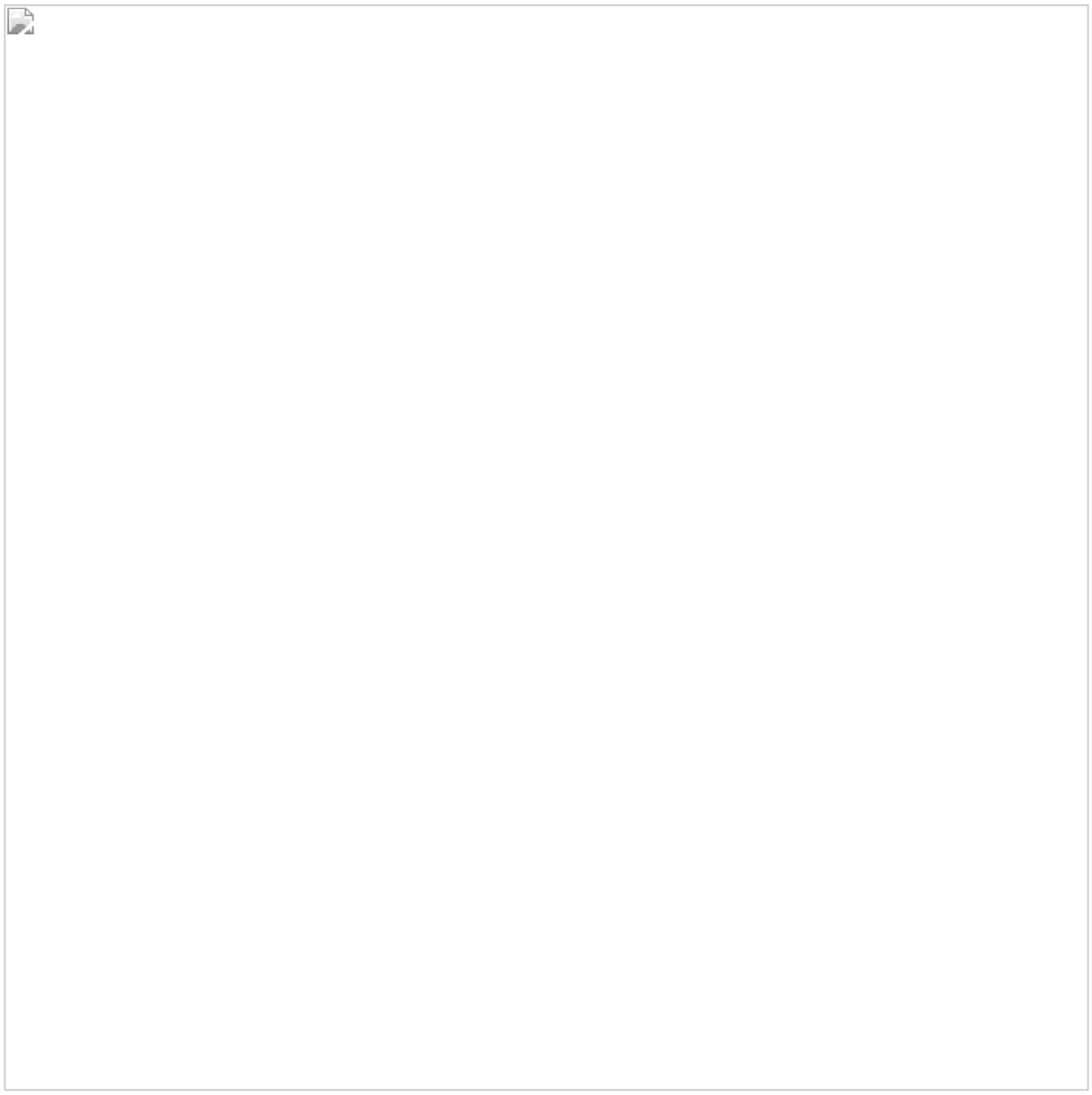
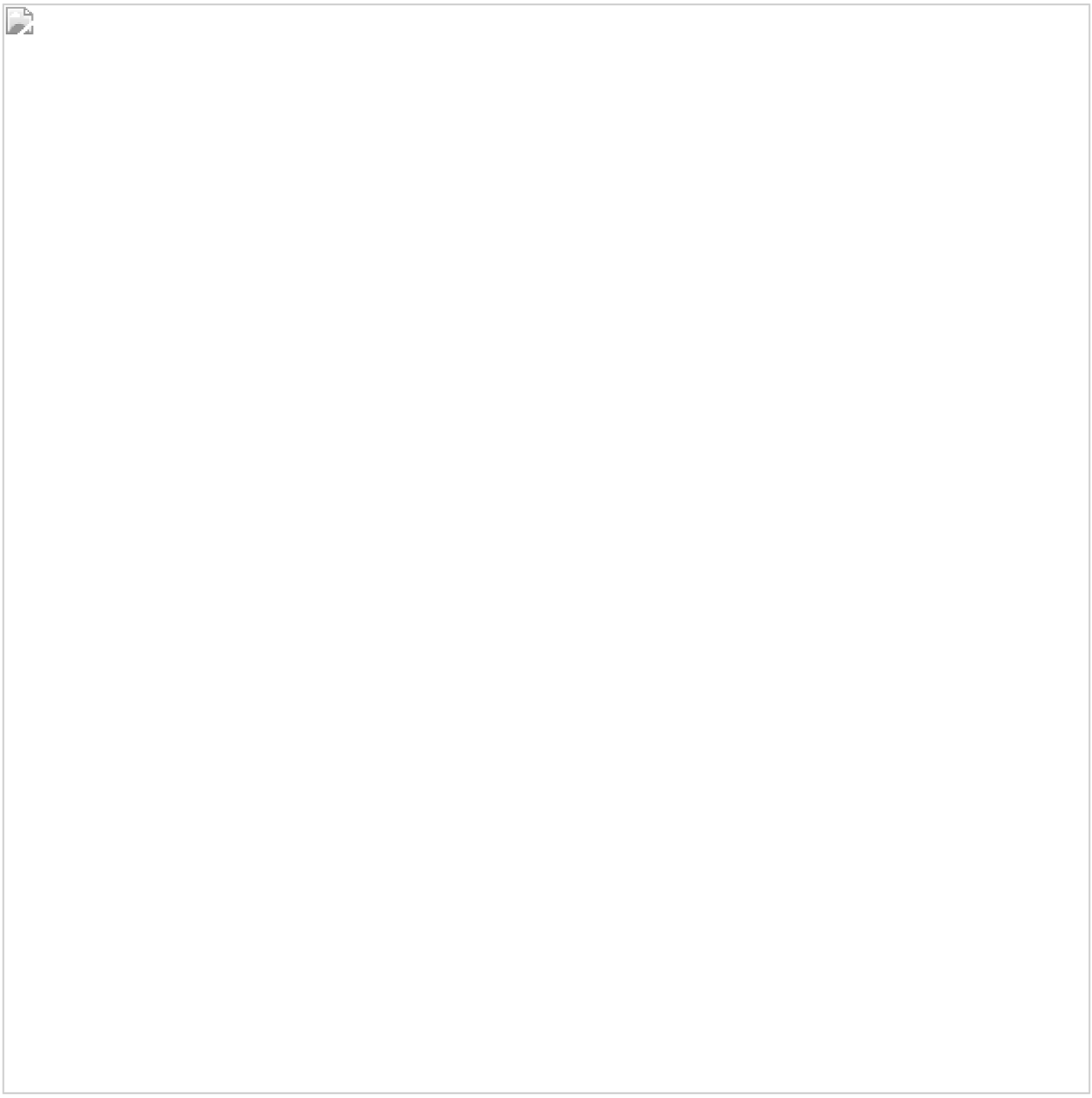
The Frog Prince · another picture



The Golden Ball



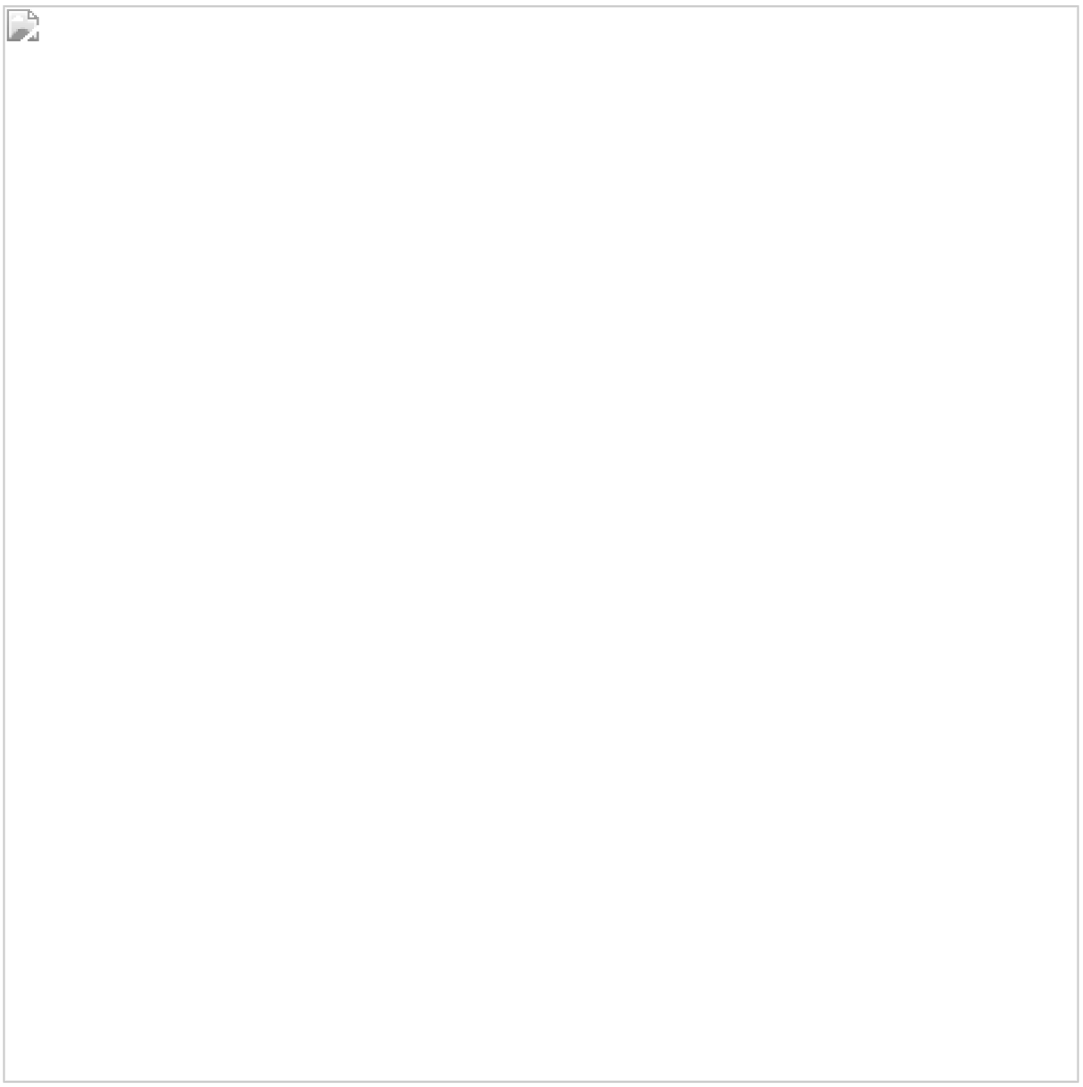
When the day was very warm, the King's child went out into the forest and sat down by the side of the cool fountain.

When she was dull, she took a golden ball, and threw it up on high and caught it. This ball was her favorite plaything.

One day the golden ball did not fall into her little hand. It fell on the ground beyond, and rolled straight into the water.

TALK ABOUT IT

The princess loved her golden ball. What is a favorite plaything of yours?

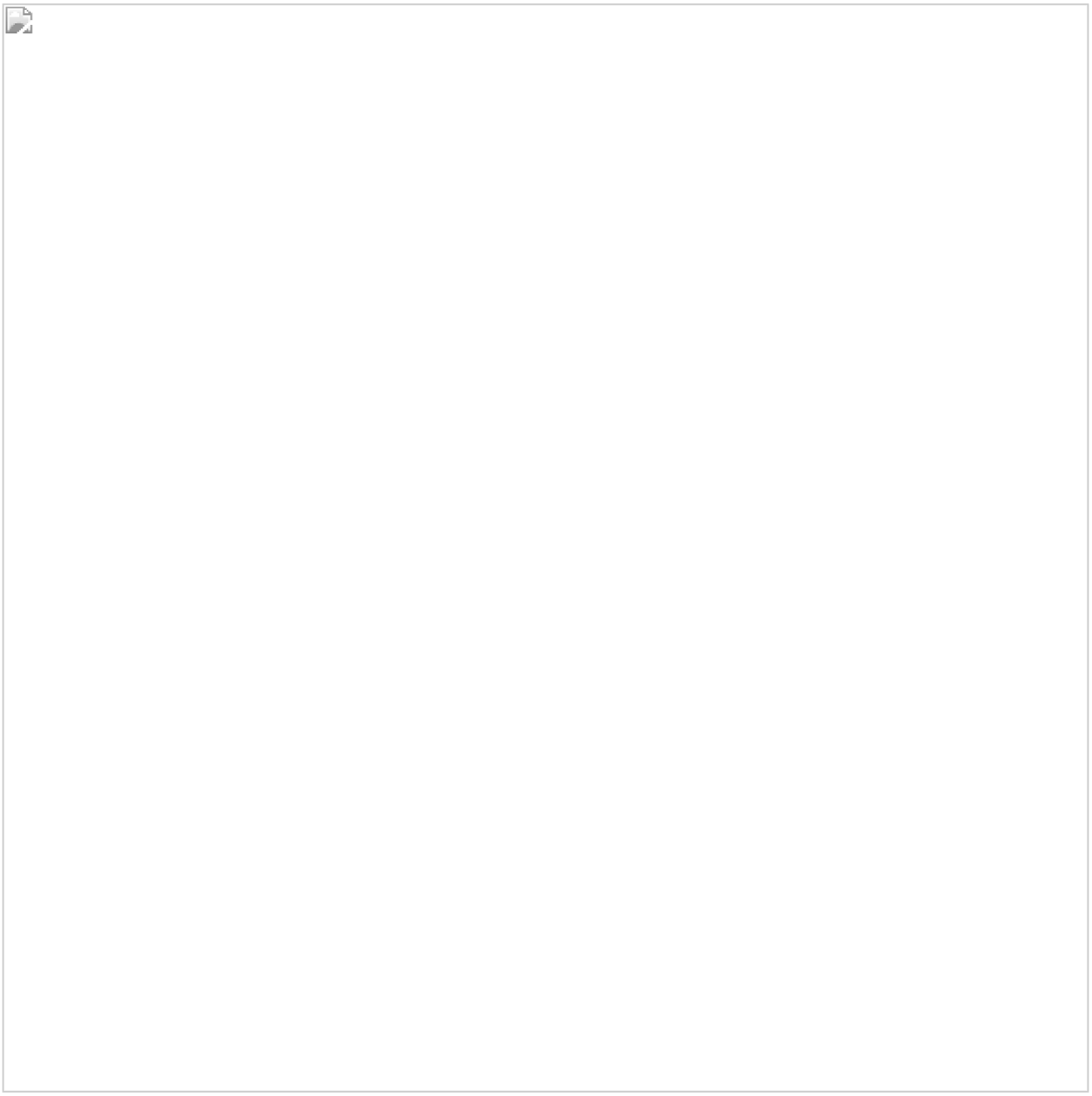


Think about it

1. What was the princess's favorite plaything?

- ○ A silver mirror
- ○ A golden ball
- ○ A wooden horse

A Voice at the Well



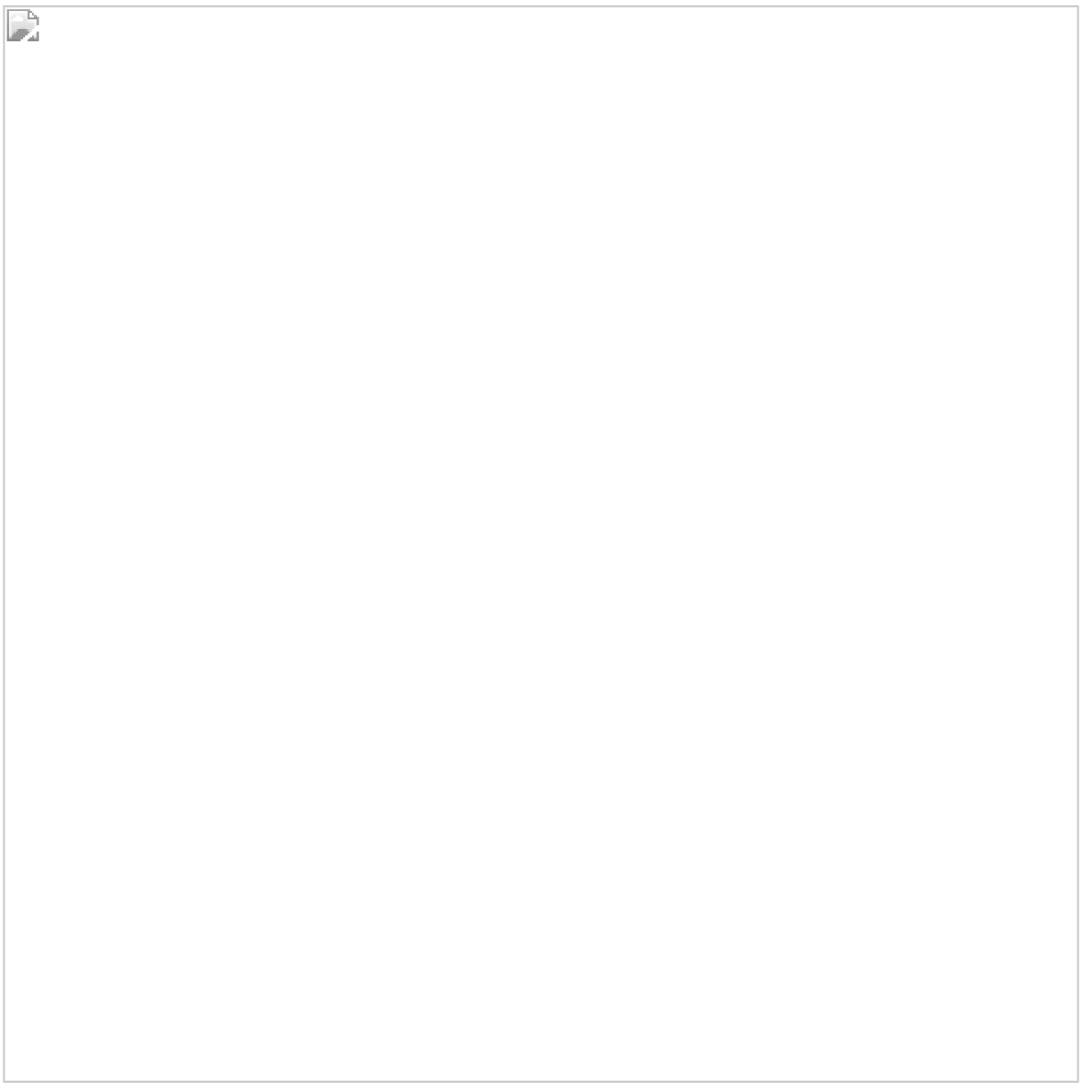
The well was so deep that the bottom could not be seen. The princess began to cry, and cried louder and louder, and could not be comforted.

Then someone said to her, “What ails thee, King’s daughter? Thou weepest so that even a stone would show pity.”

She looked round and saw a frog stretching its thick, ugly head out of the water.

TALK ABOUT IT

Who do you think was speaking to the princess? What would you have done?

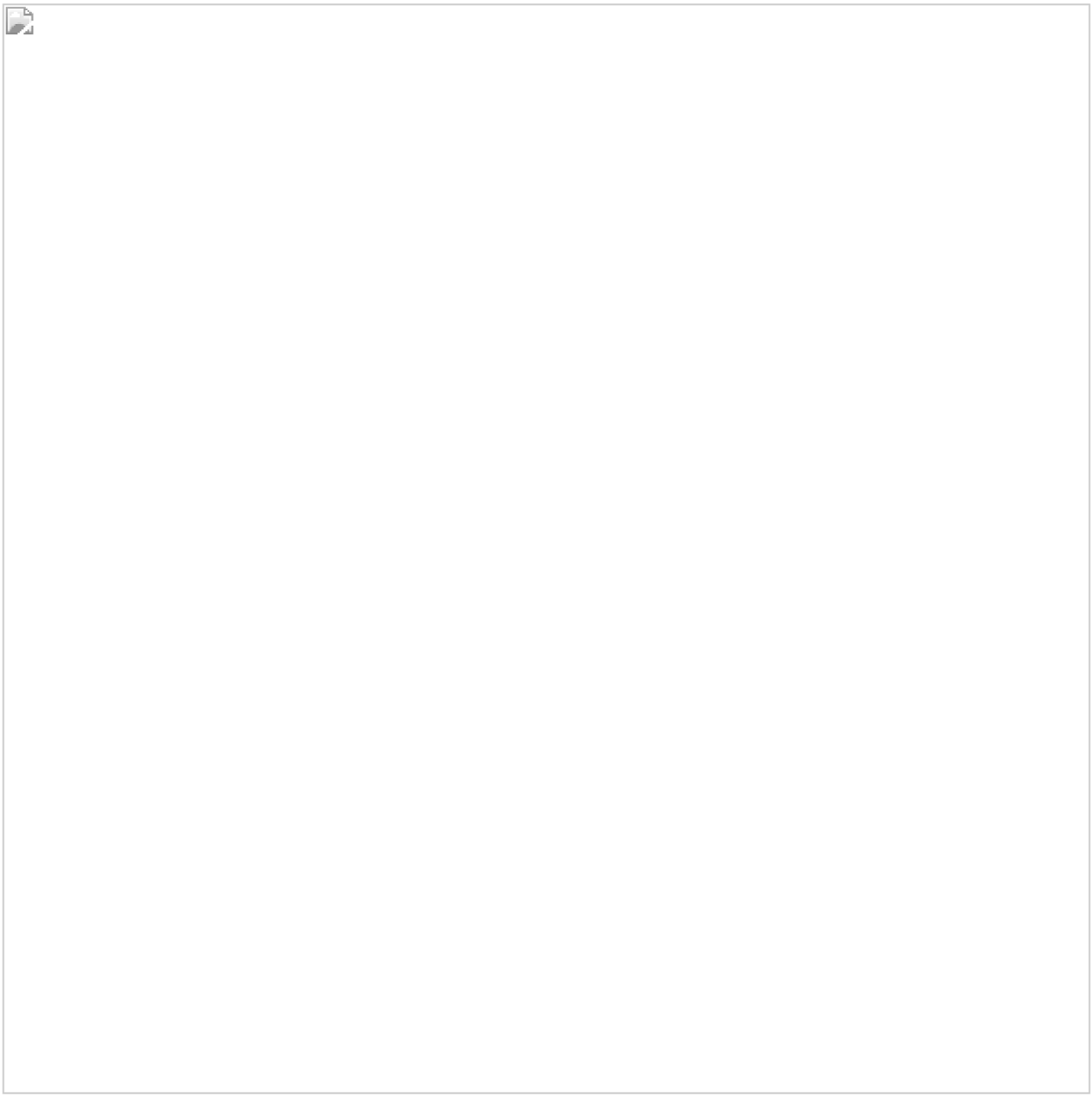


Think about it

1. Who spoke to the princess at the well?

- ○ A fish
- ○ A frog
- ○ A duck

What Wilt Thou Give Me?



“Ah! old water-splasher, is it thou?” said she. “I am weeping for my golden ball, which has fallen into the well.”

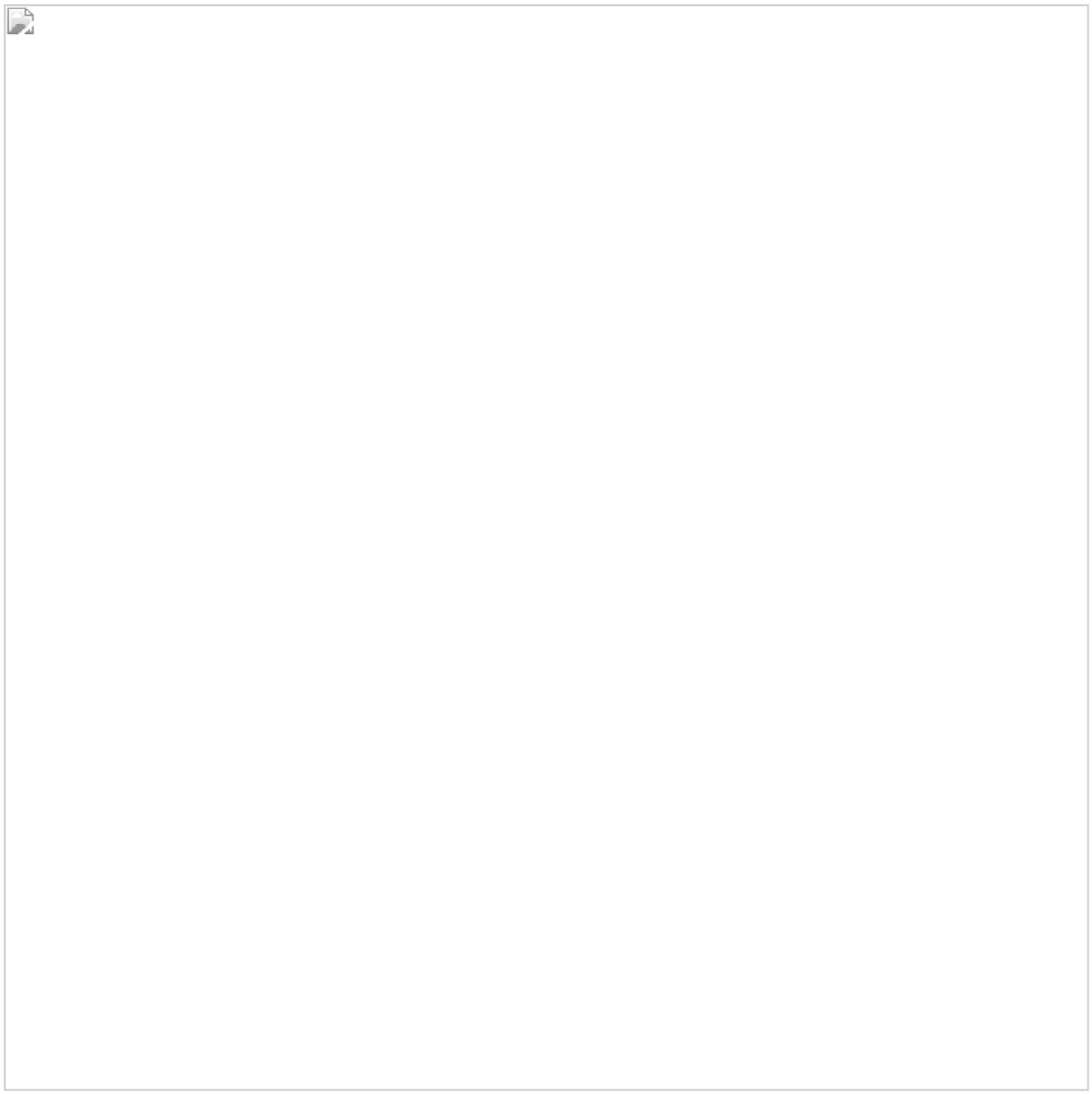
“Be quiet, and do not weep,” answered the frog. “I can help thee, but what wilt thou give me if I bring thy plaything up again?”

She offered her clothes, her pearls and jewels, and even the golden crown she was wearing. But the frog did not care for any of those things.

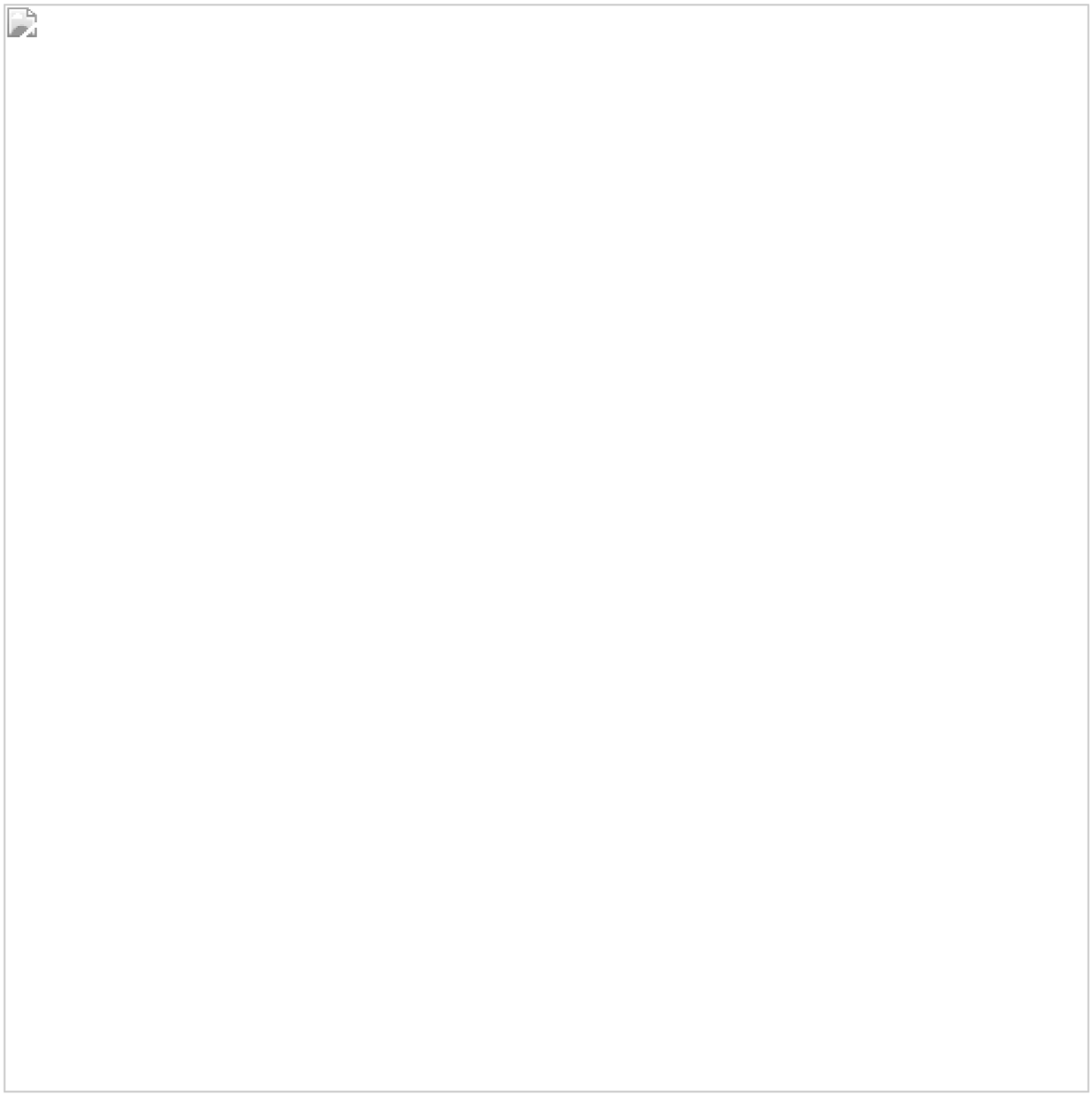
TALK ABOUT IT

The princess offered the frog her finest things. What would you have offered?

What Wilt Thou Give Me? · another picture



The Promise



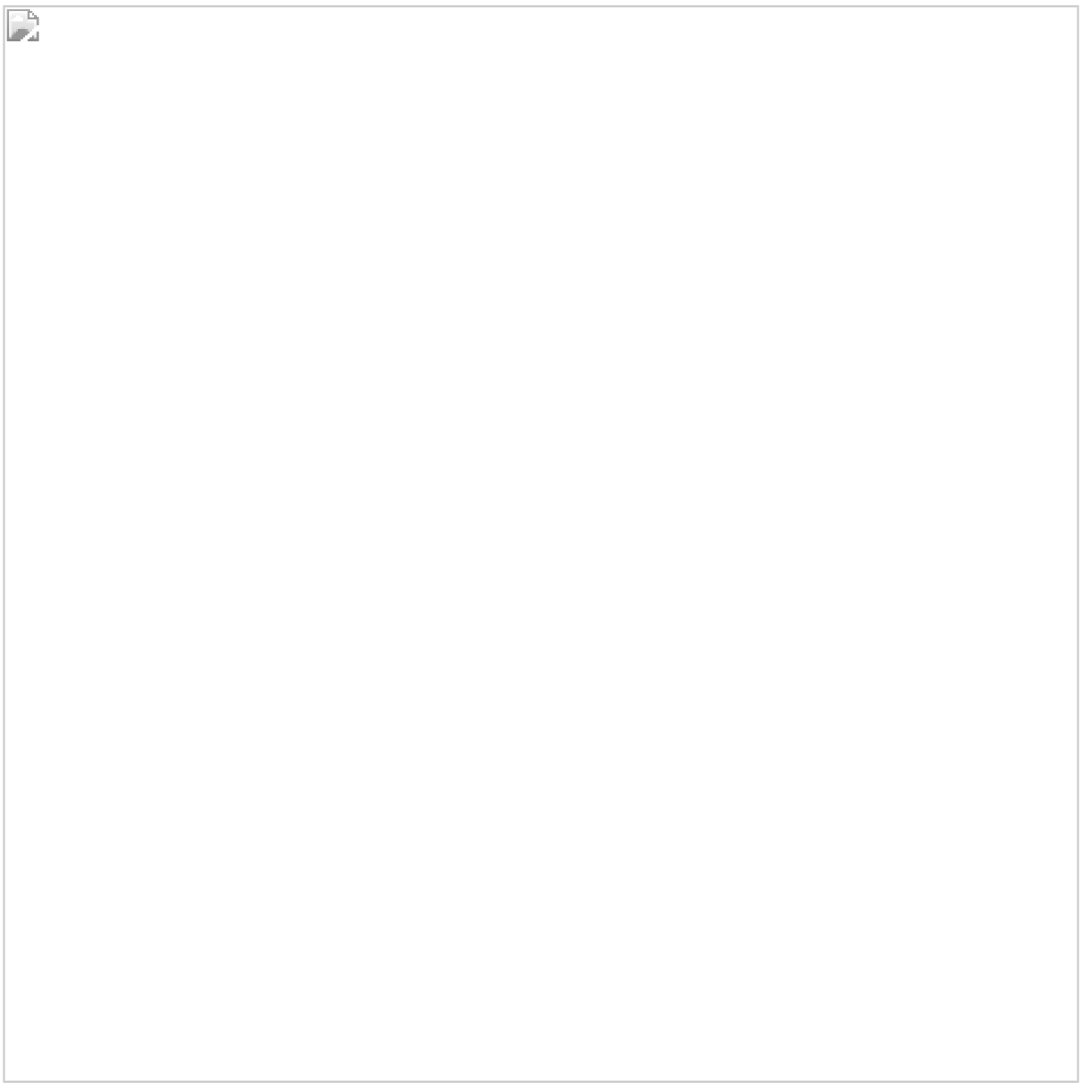
The frog said that if she would love him, and let him be her companion and play-fellow, and sit by her at her little table, and eat off her little golden plate, and drink out of her little cup, and sleep in her little bed, then he would bring her ball up again.

“Oh yes,” said she, “I promise thee all thou wishest, if thou wilt but bring me my ball back again.”

But she thought, “How the silly frog does talk! He lives in the water with the other frogs, and croaks, and can be no companion to any human being!”

TALK ABOUT IT

She said yes, but did she mean it? What do you think?

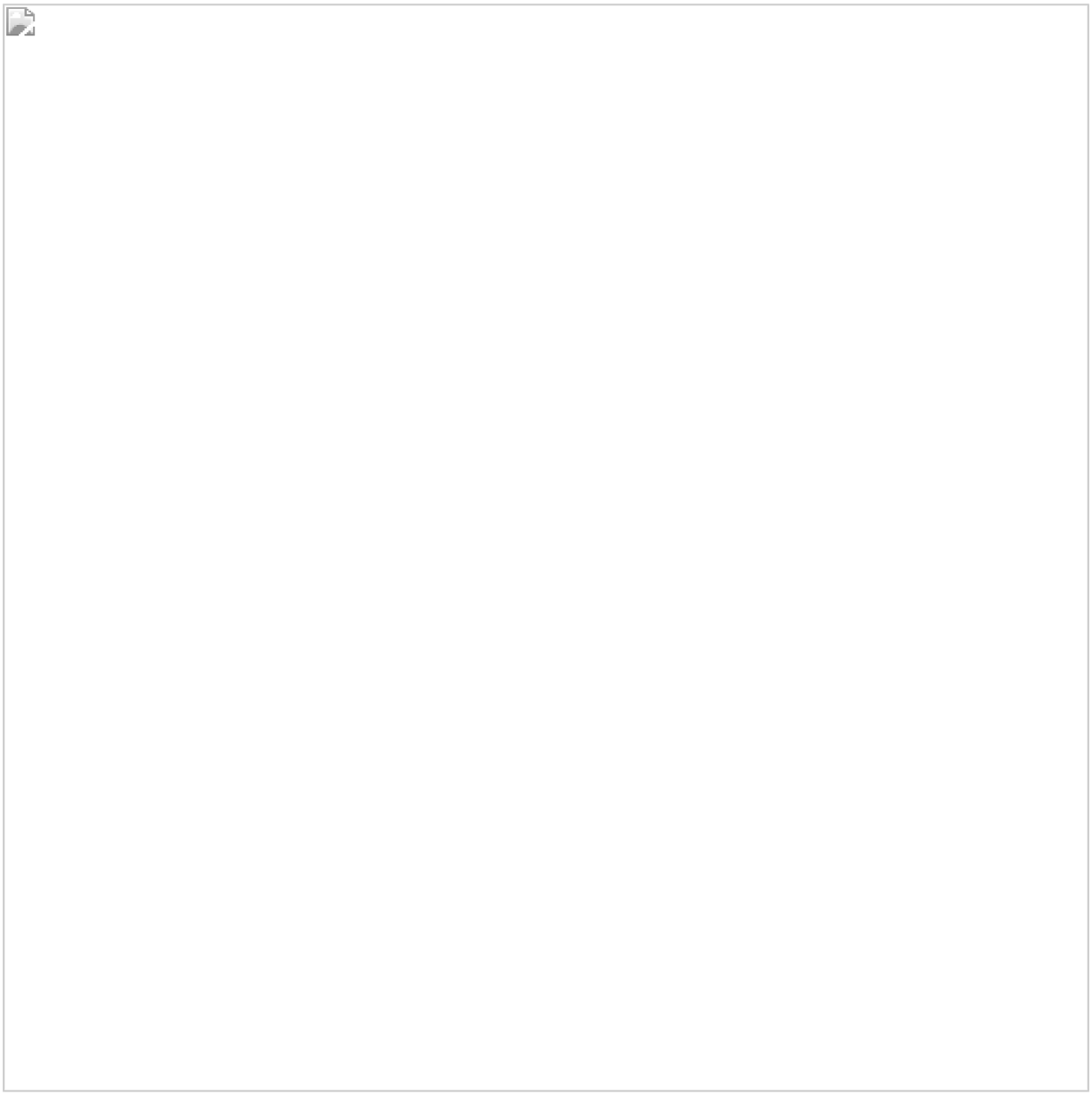


Think about it

1. What did the frog want the princess to promise?

- ○ To be his friend and share her table and bed
- ○ To give him her golden crown
- ○ To jump in the well with him

Wait for Me



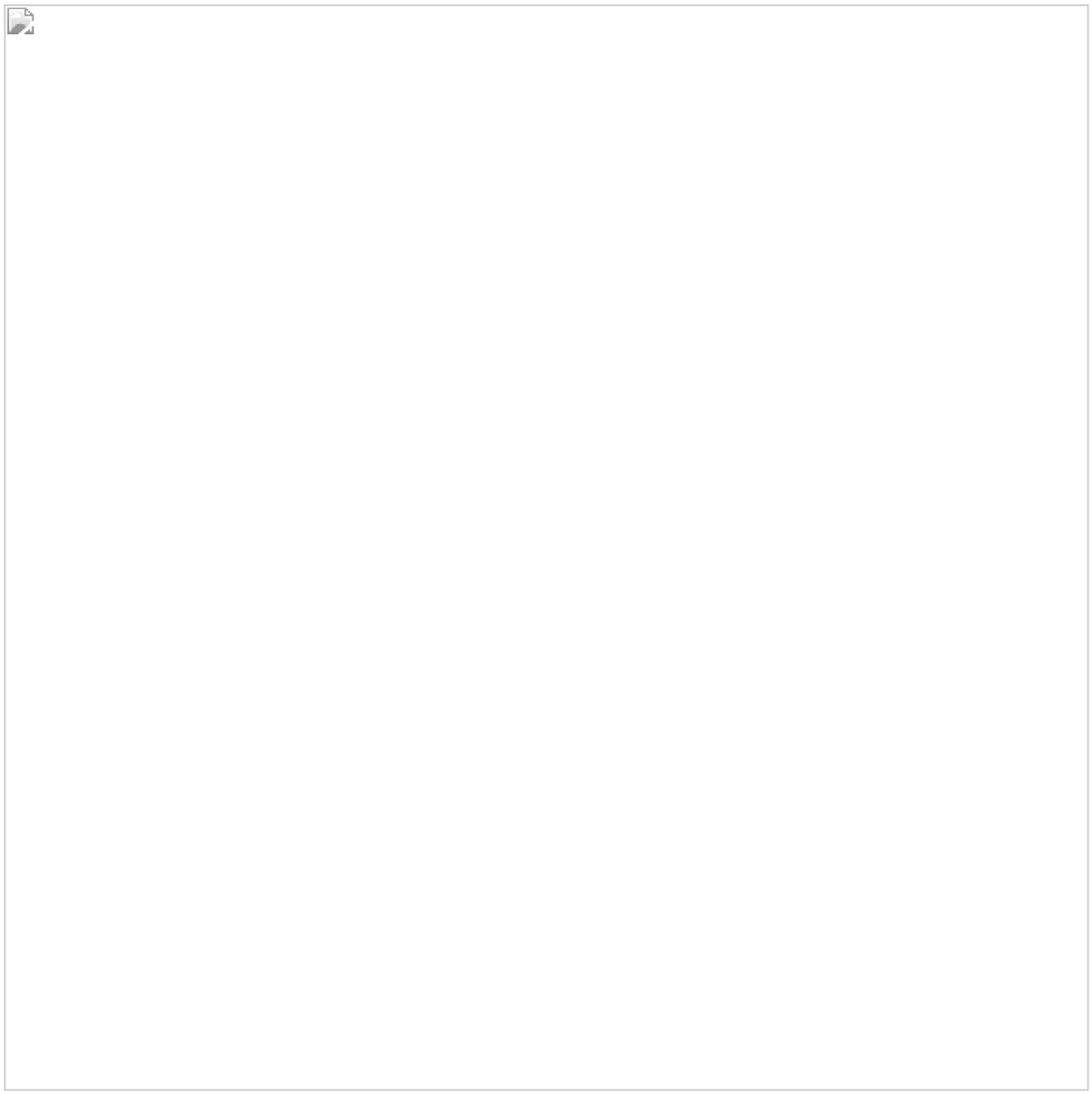
The frog put his head into the water and sank down. In a short while he came swimming up with the ball in his mouth and threw it on the grass.

The princess was delighted to see her plaything again. She picked it up and ran away with it.

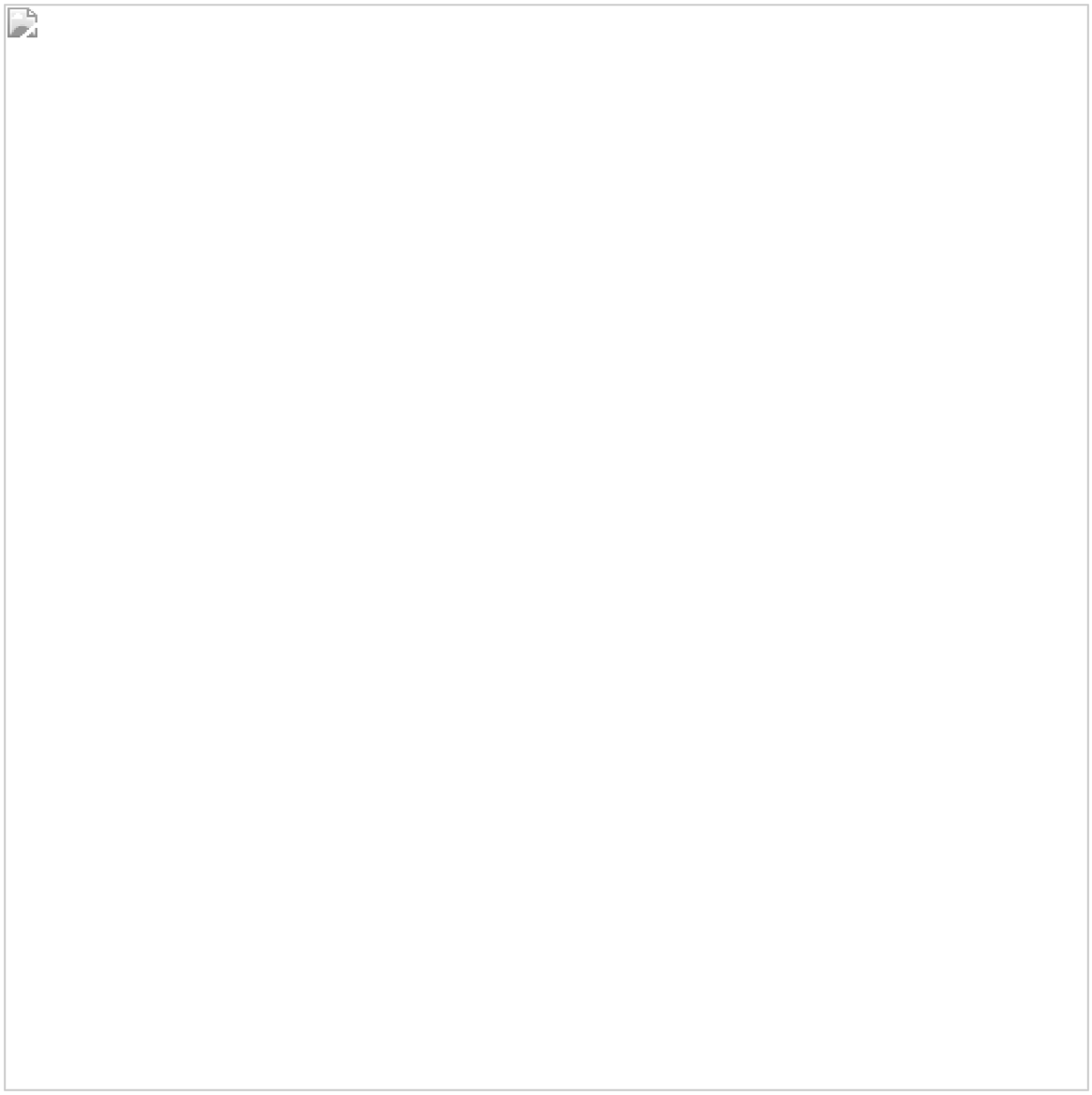
“Wait, wait,” said the frog. “Take me with thee. I can’t run as thou canst.” But she did not listen to his croak, croak. She ran home and soon forgot the poor frog, who had to go back into his well.

TALK ABOUT IT

The frog had kept his part of the bargain. What do you think of how the princess ran off?



Splish Splash at the Door



The next day, the princess sat at table with the King and all the courtiers, eating from her little golden plate.

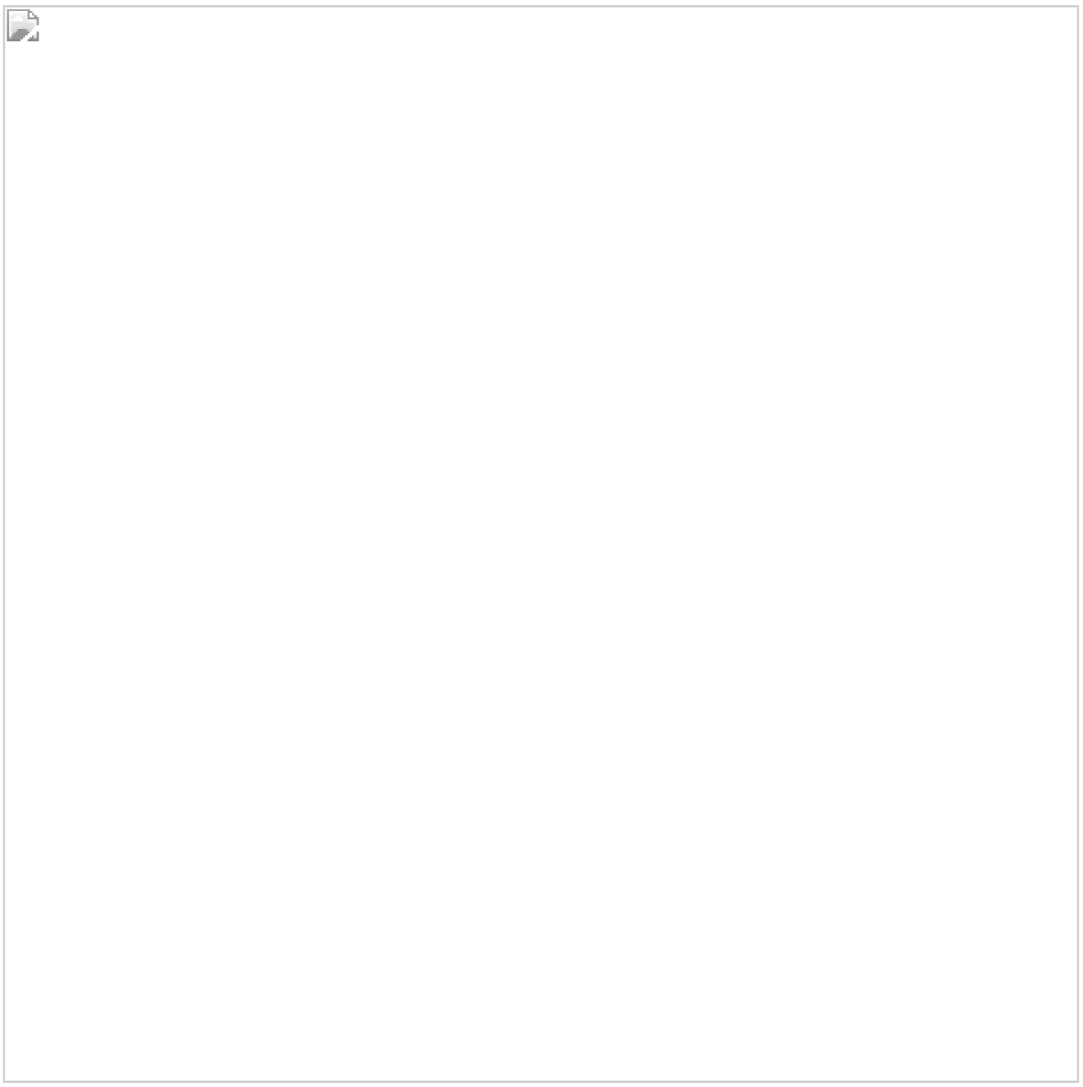
Something came creeping, splish splash, splish splash, up the marble staircase. At the top, it knocked at the door and cried,

“Princess, youngest princess, open the door for me.”

She ran to see who was outside. When she opened the door, there sat the frog! She slammed the door shut in great haste and sat down to dinner again, quite frightened.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think the frog sounded like, creeping up the stairs?

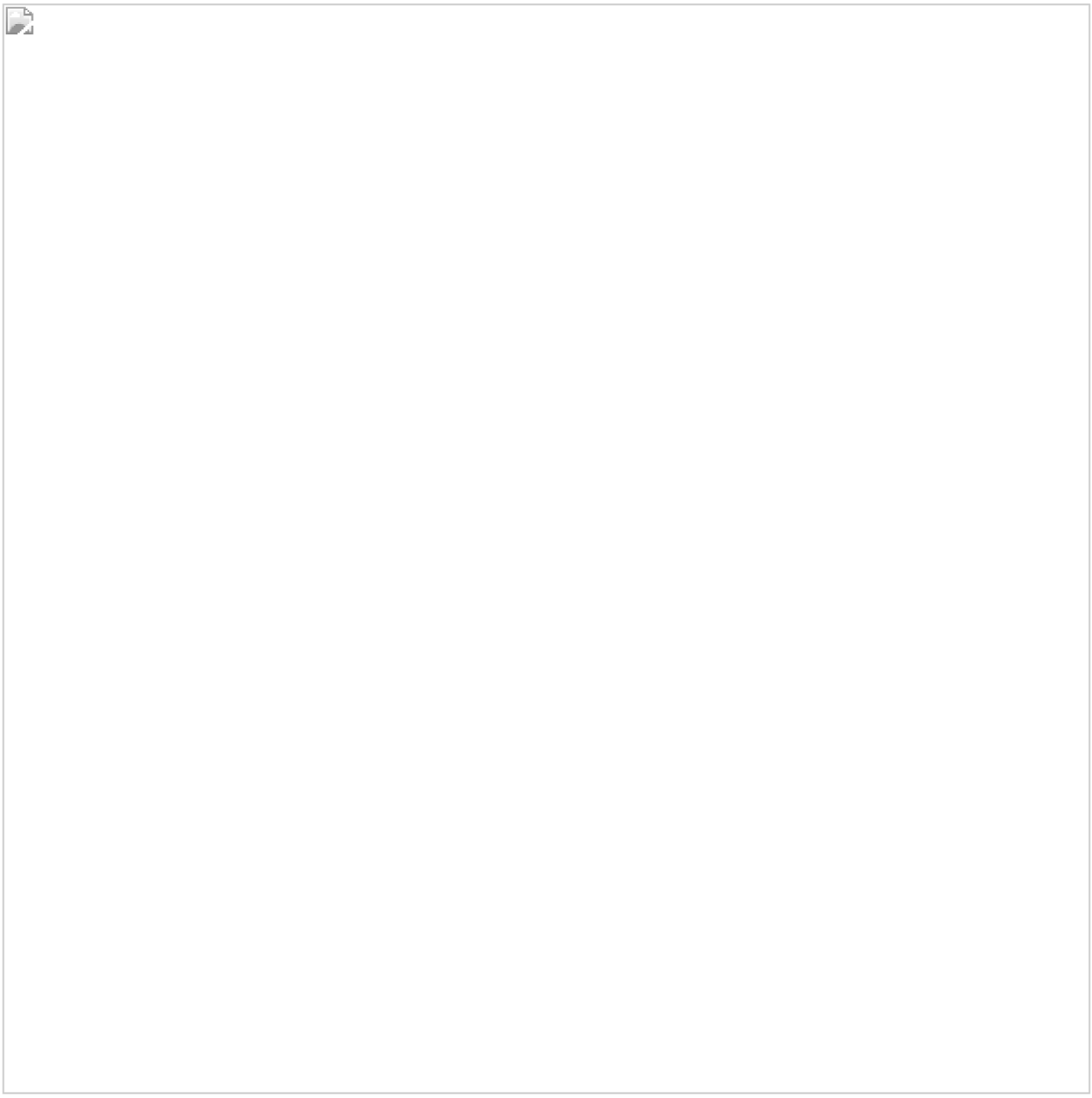


Think about it

1. What sound did the frog make coming up the marble staircase?

- ○ Clip clop
- ○ Splish splash
- ○ Tick tock

The King Asks



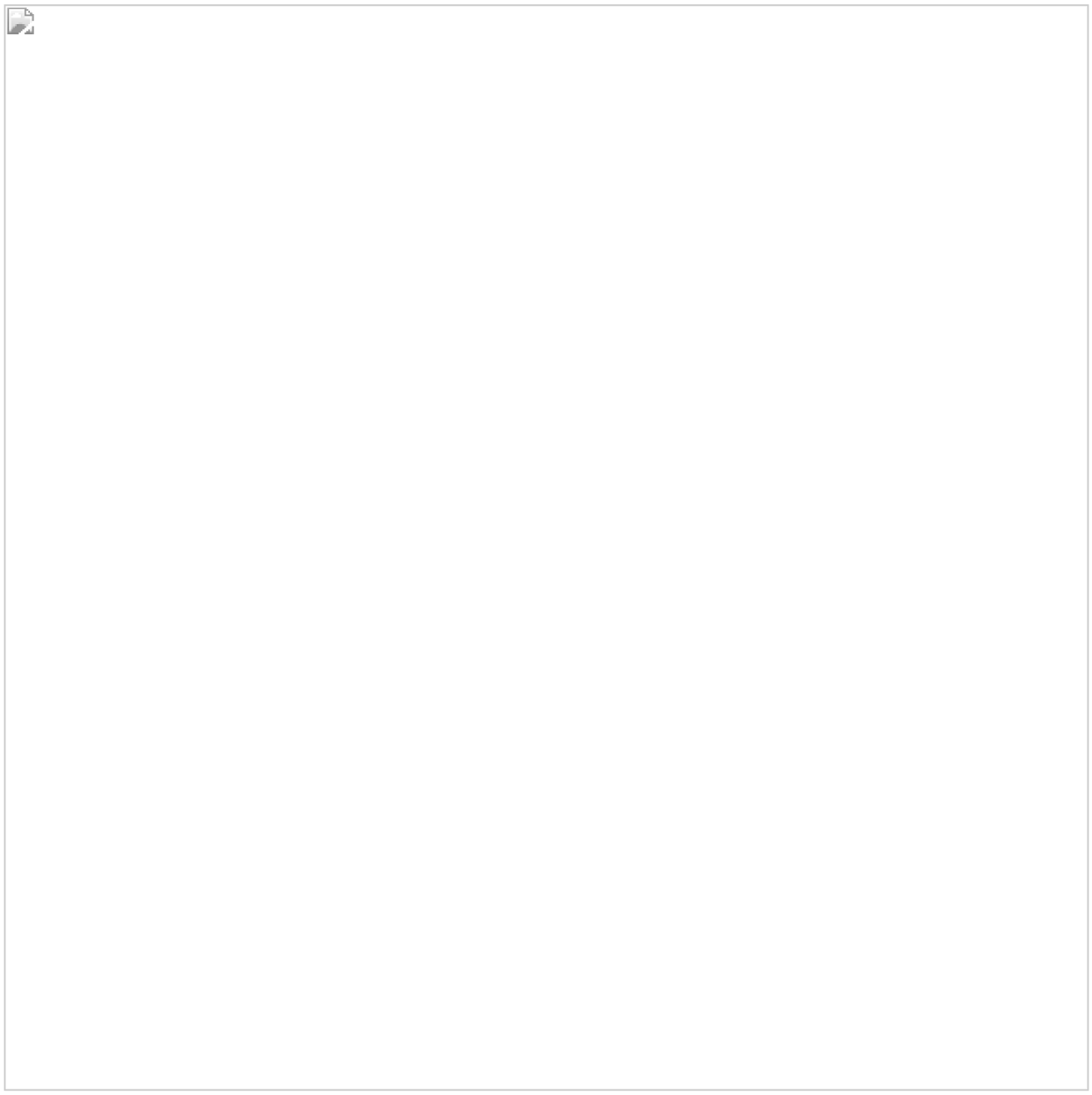
The King saw plainly that her heart was beating hard. He said, “My child, what art thou so afraid of? Is there perchance a giant outside who wants to carry thee away?”

“Ah, no,” she replied. “It is no giant but a disgusting frog.”

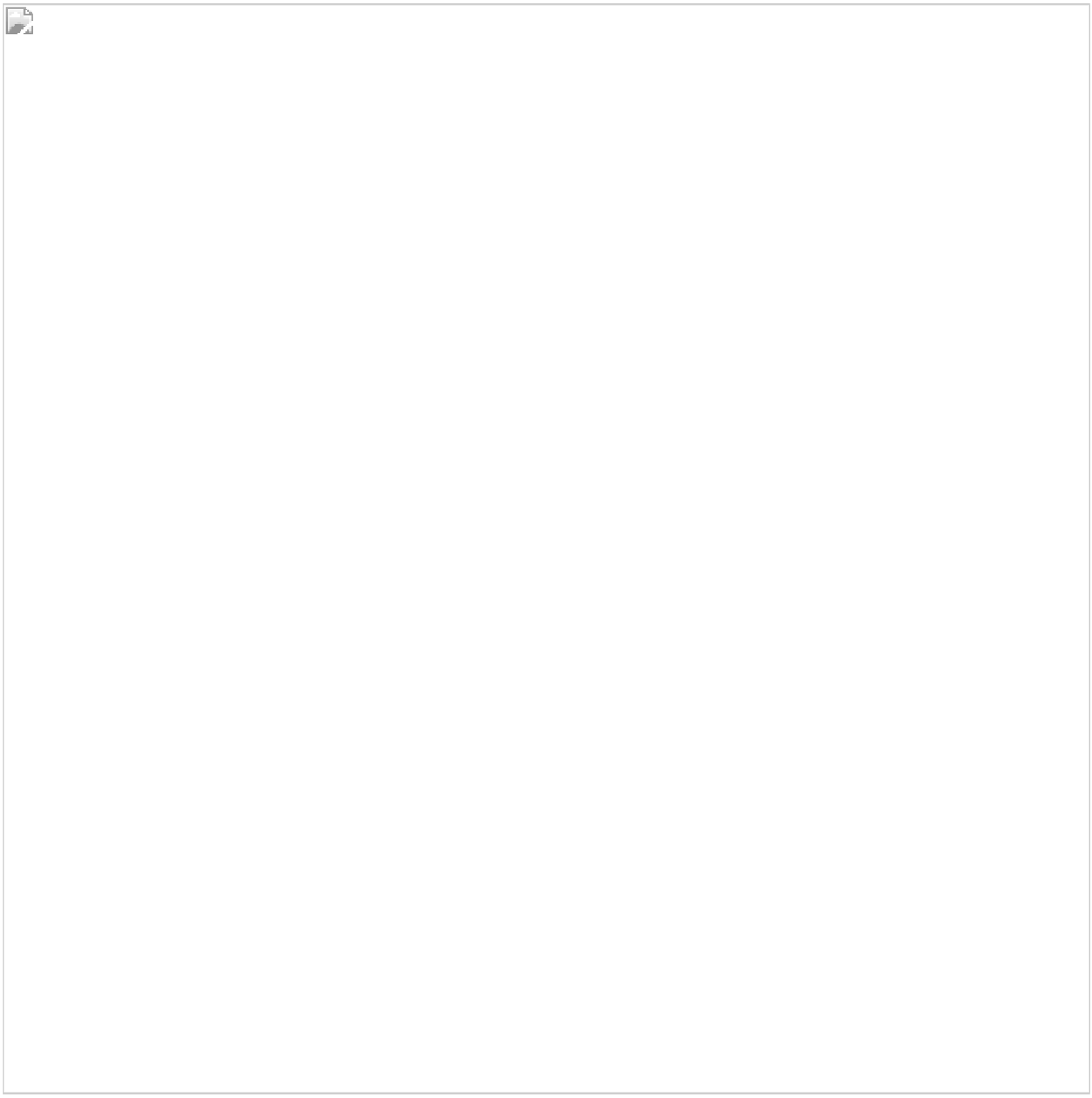
Then she told her father about the golden ball, and the well, and the promise she had made.

TALK ABOUT IT

What would you say to your own father or mother if you were in a spot like hers?



Open the Door for Me



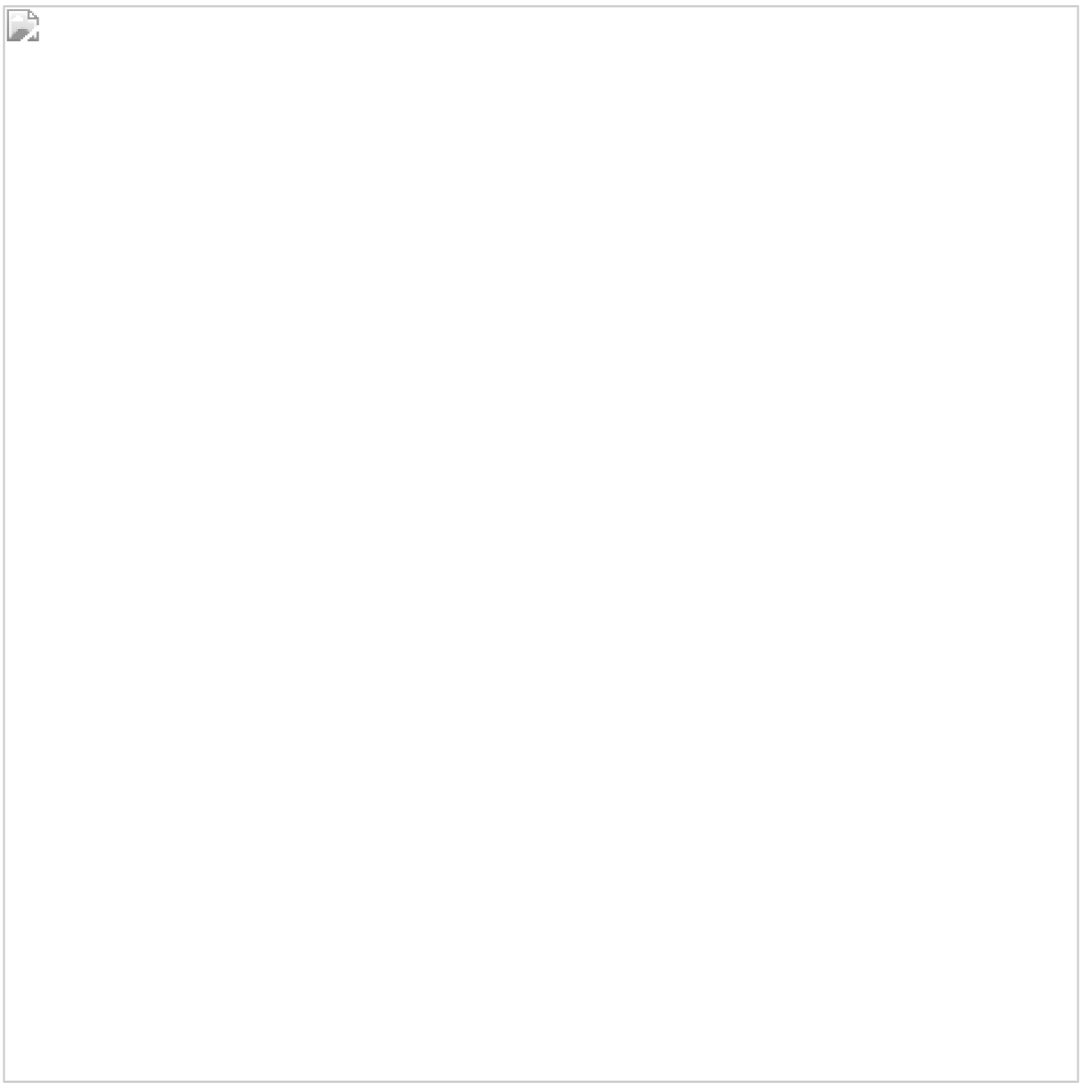
In the meantime the frog knocked a second time, and cried,

“Princess! youngest princess! Open the door for me! Dost thou not know what thou saidst to me Yesterday by the cool waters of the fountain? Princess, youngest princess! Open the door for me!”

Then the King said, “That which thou hast promised must thou perform. Go and let him in.”

TALK ABOUT IT

The King said a promise must be kept. What do you think about that?

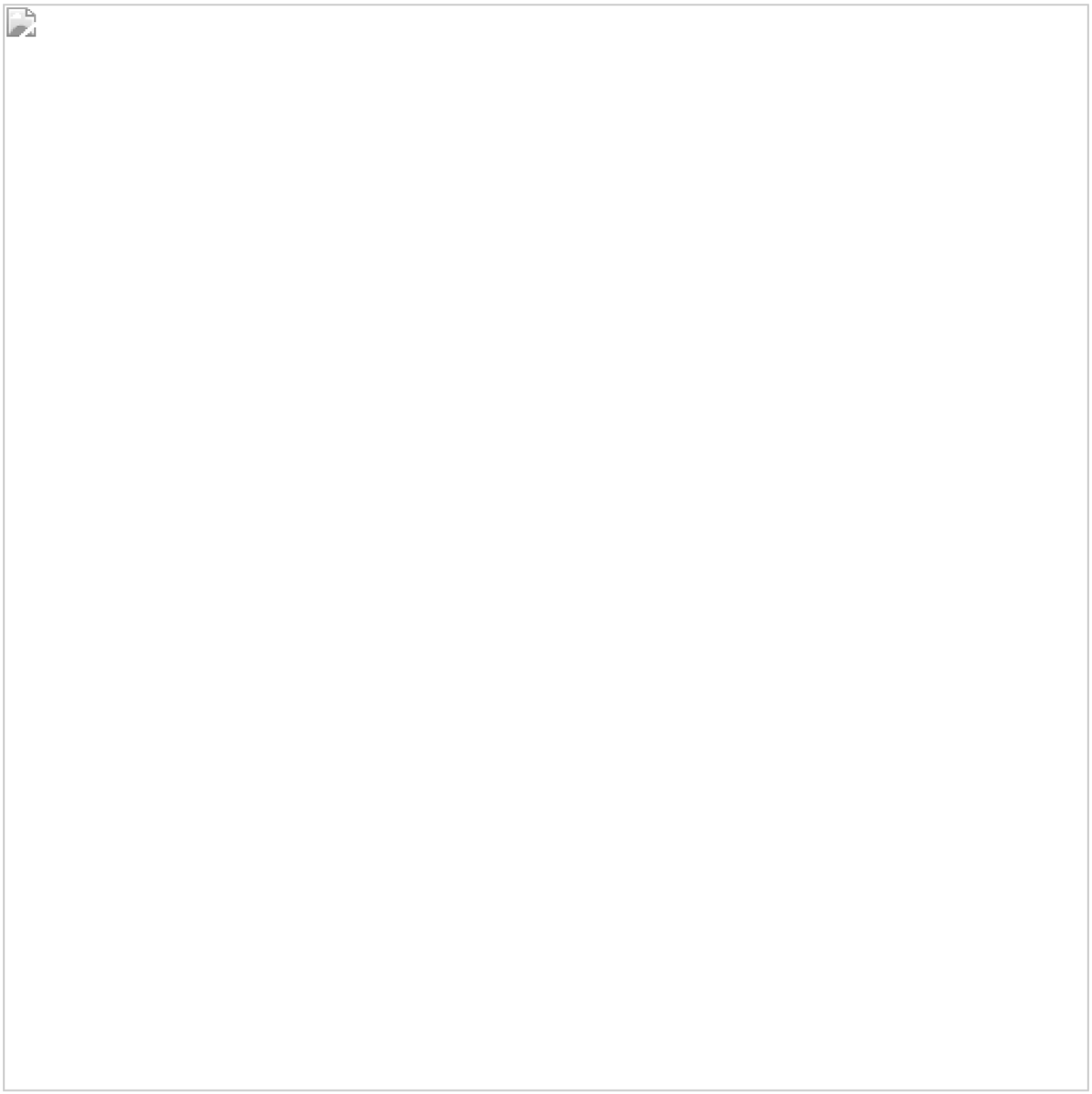


Think about it

1. What did the King say the princess must do?

- ○ Hide in her room
- ○ Keep her promise and let him in
- ○ Send the frog away

Lift Me Up



The princess opened the door, and the frog hopped in and followed her, step by step, to her chair. There he sat and cried, “Lift me up beside thee.”

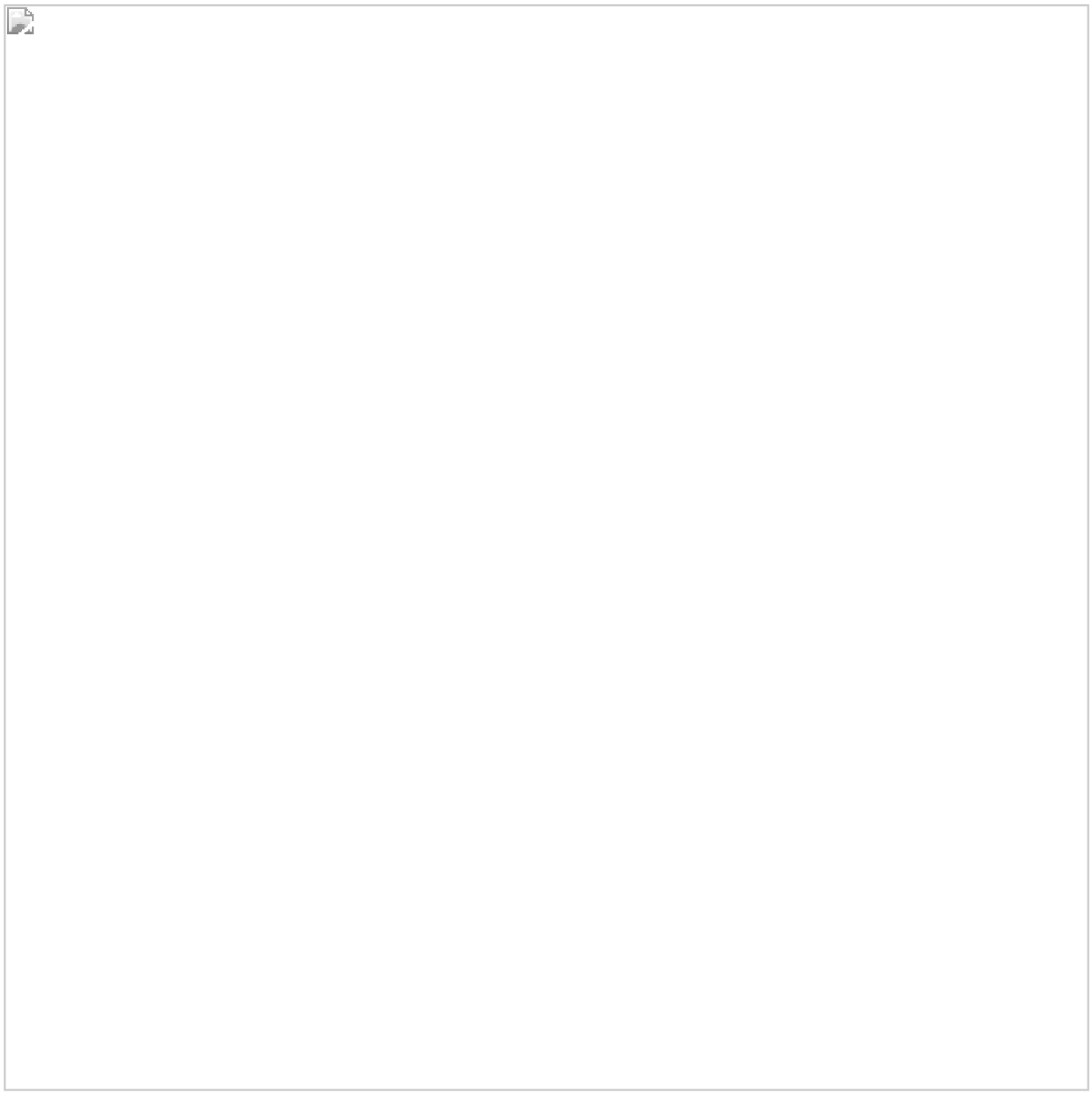
She waited, until at last the King commanded her to do it. When the frog was on the chair he wanted to be on the table. Then he said, “Now, push thy little golden plate nearer to me that we may eat together.”

She did it, but it was easy to see she did not do it willingly. The frog enjoyed his food, but almost every mouthful she took choked her.

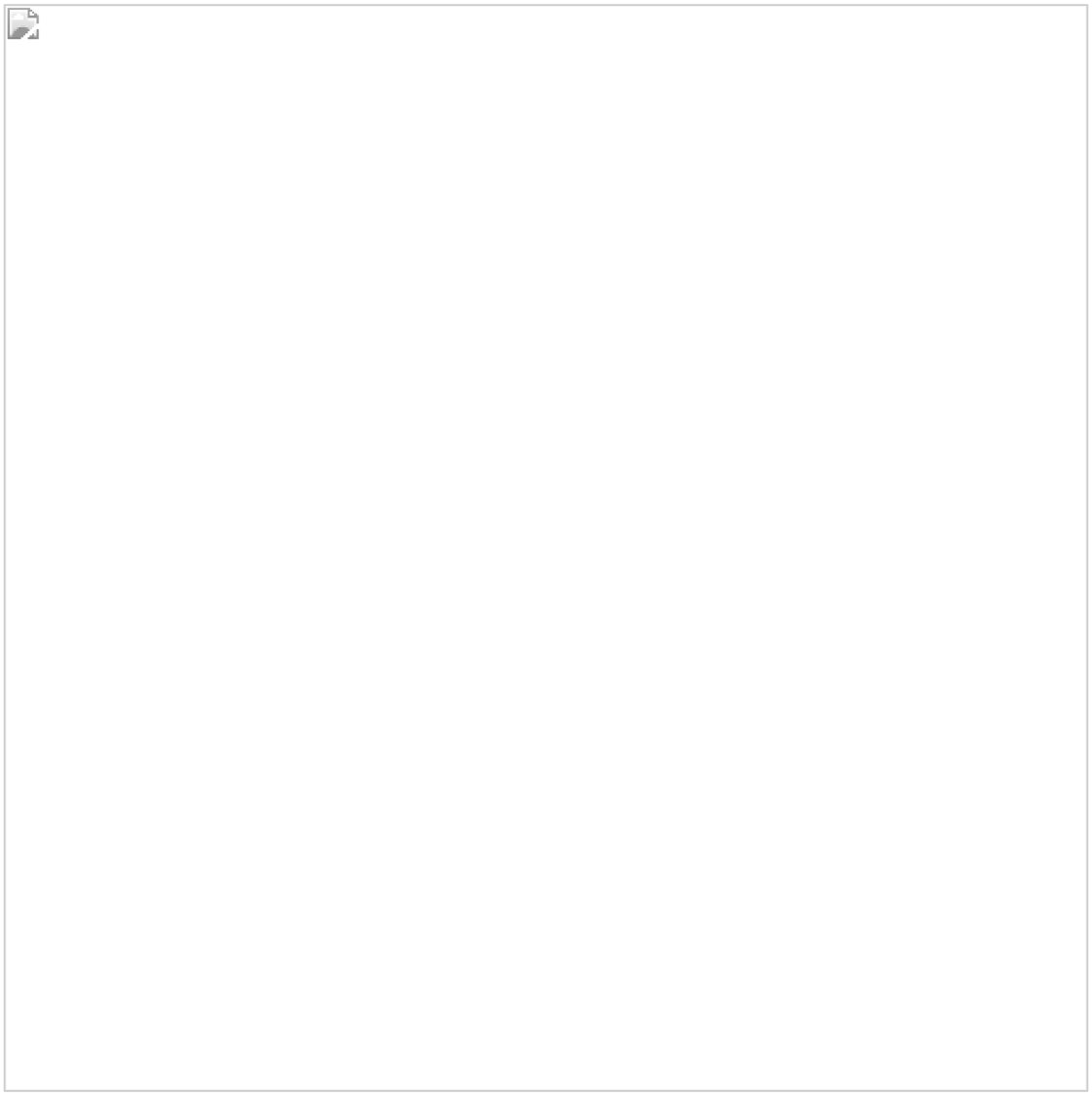
TALK ABOUT IT

What would it feel like to share your plate with someone you did not want to? Tell me about it.

Lift Me Up · another picture



Carry Me Upstairs



At length the frog said, “I have eaten and am satisfied; now I am tired, carry me into thy little room and make thy little silken bed ready, and we will both lie down and go to sleep.”

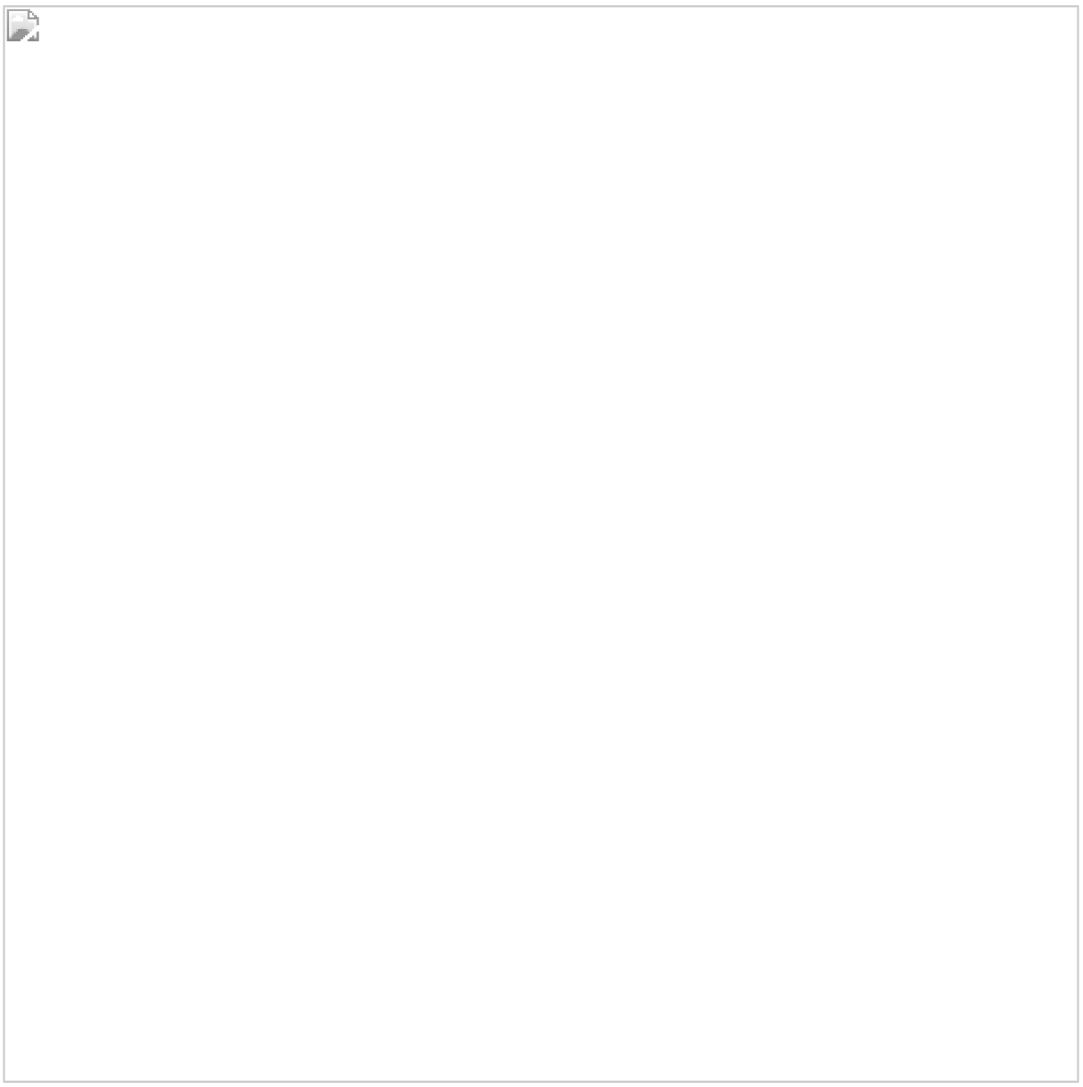
The princess began to cry, for she was afraid of the cold frog, and he was now to sleep in her pretty, clean little bed.

But the King grew angry and said, “He who helped thee when thou wert in trouble ought not afterwards to be despised by thee.”

So she took hold of the frog with two fingers, carried him upstairs, and put him in a corner.

TALK ABOUT IT

The King reminded her that the frog had helped her. What do you think of what he said?

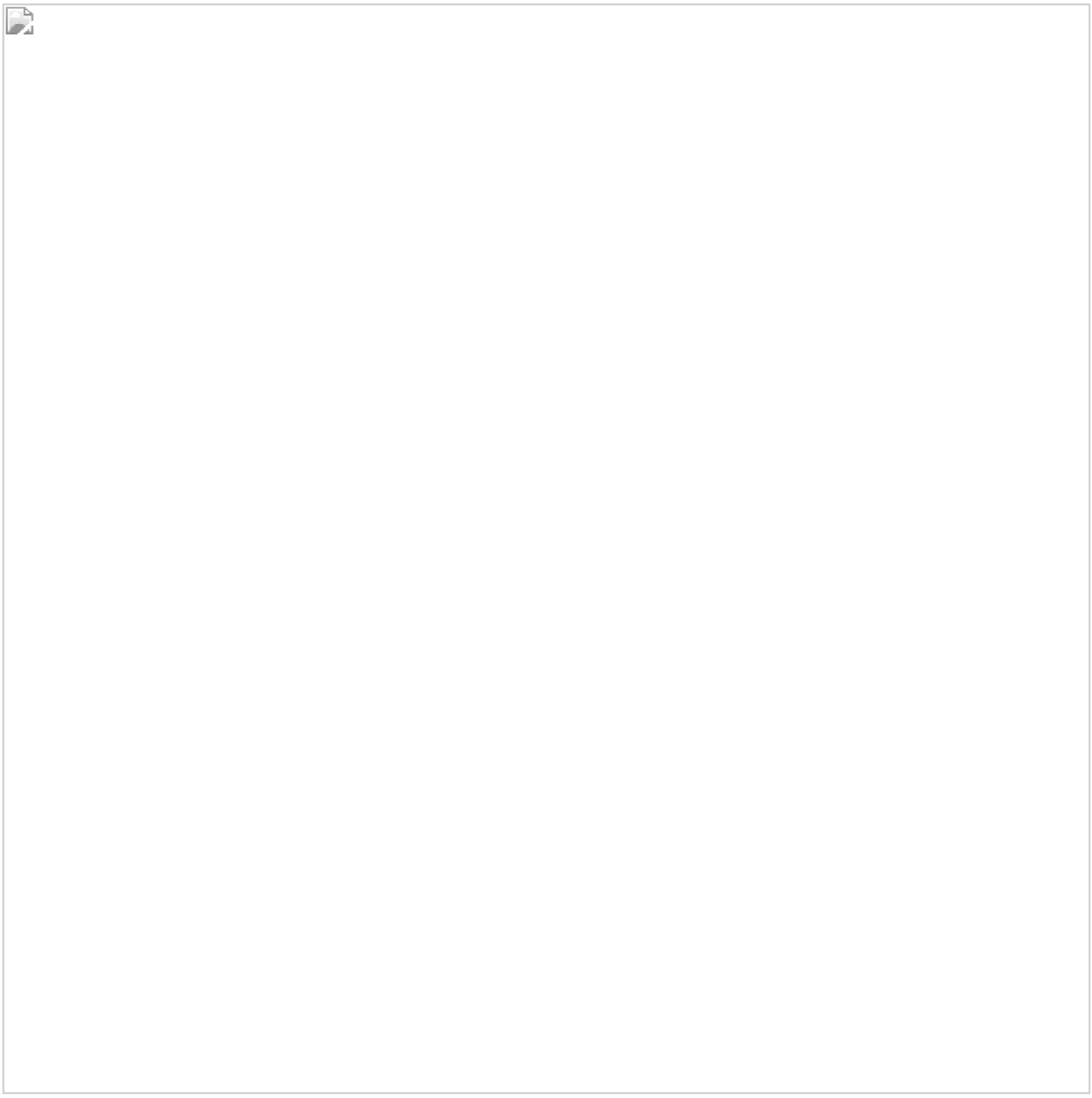


Think about it

1. Who had helped the princess when she was in trouble?

- ○ The frog
- ○ The cook
- ○ The King's horse

Not a Frog After All



But when she was in bed, the frog crept to her and said, “I am tired, I want to sleep as well as thou, lift me up or I will tell thy father.”

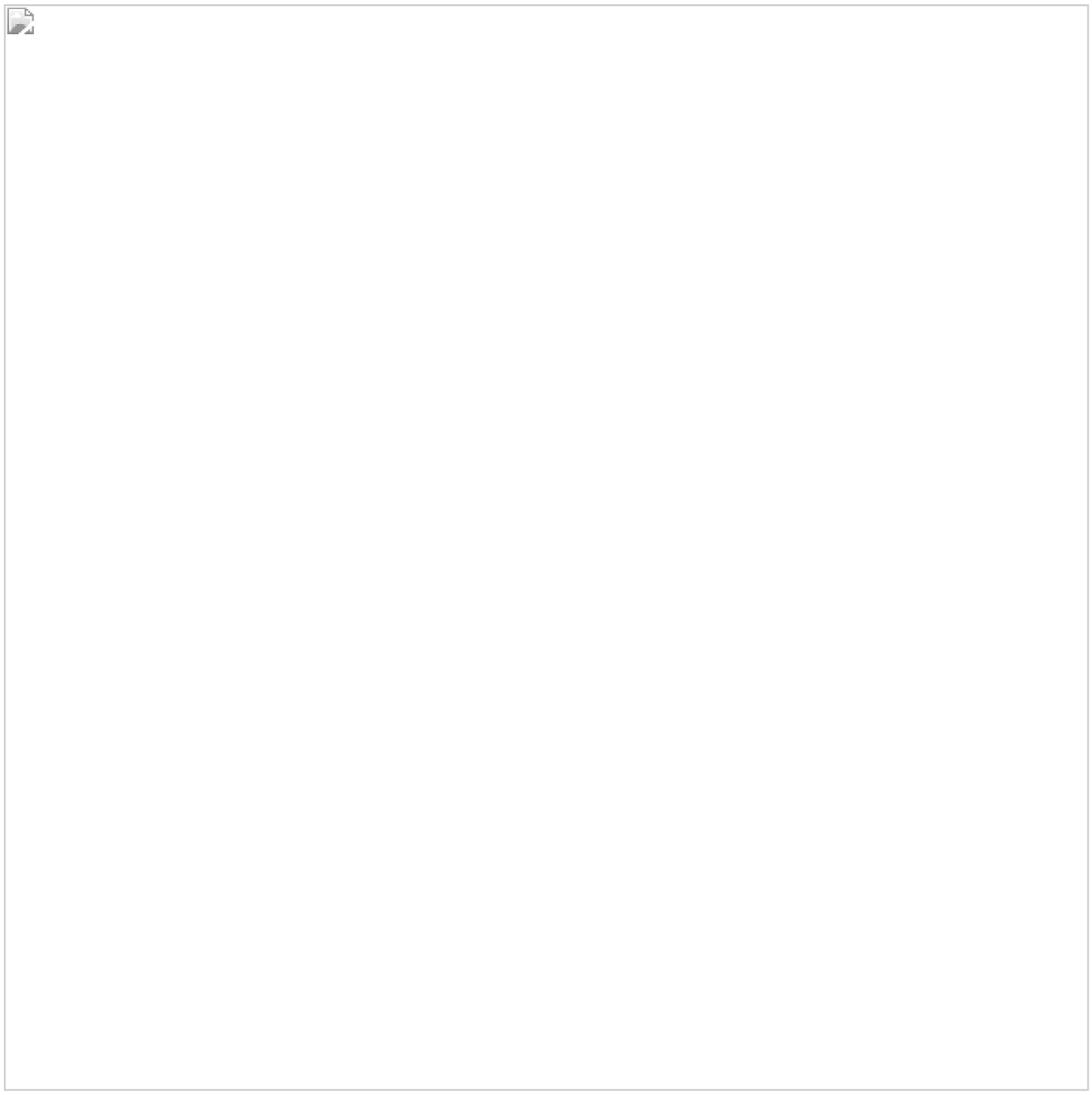
Then the princess was terribly angry. She picked him up and tossed him from her toward the wall. “Now, thou wilt be quiet, odious frog,” said she.

But when he fell down, he was no frog at all. He was a King's son with beautiful kind eyes! By her father's will, he was now her dear companion.

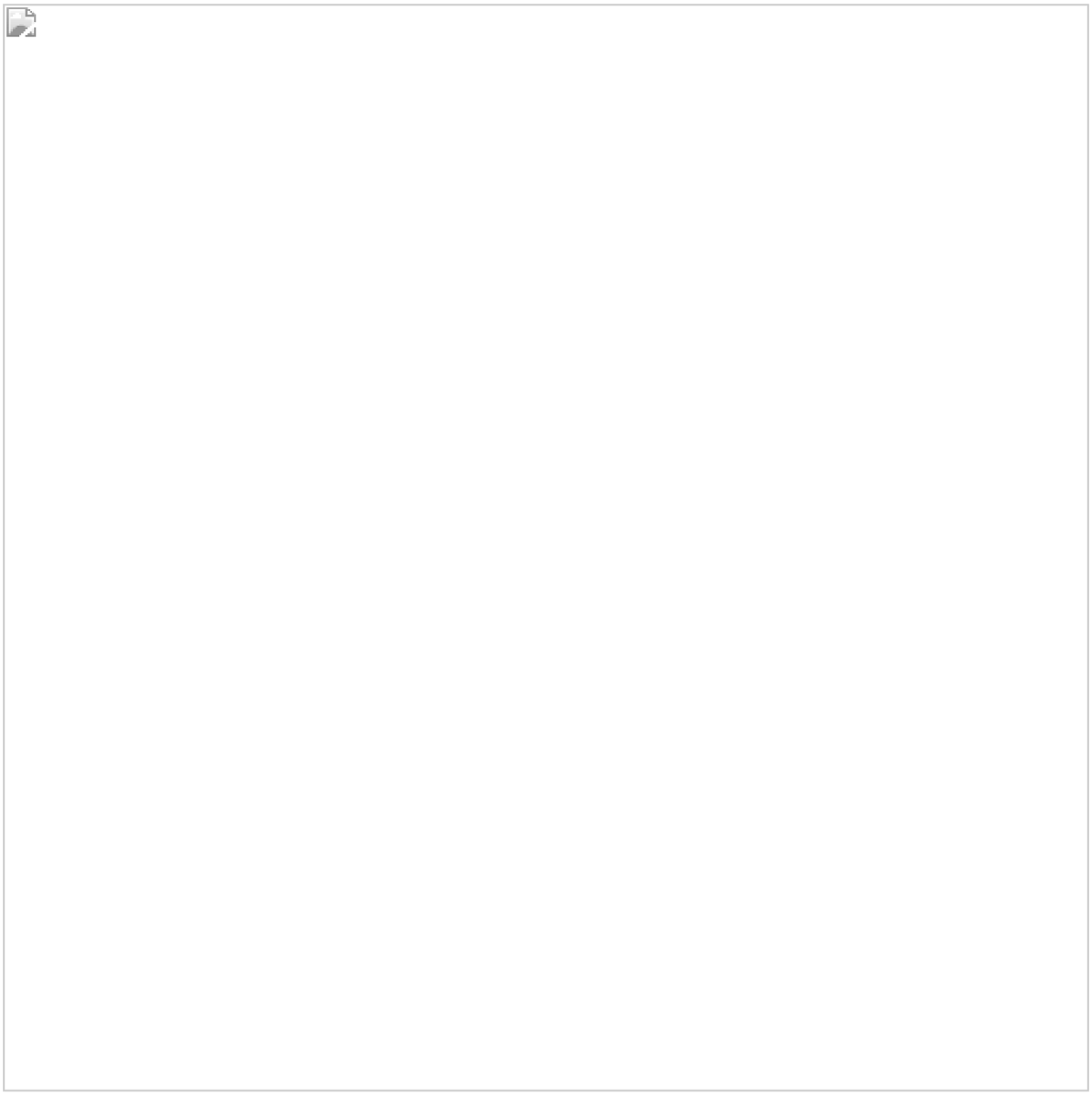
TALK ABOUT IT

What would you have thought, seeing the frog turn into a prince?

Not a Frog After All · another picture



The Eight White Horses



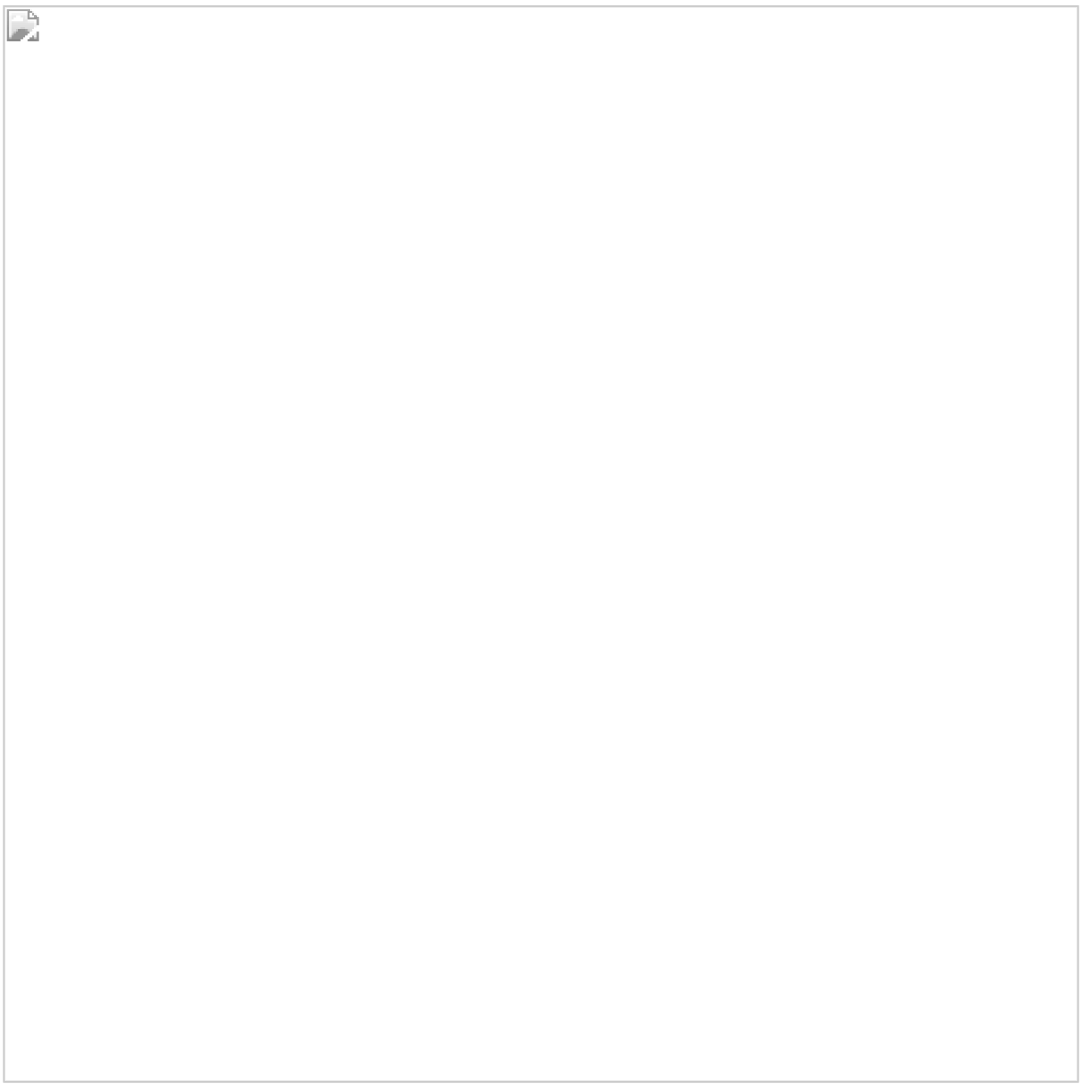
The prince told her how a wicked witch had bewitched him, and how no one could have set him free from the well but herself. And he said that to-morrow they would go together into his kingdom.

They went to sleep. Next morning, when the sun woke them, a carriage came driving up with eight white horses. The horses had white ostrich feathers on their heads and were harnessed with golden chains.

Behind stood the young King's servant, Faithful Henry.

TALK ABOUT IT

The princess and the prince were going to a new home. What do you think they will find there?

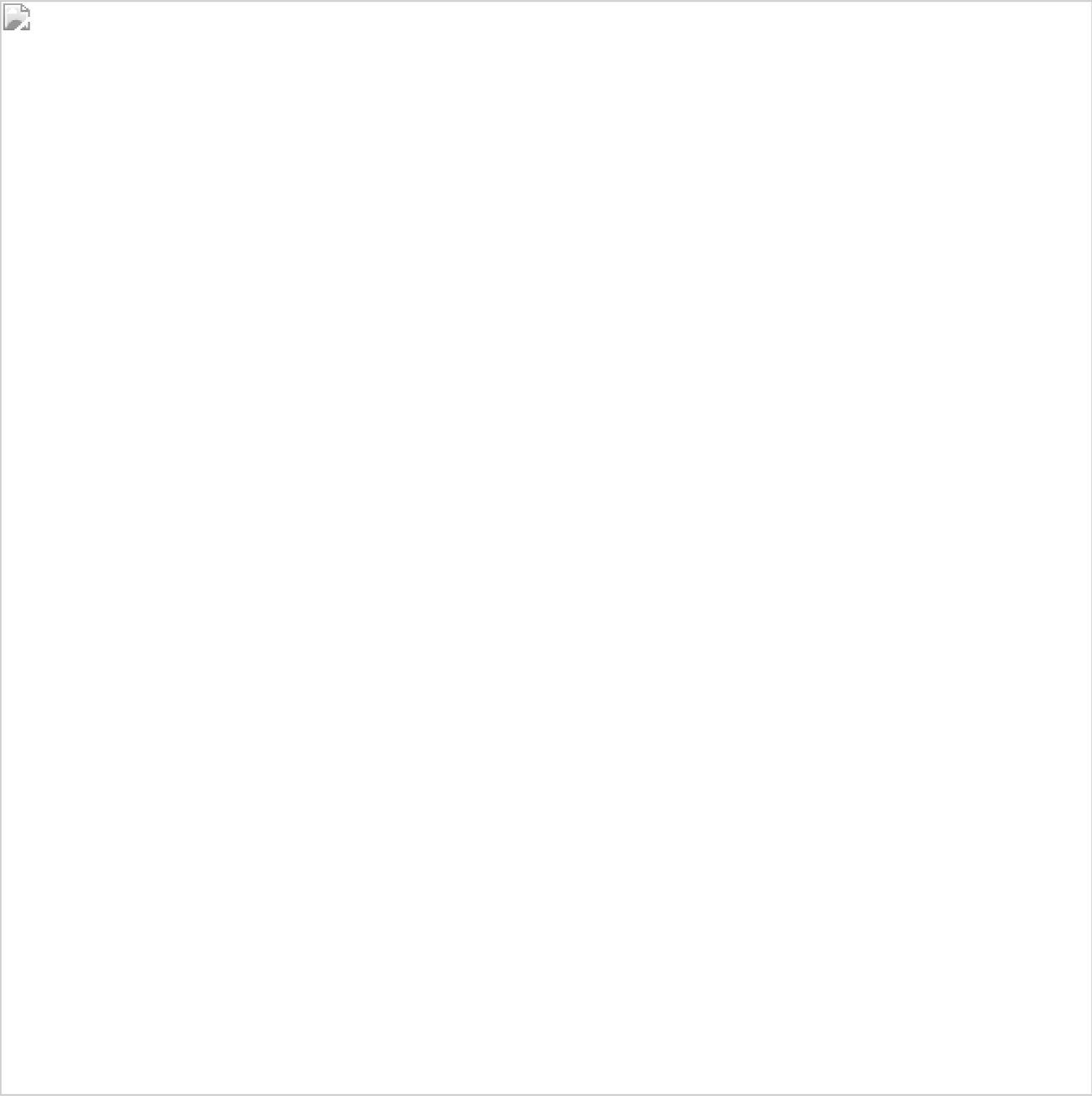


Think about it

1. How many white horses pulled the carriage?

- ○ Two
- ○ Four
- ○ Eight

Faithful Henry's Iron Bands



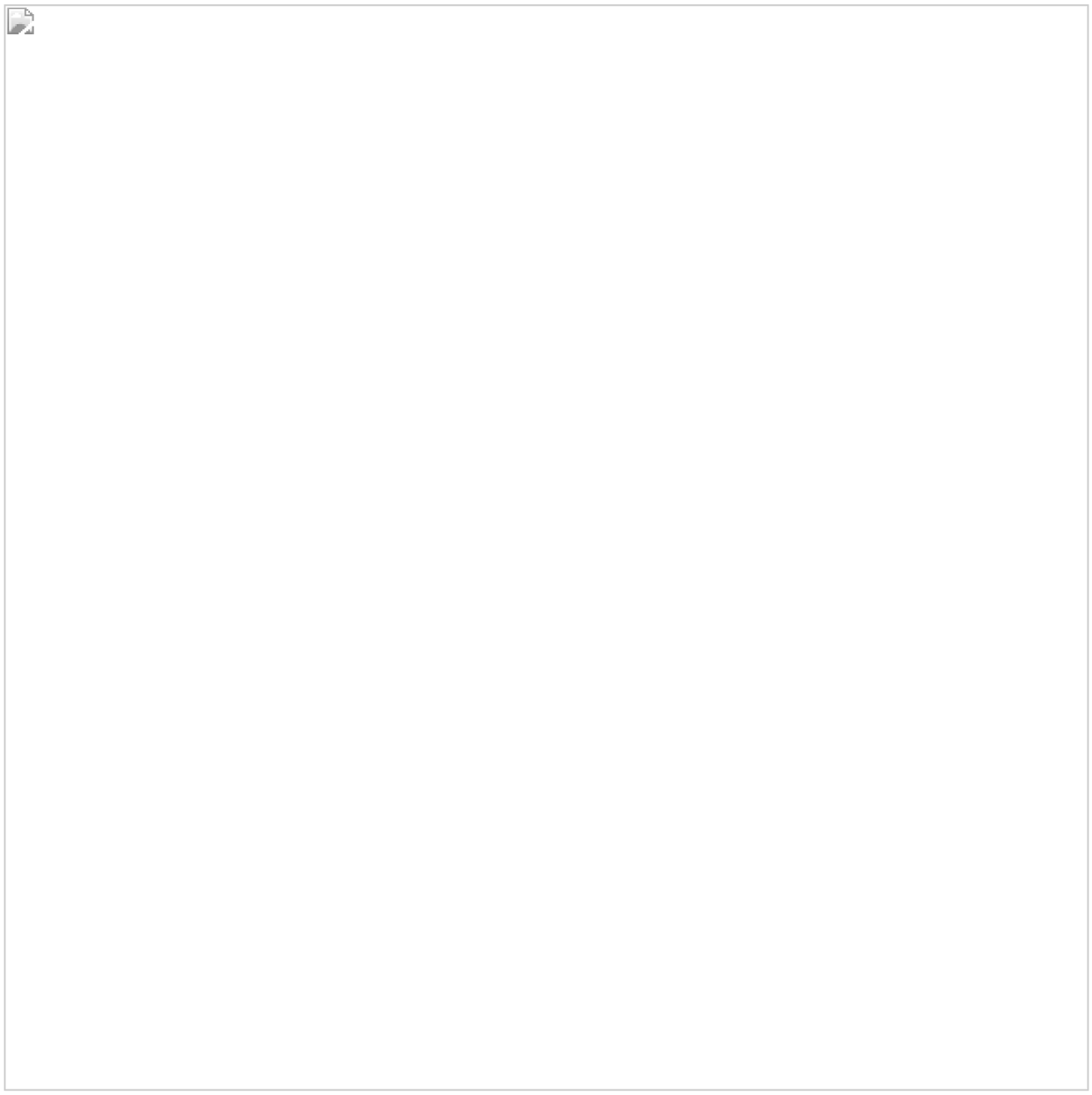
Faithful Henry had been so unhappy when his master was changed into a frog that he had caused three iron bands to be laid round his heart, lest it should burst with grief and sadness.

Henry helped them both into the carriage, and placed himself behind again. He was full of joy because his master was free.

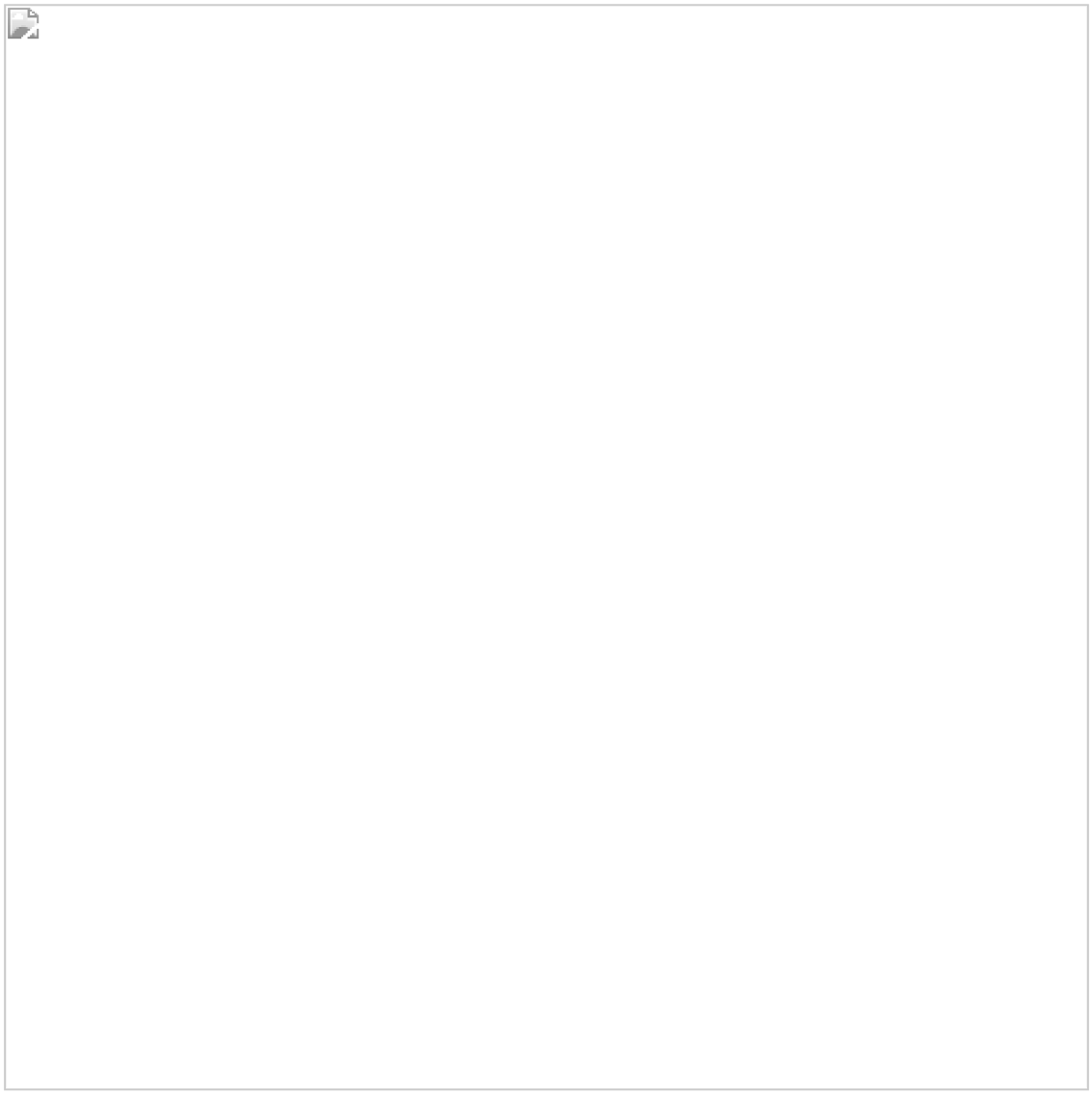
TALK ABOUT IT

Henry loved his master very much. Who do you love that much?

Faithful Henry's Iron Bands · another picture



The Carriage Is Breaking



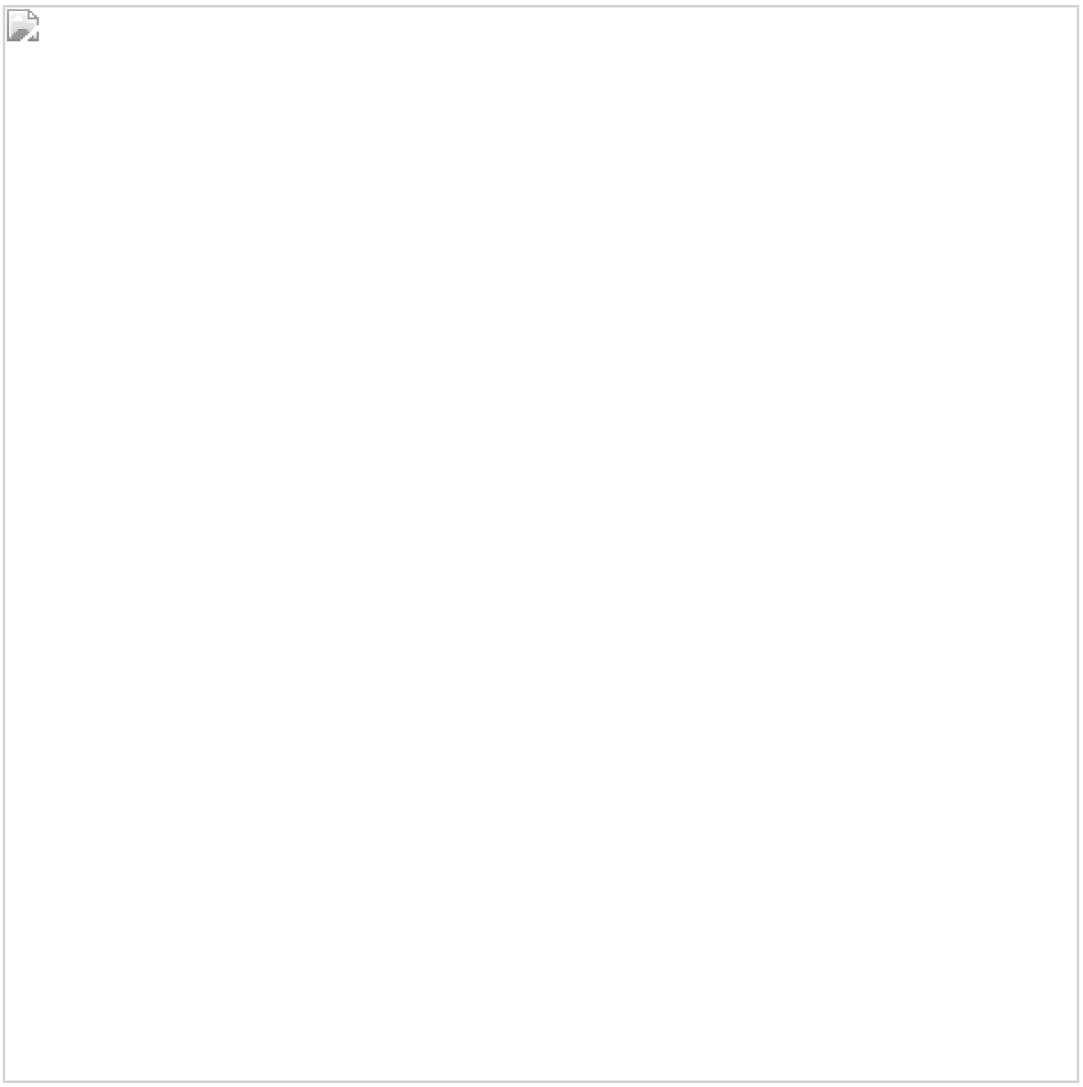
When they had driven part of the way, the young King heard a cracking behind him, as if something had broken. He turned round and cried, “Henry, the carriage is breaking.”

“No, master, it is not the carriage. It is a band from my heart, which was put there in my great pain when you were a frog and imprisoned in the well.”

Again and once again, while they were on their way, something cracked. Each time the King's son thought the carriage was breaking. But it was only the bands springing from the heart of faithful Henry, because his master was set free and was happy.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think was happening inside Henry's heart as each band broke?



Think about it

1. What was the cracking sound?

- ○ The carriage wheels
- ○ The bands springing from Henry's heart
- ○ The horses' harness

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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