

The Frog Prince

There was once a noble prince. He was a very handsome, intelligent, and honest young man. However both of his parents passed away, leaving him to lead his mourning country at a very young age. He took this task with upmost determination and showed much talent and grace as a ruler. He only had one flaw. Whenever he got nervous, he would sweat 'profusely'. It was a minor flaw, one that most people didn't even notice. Nevertheless it plagued him.

Then one day his advisors approached him and told him that it was time he sought out a young lady to be his bride, for he couldn't be the ruler forever. He would someday need to pass the mantle of leadership to the next generation. The generation he could only have if he married and had children. The prince knew this, but any time he approached a young women he became extremely nervous. This made the prince sweat, which in turn only fueled his paranoia. In time, his paranoia inevitably grew into a phobia of women all together. The only time the prince could find peace was in the solitude of the palace garden.

One evening after a long and stressful day in court, the prince sat at the bank of the large pond in his garden and began talking. It was how he calmed himself. He spoke of the troubles of his kingdom, his hopes and fears of the future, and of course his sweating. Normally when he spoke to himself in the garden the only response he got was silence, however this time a passing fairy heard the prince's woes and felt pity for him.

Without reveling herself, the fairy spoke to the prince and asked if he was given one wish, what he would wish for. At first the prince was going to wish to get rid of his sweating, but the prince stopped himself and after some thought instead wished he could find someone who could love him for who he was; flaw and all.

The fairy was pleased with the prince's answer, granted his wish, and left without saying another word. After another long day in court, the prince made his way to the garden. His time in court had taken longer than it usually did, so it was already night fall. When he finally got to the pond, he found a beautiful young women sitting against trunk of a tree in an elegant green dress. She stood up and greeted him with a warm and innocent smile as she curtsied.

The prince became confused and nervous. He was confused because he had never seen this girl before and wondered how she got into his private garden. He was nervous because he had never seen anyone as beautiful as she in his life, which made him begin to sweat.

The mysterious girl sat back down against the tree and waited for the prince to join her. He did, but kept his distance. The prince asked the girl who she was and where she came from. The girl simply smiled and answered with a shrugged as she stood up and began to walk away. The prince got up and followed her.

As they walked around the garden side by side, the prince asked her again where she came from. Making a playful frown she told the prince that he had gotten his wish. She then went on and asked the prince to tell her about himself. The prince was weary at first, but as the night went on he found that he not only enjoyed talking to this mystery girl, but that he stopped sweating around her as well.

For the next several months, the prince would meet the girl by the pound after his day at court. In time the prince fell in love with the girl and decided he would ask for her hand in marriage. However after all the time they had spent together, the prince had noticed that the girl would only appear by the pound after the sun had gone down. So he decided that before he proposed, he would ask her why she would only reveal herself after the sun had gone down.

At first she tried to avoid and change the subject, but the prince wouldn't back down with the questions. Not this time. When this became apparent to the girl, she began to cry. This confused the prince. He then began telling her that he didn't care who she really was or where she came. He told her that the only thing that mattered to him was that he was in love with her. That made the girl cry even harder and she fell to her knees. The prince was speechless. In between her sobs, the girl told the prince that the fact that he loved her made it even harder to tell him.

She confessed that she had fallen in love with him as well, but she was worried about what he would think of her if he even found out who she really was. The prince simply smiled and told her as long as they could be together, it didn't matter who she was. The girl was silent at first, but after taking a deep breath she began. She came out and told him that she hadn't been born human. In fact, she had lived in the prince's private pond her whole life. She was actually a frog. However one day at sunset she woke up and was greeted by a fairy. At first she didn't realize she was no longer a frog. Not until the fairy pointed out that she was now a human.

The fairy explain to the girl that from that day on, she would change into a human at night, until she found true love. The girl asked why the fairy would do such a thing. The fairy smiled and said that she noticed how the girl would watch the prince from a distance every time he visited the garden. This was both the fairy's curse and gift to her.

After she finished her tale, she began to cry again. The prince smiled and asked her why she was crying. The girl said she was afraid that now that she had found true love, it would be their last night together. In the distance the prince could see light on the horizon. The two's eyes met and the prince softly smiled. So taking the girl in his arms, he took her to the very spot

where they had met. On one knee, the prince told her no matter what happened he would always love her and proposed. The girl with mixed feelings of joy and sorrow accepted and as the sun broke the horizon, they embraced with a kiss.

For written assignment 5, I had decided to write a romantic or tragic love myth. It's really up to the reader on what is going to happen to the prince and the girl after the sun rises. What makes this a myth and not just some love story from the Middle Ages is the interaction with a supernatural being [the fairy], and the metamorphoses that the girl goes through every sun rise and sunset. Like the title of this myth suggest, I decide to write an alternate version of the frog prince fairy tale (Brothers Grimm). In the original version of the story, the roles are reversed with the girl being the princess and the boy being a frog. The original version is also quite shallow when it comes to the main character's love and reason why the two marry. You could say the cycle of the day, mainly the rise and fall of the sun, is the main symbolism in my myth. The sun plays a major part in the dynamic of this myth, but isn't mentioned until the end.

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