

Once upon a time there was a rich farmer woman who had three sons.04:04 Give it to me," she 00:00 said, and I will bring it up for you. And seeing that the youth hesitated, she took the little creature out of his arms and disappeared with it into the pond. The weeks and months passed, till one day the mother said she would like to see how the dogs had been trained by her future daughters-in-law. The two elder sons departed and returned shortly. 04:34 leading with them two great guard dogs, who growled so fiercely and looked so savage that the mere sight of them made the mother tremble with fear. The youngest son, as was his way, went to the pond and called on the frog to come to his rescue. In a minute she was at his side, bringing with her the most lovely little dog, which he put into his arms. It sat up and 05:03 begged with its paws, and went through the prettiest tricks, and was almost human in the way it understood and did what it was told. In high spirits the youth carried it off to his mother. As soon as she saw it she exclaimed, "This is the most beautiful little dog I have ever seen! You are indeed fortunate, my son. You have won a pearl of a wife." Then turning to the other she said, 05:33 Here are three shirts. Take them to your chosen wives. Whoever sows the best will be my favorite daughter-in-law."When the three witches beheld the cart, with the frog seated pompously amongst the cushions, they broke into such fits of laughter that the eyelids of the blind one burst open, and she recovered her sight.08:19 The second witch waved the wand over the tiny carton ponies and they were turned into a beautiful large carriage with prancing horses and a coachman on the seat. Then in despair he left their villages and went out into the country and sitting on the bank of a pond began to cry bitterly. The young man told her of his trouble and how his brothers would bring home beautifully knitted pairs of socks from their promised wives, but that no one would knit his socks for him. She put the socks into his hands, and he took it straight back to his mother, who was so pleased with it that she declared she had never seen such beautiful warm woolen socks, and that they were much nicer than the socks that the elder two brothers had brought home.00:56 He wandered here and there, asking the girls that he met if they would undertake the job for him, but at the sight of the wool they laughed in his face and teased him. In a short time, the two elder brothers came home and their mother asked to see the pairs of socks that had been knitted out of the wool that she had given them. But the youngest brother was greatly troubled, for he had nothing to show.02:25 Sadly he took himself to the pond and sitting down on the bank began to weep. The youngest, not knowing where to go, returned to the pond, sat down once more on the bank, and began to weep. This time the mother said, "Now that I am content with the tests I gave, I want you to go and fetch home your girls. 06:03 and I will prepare the wedding feast."07:50 The hunchback rolled about on the ground in merriment, till her back became straight. And in a roar of laughter, the thorn fell out of the throat of the third witch. The first witch waved her magic wand over the frog, and changed her into the loveliest girl that had ever been seen. She must train it and bring it up, whichever dog turns out .the best, its mistress will be my favourite daughter-in-law. He replied, wandering at a strange proposal