



How Frog married Turtle's daughter

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Once upon a time, Frog and Cat both wanted to marry Turtle's daughter.

Turtle's daughter loved Frog, but her father preferred Cat.



When Turtle learned that his daughter loved Frog, he came up with a plan.

"These two gentlemen will race each other, and the winner will marry you," he told his daughter.



Turtle told Frog and Cat about the race.

The frog suggested swimming instead of running, but the turtle refused.



Cat shared this news with his friends. They were happy because they knew that frogs cannot run. They only leap.

The cats waited for the day of the competition, but did not prepare themselves for the race.



The betrothed frog also met with his friends to tell them the news.

He said, "Turtle turned down my proposal. He said that Cat and I must run a race, and the winner will marry his daughter."



One of his friends quickly suggested, "Why don't you tell the turtle to let you and the cat swim? You will win because cats fear water."

The betrothed frog responded, "I suggested a swimming competition, but he refused."

Frog's friends were frustrated.



Another frog said, "This is an easy problem to solve. If we are united, you will marry Turtle's daughter.

"Cat is stronger, bigger, and faster than you. But together, we can think of strategies to win this race."



"Frogs look alike, so we can take turns in the race and the cat won't notice," suggested a different frog.

"One frog will start. Other frogs will hide in the grass by the road, and we will swap during the race.

"The betrothed frog will hide in Turtle's backyard."



Rat was the judge. She blew the whistle to begin the race.

The cat ran ahead. After a short distance, the frog cried, "Croak, croak, croak." Another frog jumped out in front of the cat, crying, "Croak, croak, croak."

Cat ran faster. But the frogs continued to take turns.



The cat was confused. He felt exhausted as he ran towards the turtles' compound.

The betrothed frog suddenly leapt ahead of the cat, beating him into the compound.

Frog cried, "Croak, croak, croak!"



Rat declared, "Frog won the contest against Cat."

The cat complained, "I am sure I did not run with only one frog. They tricked me. They tricked me!"

But the rat would not listen to the cat's complaints.



From that day on, the rat and the cat became enemies.

The turtle and the frog became good friends.

They got married, became a family, and lived happily ever after.

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