

## **1. THE OLD MAN AND THE FROG**

This man, about 80 years of age, was walking through the forest, when he heard a voice,

“Help me, help me!”

Startled, the old man stopped and looked around. He could not see anyone.

He continued to walk, when again, he heard the small voice,

“Help me, help me!”

Again, he stopped and looked around, still seeing nobody around.

“Down here, down here!” the voice said.

The old man looked down and saw only a frog.

Knowing that frogs can't talk, he started to walk away, then the frog hollered in a stronger voice,

“Down here. Look at me. I'm the frog!”

The old man stopped, turned around,

“Are you the voice that is saying ‘help me’?”

“Yes, I am.”

“What help do you want from me?”

“I want you to lift me up and kiss me!”

“Why should I kiss a frog?”

“I'm not really a frog. I'm a very beautiful woman Genie, and if you kiss me, I will become a woman again.”

Curious, the old man questioned the frog more.

“So, how did you become a frog?”

“I was tricked into it by another Genie, a man!”

Then the frog explained more, that she, the Genie, could make things happen for the old man.

“Are you happy or lonely?”

“Kind of lonely, you see, my wife passed on 20 years ago and my home is a very lonely place.”

“I can make you happy again. I will bring you a very beautiful woman, to live with you.”

“Do you have any money?”, the frog asked.

“No, I live on a fixed income of \$500 dollars a month.”

“I can put millions of dollars into your bank account,” the frog said.

So, the old man bent down and picked up the frog. Only, he didn't kiss the frog.

He put it in his pocket and started walking home.

“What are you doing?”, the frog asked.

“Don't you understand what I can do for you? I can make you rich! Happy! Never have to worry again about expenses!”

“Yes, I understand that, but right now, I like the idea of having a talking frog at my home!”

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