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# The Princes' Wives

An old king lives  
in a land far away.  
He calls his sons  
to talk one day.

One will be king  
and needs a bride –  
someone to stand there  
at his side.

How can he find  
the perfect wife  
for the new king  
for all his life?

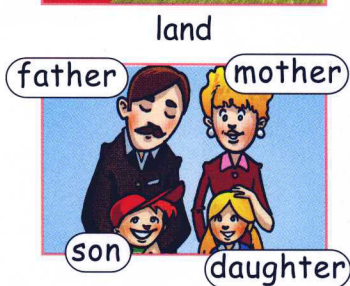
The king has a plan  
to find the best one.  
So this is the story  
that says how it's done.



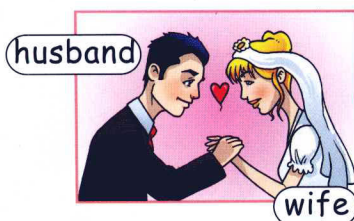




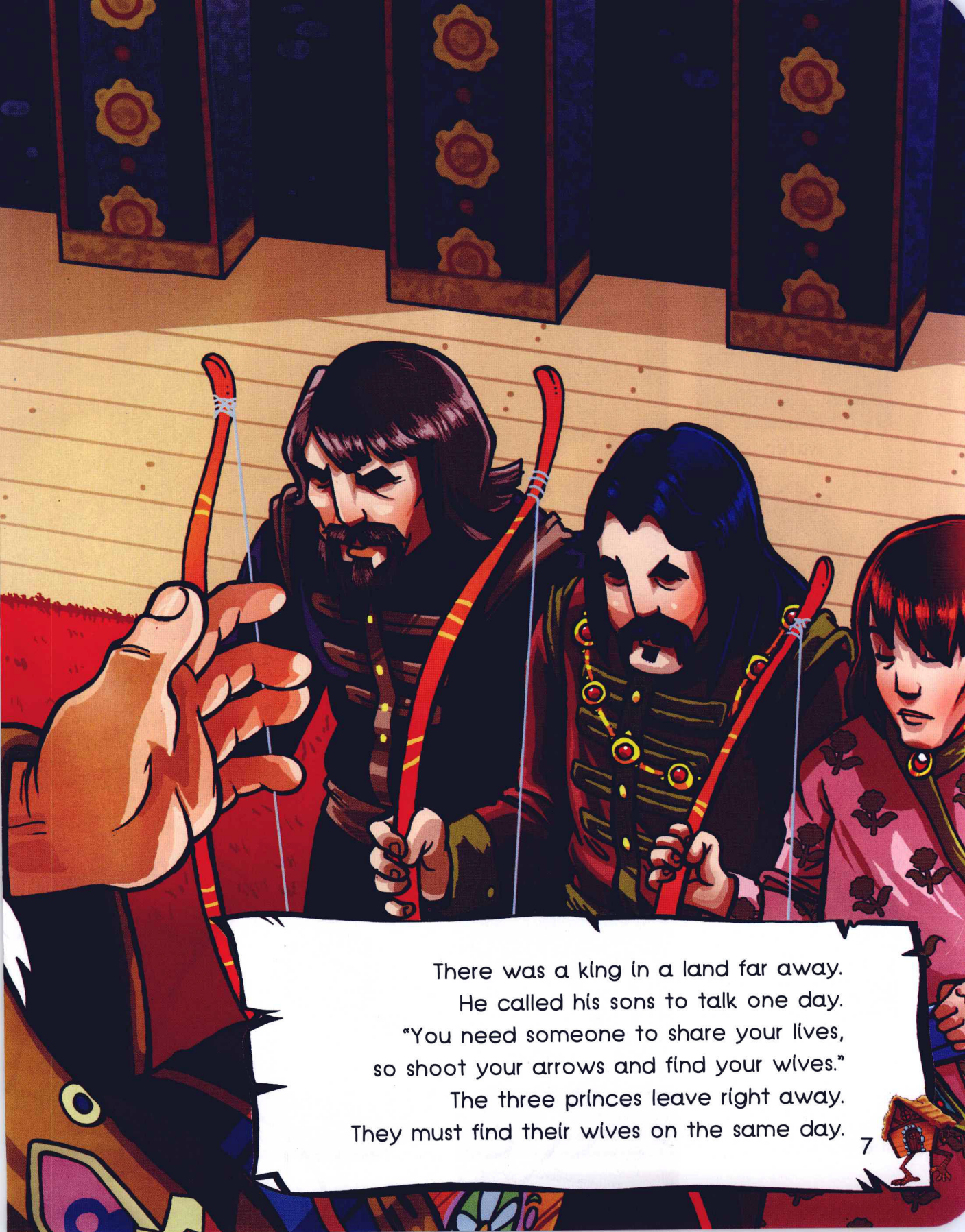




shoot







There was a king in a land far away.  
He called his sons to talk one day.  
"You need someone to share your lives,  
so shoot your arrows and find your wives."  
The three princes leave right away.  
They must find their wives on the same day.

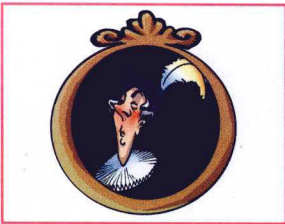




land



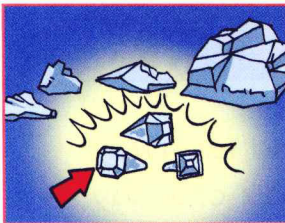
water



Duke



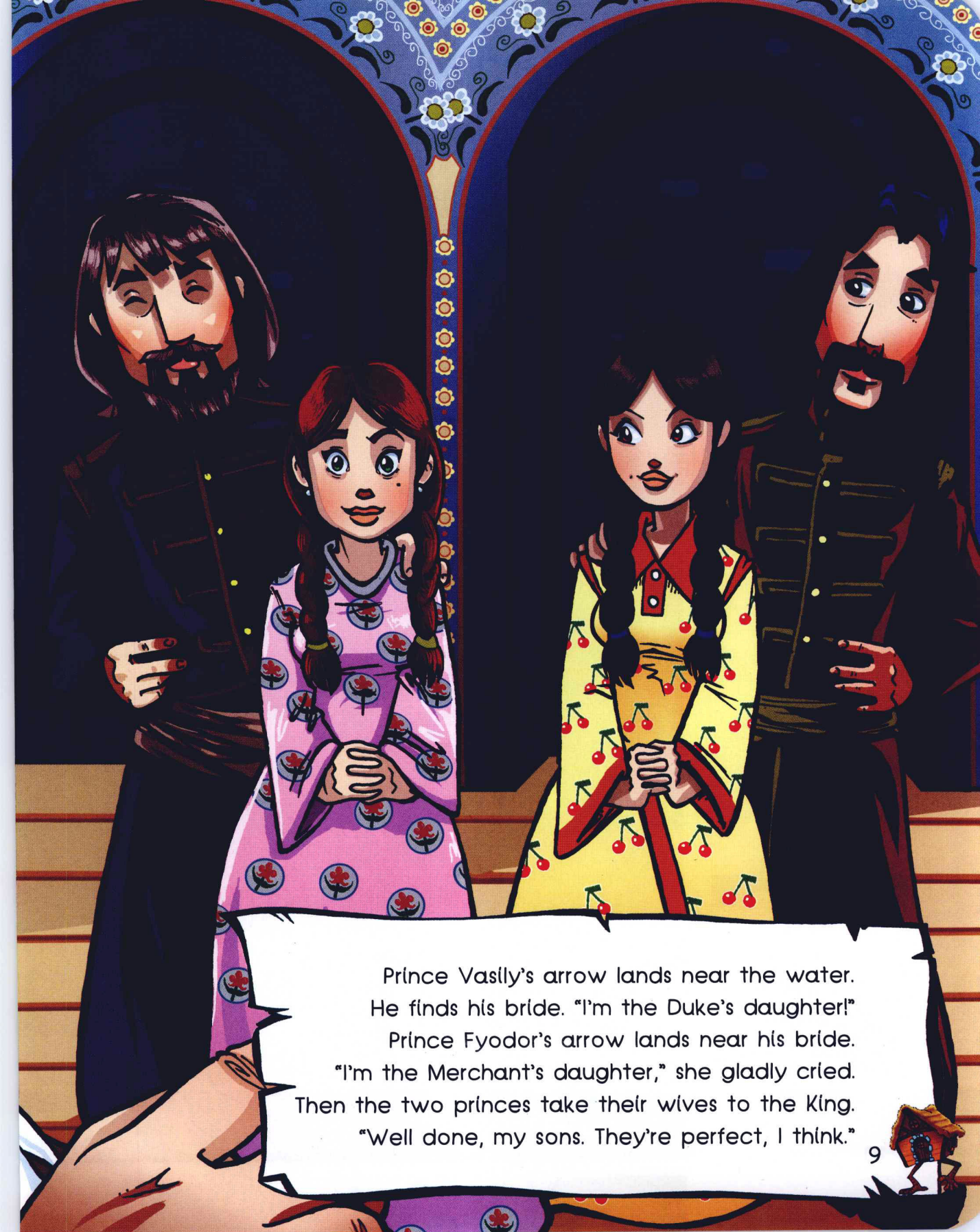
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perfect

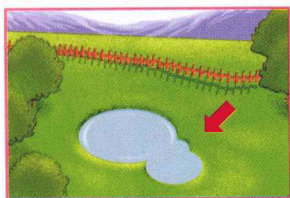
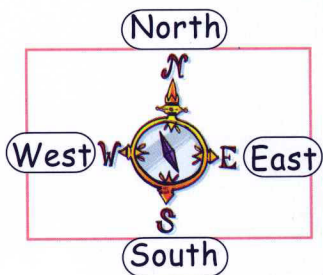






Prince Vasly's arrow lands near the water.  
He finds his bride. "I'm the Duke's daughter!"  
Prince Fyodor's arrow lands near his bride.  
"I'm the Merchant's daughter," she gladly cried.  
Then the two princes take their wives to the King.  
"Well done, my sons. They're perfect, I think."





lake



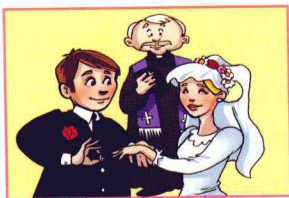
frog



mouth



worry



marry







Ivan shot his arrow, but where did it go?

"Where can it be? I really don't know!"

He looks for it north, he looks for it south.

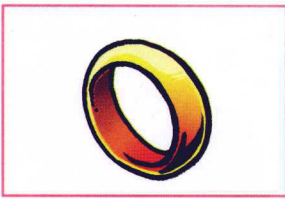
There! Near the lake! It's in a frog's mouth!

"Oh, no! You're a frog! What can I do?"

"Don't worry, Ivan. I can marry you."



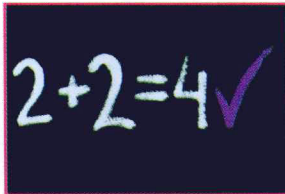
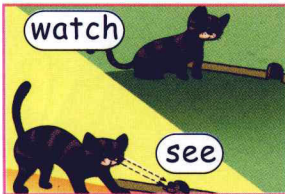




ring



night



right



choose



pass a test



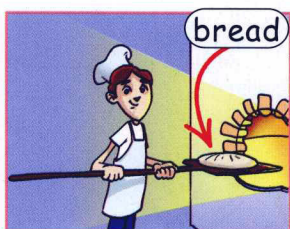




Ivan takes the frog back to the King.  
"You must marry her. Give her the ring!"  
The princes all marry that very night,  
and the King watches to see which one's right.  
"How can I tell which wife is the best?  
I know how to choose! They must all pass a test!"







bake



palace



take



go to bed



morning







"I want your wives to bake me some bread."  
"Our wives can do that," the two princes said.  
But Ivan thinks: "My wife can't bake!  
When I go to the palace, what can I take?"  
"Don't worry, Ivan. Just go to bed.  
Tomorrow morning, you can find the bread."