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**the fairy tales**

sleeping beauty as told by the brothers grimm

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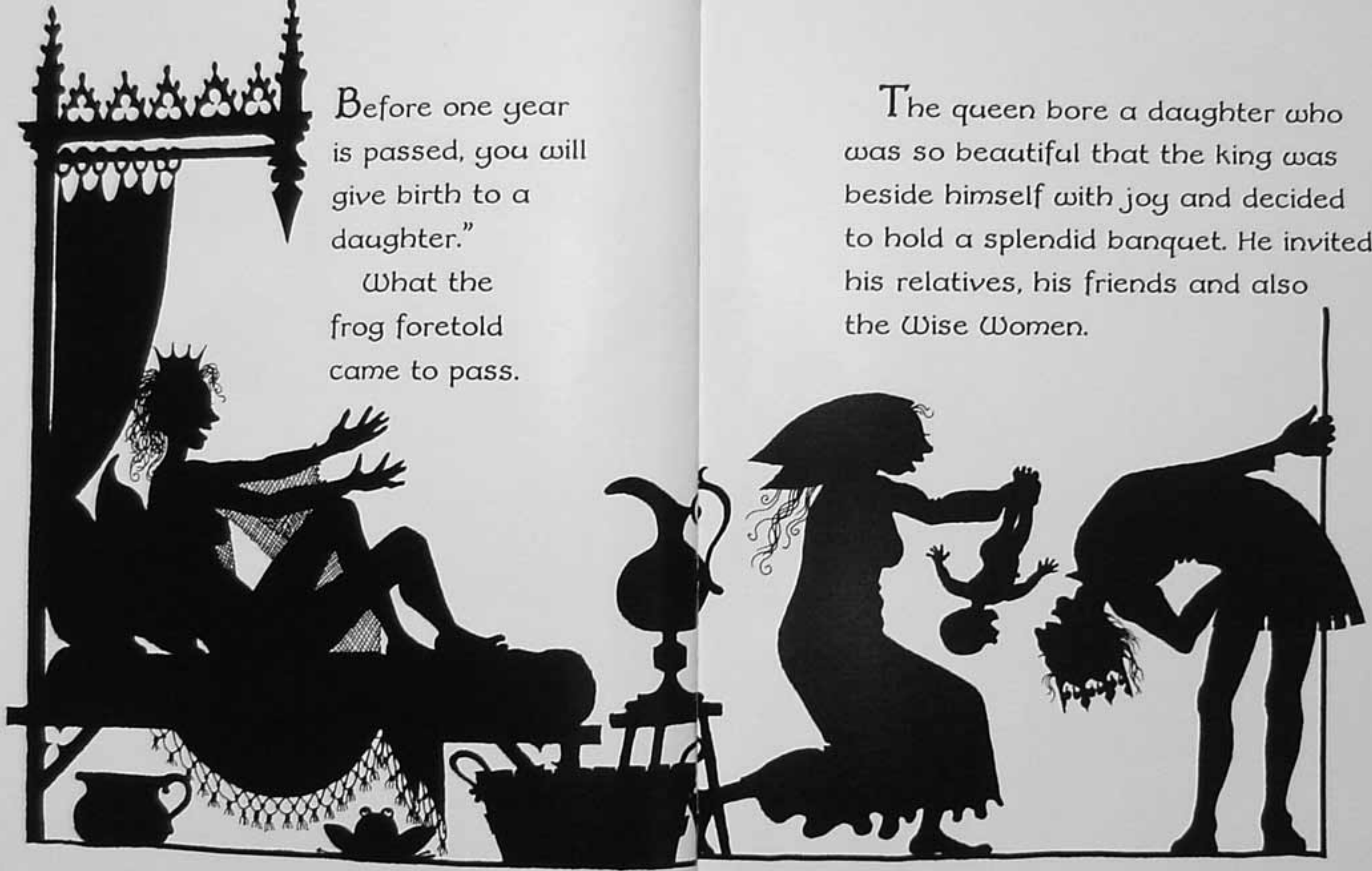
Once upon a time there lived a king and queen who said to one another every day: "If only we were blessed with a child," but sadly they were not.

Then, one day, while the queen was taking her bath, a frog climbed out of the water on to the rim of the bath and said to her: "Your wish will be granted.

Before one year  
is passed, you will  
give birth to a  
daughter.”

What the  
frog foretold  
came to pass.

The queen bore a daughter who  
was so beautiful that the king was  
beside himself with joy and decided  
to hold a splendid banquet. He invited  
his relatives, his friends and also  
the Wise Women.





He hoped they would be well disposed towards the child. In his kingdom there were thirteen Wise Women, but because he only had twelve golden plates from which they must eat, the king invited all of the Wise Women except one, who had to stay at home.

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he banquet took place with great ceremony, and when it was over the Wise Women presented the child with their magic gifts.

