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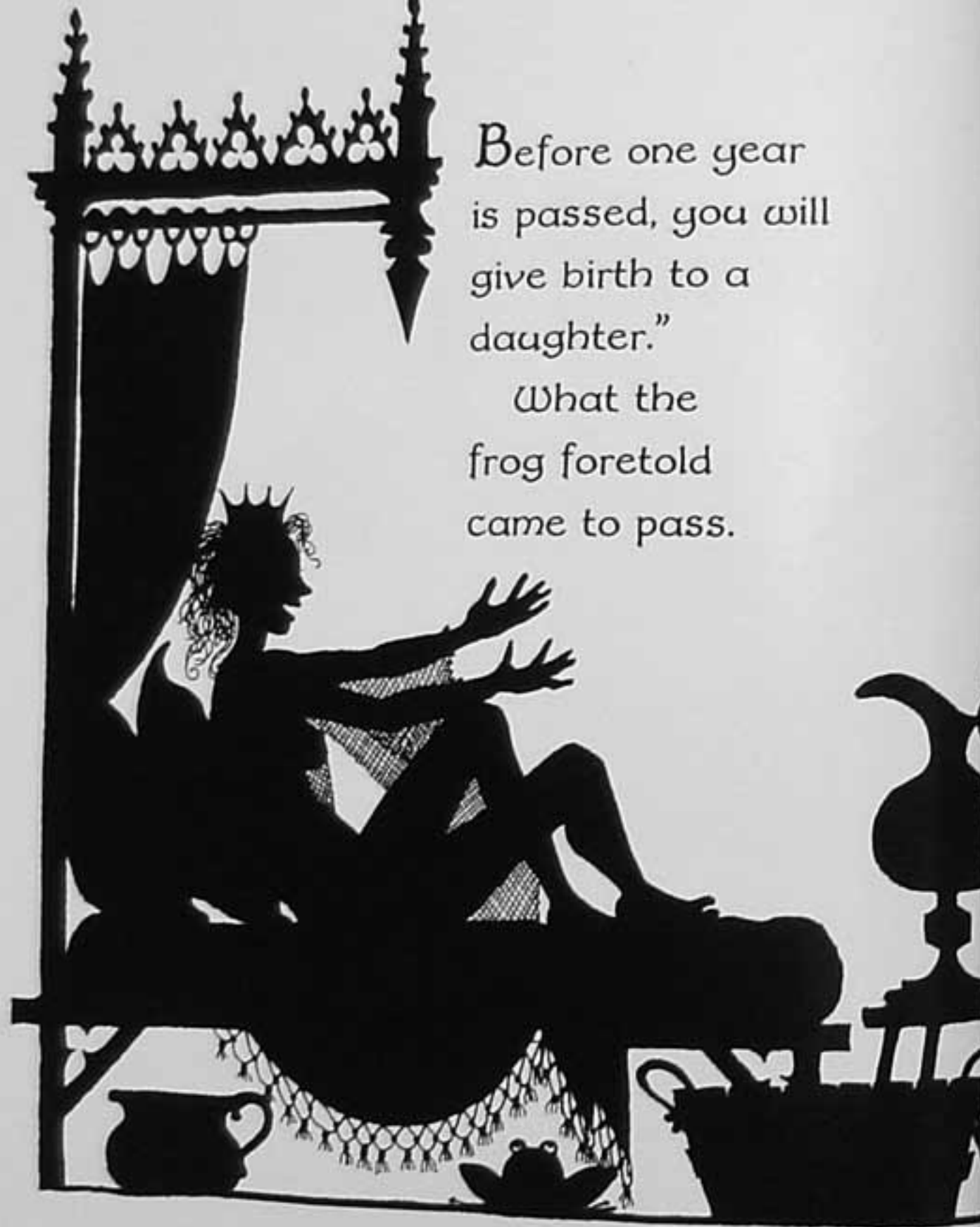


nce upon a time there lived a king and queen who said to one another every day: "If only we were blessed with a child," but sadly they were not.

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.



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

