

THE GOOD FERRYMAN AND THE NYMPHS POLISH FOLKTALE



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- There was once an old man, very poor, with three sons. They lived by ferrying people over a river; but he had nothing but bad luck all his life. On the night he died, there was a great storm, and the old ferry-boat, on which his sons depended for a living, was sunk.



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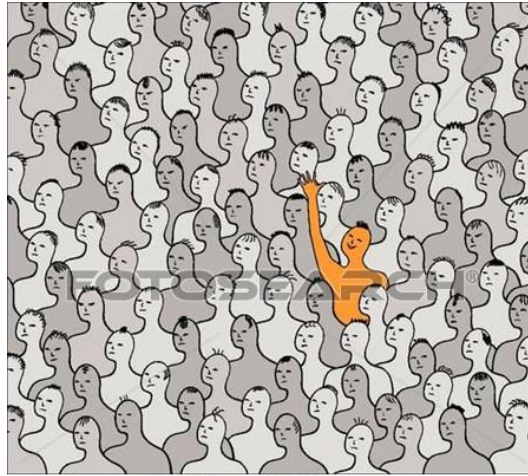
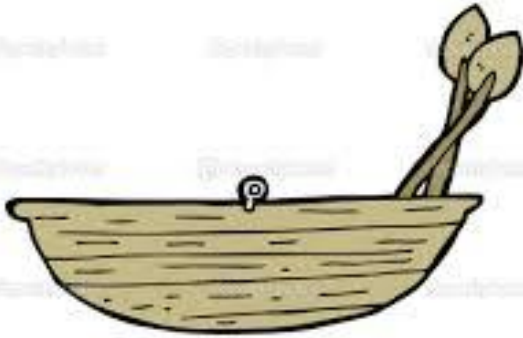


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As they were crying both their father and their poverty, an old man came by, and learning the reason of their sorrow said:

"Never mind; all will come right in time. Look! there is your boat as good as new."



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- And there was a fine new ferry-boat on the water, in place of the old one, and a number of people waiting to be ferried over.
- The three brothers arranged to take turns with the boat, and divide the fares they took.



They were however very different in disposition. The two elder brothers were greedy and avaricious, and would never take anyone over the river, without being handsomely paid for it.

But the youngest brother took over poor people, who had no money, for nothing; and moreover frequently relieved their wants out of his own pocket.

What will happen? Will the brothers survive without their father?

Write and tell me!!!