The Ungrateful Son

Once upon a time a man sat with his wife before the house door, and they had a roast chicken set before them, which they intended to eat together. Then the man saw his old father coming along; quickly he took the chicken and hid it, for he begrudged him a single bite. The old man came, took a drink, and went on his way. Now the son wanted to carry the roasted chicken back to the table, but when he reached for it, it had turned into a great toad, which leaped into his face and sat there, and would not go away again; and whenever anyone tried to remove it, it glared at him spitefully, as if it would leap into his face, so that no one dared to touch it. And the ungrateful son had to feed the toad every day, or else it would eat from his face; and so he wandered to and fro without rest in the world.