Once upon a time, there was a little girl playing in the balcony counting chickpeas, and without noticing it one little chickpea fell in the street. A young man was walking in the street, took it and said: “Look! A little chickpea! What could I do with it?” Just at that moment he heard the bells chiming, “DING, DONG!!!” And he said: “Ups! I have to go to church!”

And running and running knocked at a door and asked an old lady to take care of the little chickpea. The young man asked: “Could you take care of this little chickpea while I go to church? I’m in a hurry now.” “Of course! You can leave it on this jar holder”, answered the old lady.

While the man was in church, a hen from the old lady’s yard ate the little chickpea. When he went out from church, he went to take the chickpea but was not there. So the man told the old lady, “If you don’t give me the little chickpea, you will have to give me the hen that ate the chickpea!”. But the old lady replied: “Oh no! Not my hen! I don’t have anything else! Who do you think you are?” So the man told her: “I will tell my dad. He is the mayor, and my granpa is the town’s sheriff and my uncle is a police officer. They will take you to prison.” The old lady answered: “Oh no! I don’t want to go to prison! Here you have my hen!” And the man left happily.

He continued walking and arrived into a town where the bells were also chiming. Running, he knocked on a door and asked them to take care of the hen. “KNOCK, KNOCK” “Who is there?” Someone asked. The young man asked: “Could you please take care of my hen while I go to church? I’m in a hurry!”. “Of course”, a young lady answered. While the young man was in church a pig escaped and ate the hen. When he went out from church, he went to take the hen but was not there. So the man told the young lady, “If you don’t give me the hen, you will have to give me the pig that ate the hen!” But the young lady replied: “Oh no! Not my pig! I don’t have anything else! Who do you think you are?” So the man told her: “I will tell my dad. He is the mayor, and my granpa is the town’s sheriff and my uncle is a police officer. They will take you to prison.” The young lady answered: “Oh no! Here you have my pig! It’s all yours”. He left happily singing:

He continued walking and arrived to another town where they bells were also chiming. Running, he knocked on a door and asked them to take care of the hen. “KNOCK, KNOCK” “Who
is there?” an old man asked. The young man asked: “Could you please take care of my hen while I go to church? I’m in a hurry!” “Of course”, was the answer. While the young man was in church a cow ate the pig.

When he went out from church, he went to take the pig but was not there. So the young man told the old man, “If you don’t give me the pig, you will have to give me the cow that ate the pig!” But the old man replied: “Oh no! Not my cow! I don’t have anything else!” So the man told her: “I will tell my dad. He is the mayor, and my grandpa is the town’s sheriff and my uncle is a police officer. They will take you to prison.” The old man answered: “Oh no! Here you have my cow!” He left singing:

He continued walking and arrived into another town where they bells were also chiming. Running, he knocked on a door and asked a lady to take care of the cow. “KNOCK, KNOCK” “Who is there?” The lady asked. The young man asked: “Could you please take care of my cow while I go to church? I’m in a hurry!” “Of course”, was the answer.

The lady had a daughter ill in bed. While the young man was in church the girl asked her mother: “Mother, Can you please give me some liver and blood from the cow? It will sure help me with my illness.” The mother answered: “But, how am I going to cook you the cow’s liver? The cow is not ours!” The daughter replied: “But mum, please, give me some!” And some many times the girl told her mother that at the end she gave her daughter some liver with blood from the young man’s cow.

But when the old man left church and couldn’t find the cow, he told them:

“So now, you will have to give me the girl!” “Oh, no!” said the lady. “I won’t give you my daughter, I don’t have anything else!” So the man told her: “If you don’t give me your daughter, I will tell my dad. He is the mayor, and my grandpa is the town’s sheriff and my uncle is a police officer. They will take you to prison.” So, he put the young girl inside a bag and continued walking singing a song.

He continued walking until he arrived into a town where the bells were chiming. Suddenly, he left the bag in a house’s door and went to church. A woman was sweeping the street when she heard a voice saying:

“My uncle George who rides on a horse, Trig-trig-trag, Take me out of this bag.”
The woman did that and together with the girl they filled the bag with stones, snakes and frogs. When the man came out from church, he took the bag and continued walking. As he was feeling tired, he sat under an olive tree, he opened the bag and... he jumped!!! He started running and he is still running now afraid of the snakes and frogs. The girl went back home with her family who were missing her.