# Act 4, Scene 1: and Troub

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- 41 Toad, that under cold stone
- 46 Days and nights has thirty-one
- **50** Sweltered venom sleeping got,
- 57 Boil thou first i' th' charmed pot.
- 63 ALL: Double, double toil and trouble;
  68 Fire burn, and cauldron bubble.
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- 81 In the cauldron boil and bake.
- 88 Eye of newt and toe of frog,
- 95 Wool of bat and tongue of dog,
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# **Quick Questions**

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1. Explain what the phrase 'Adder's fork' means.

#### 'Adder's fork' means an adder's tongue because an adder is a snake and snakes have a forked tongue.

2. Shakespeare has used the word 'charmed' to describe the pot. Can you think of another word that could have been used instead?

### Accept any reasonable answers that mean the same as 'charmed', such as: magic

3. How many days and nights has the toad been under a cold stone?

## The toad has been under a cold stone for thirty-one days and nights.

4. What do you think the three witches are doing? Why do you think that?

Accept any reasonable answers that include the use of a cauldron and unusual ingredients being added to it as a fire burns and it bubbles.







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