

inderella

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Once upon a time there was a happy, good girl. Her father loved her very much. Father said often, "I love you." The girl loved her father too.

One day, tragedy struck. Father got sick. He got sick so suddenly, there was no time to say "goodbye." The girl went to Father, but he was **dead**.

The poor girl was devastated. She cried and cried. "Stop that ridiculous crying!" said the girl's step-mother. Her step-mother was Eleanora. Father was a rich man, and Eleanora wanted his money. She had long hated the girl.

The moment Father died, Eleanora was openly cruel. She made the girl a servant. "Please, Mother, I--" said the girl.

"Don't call me 'Mother.' You are not my daughter! You are my servant."

Life without Father was horrible. She had become a servant and an orphan. Day after day, the girl sat by the fire and cried. She was covered in cinders, so everyone called her Cinderella.

Eleonora had two daughters. One was named Nora. The other girl was Dora.

Soon after the funeral, Eleonora said, “Nora and Dora, Cinderella is not a member of the family. She is our servant.”

The two girls, Dora and Nora, were cruel to poor Cinderella. One would say to her, “What an idiot!” And the other would say, “She is just a stupid orphan!”

Cinderella served them non-stop. One would say, “Cinderella, make tea!” And the other would say, “Cinderella, where is my dinner?”

Cinderella had a lot of responsibilities and a lot of stress. She was very sad.

One day a letter arrived. It was an invitation to the royal ball. Everyone said the prince wanted to get married.

The girls were so happy! Dora happily exclaimed, “At the ball, I will dance with the prince!”

But Nora replied, “That’s ridiculous! He will dance with me, because I am more beautiful.”





Dora was jealous. She replied, “No, that's ridiculous. The prince would never dance with you. Your dress is horrible.”

The argument continued. Finally, Eleonora was irritated, so she said, “Nora and Dora, your dresses are unacceptable. Cinderella, make two beautiful dresses for the ball.”

Immediately, Cinderella made the dresses. In two days, she made two beautiful dresses. One of the dresses was green and as beautiful as a rose. As a finishing touch, Cinderella made 100 small roses. The effect was beautiful.

The second dress was royal blue. It was even more beautiful. It had a multicolored border.

Cinderella presented the two dresses to Eleonora. Her step-mother saw that Cinderella had a special talent! But she was cruel and she refused to compliment Cinderella. “Finally! Now go make dinner!” she cried.

Nervously, Cinderella asked, “Please, can I make a dress?”

Eleonora again irritated replied, “A dress? Why?”

Cinderella said, "I want a dress so I can go to the royal ball."

Eleonora imagined Cinderella at the ball. Cinderella was beautiful. She was more beautiful than Dora and Nora. Eleonora was jealous. Furiously, she cried, "You're just a servant. HA! Imagine a miserable orphan at the royal ball? Ridiculous!"

Cinderella was devastated. She cried and cried.

Finally, the day of the ball arrived. Eleonora and her daughters went to the ball without Cinderella. She sat by the fire, crying.

Suddenly, a mysterious person appeared. It was a good fairy. "Do not cry. You have to prepare for the ball," she said.

Sadly, Cinderella explained that Elenora had not given her permission. Cinderella said, "Thank you, ma'am. But that is not possible. My step-mother said no."

The good fairy said, "That's ridiculous. You have to go to the ball."





Immediately, the good fairy took out a mysterious object. It was a magic wand! Cinderella was amazed!

The good fairy pointed her magic wand at a plant. It was an ordinary plant. The good fairy said “1-2-3” and pointed the magic wand at the plant. POOF! The plant transformed. It was no longer a plant. It was a carriage.

Cinderella said, “What a beautiful carriage! Thank you very much. But there is a problem. I do not have a dress for the ball.”

The good fairy said to her, “You don’t have a dress? Ah, that is easy.” Cinderella was very surprised. She repeated, “Easy?”

“Yes, it’s as easy as ‘1-2-3!’” she said as she pointed the magic wand at Cinderella. POOF! Cinderella’s dress transformed. Suddenly, Cinderella looked and she was so surprised. She was wearing an elegant dress.

Cinderella was so very happy. She cried, “I have a beautiful dress! This is not possible!”

The good fairy said to her, “Yes, it is possible. With magic, everything is possible.”

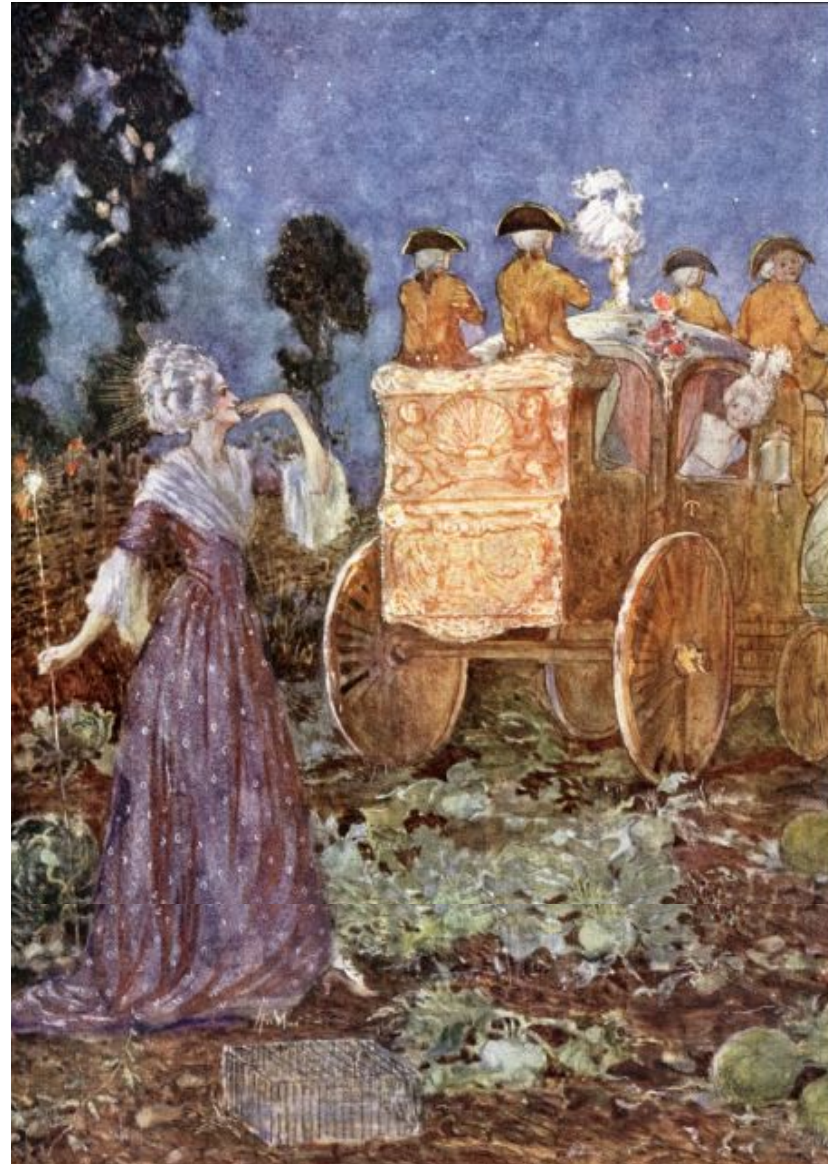
Cinderella admired her beautiful dress. It was the most beautiful dress. She also had a pair of beautiful shoes. The shoes were made of glass. Her dress and shoes were fit for a princess.

Cinderella was so happy! She said, “Thank you, ma'am! You are so generous!”

Then, the good fairy looked serious. She said, “Cinderella, go quickly. The magic does not last long. At 12:00, the carriage will return to its original form. It will turn into a normal plant. The dress will also return to its original form.”

Cinderella said, “Yes, ma'am. Goodbye. Thank you very much!”

Then the carriage disappeared with Cinderella in it. She was finally going to the ball. Cinderella was so happy. She said to herself, “For once, I am not a servant. For once, I am free!”





The coach arrived at the royal palace. Cinderella was very nervous but very happy.

Cinderella made her entrance. Immediately, everyone looked up and saw Cinderella. They were shocked by her beauty. Everyone said, "Who is this beautiful girl?"

The prince was curious too. He approached Cinderella and said: "Miss, I have the honor of a dance?" Cinderella and the prince danced together for a long time.

At 9:00, the couple was still dancing. Everyone was curious. They said, "Who is this mysterious girl?" Everyone was even more curious because her identity was a mystery.

At 10:00, the prince's father encouraged him to dance with the other girls, but the prince refused. He danced exclusively with Cinderella. Everyone said, "This girl is so beautiful. The prince must be in love!"

At 11:00, as the prince continued to dance with Cinderella. Everyone said, "The prince is in love... but who is this girl?" Everyone said she was the princess of a distant palace.

The prince and Cinderella had a long conversation. The minutes passed. Soon, the prince had fallen in love with this mysterious girl. Then the prince asked Cinderella, "What's your name?"

At this question, Cinderella was so sad. Poor Cinderella was a servant. She was not invited to the ball because she was poor. The prince would be furious.

Her family -especially Eleonora- would be furious too! Poor Cinderella was very nervous.

Suddenly DING DING DING! The clock rang. It was 12:00! Cinderella was taken by surprise. In a panic, she cried, "Is it midnight? Oh no! My dress..." She did not finish her sentence.

Quickly, she ran. She did not even say goodbye to the prince. Cinderella ignored him. She just ran and ran..

The prince cried, "No, please! Do not go!"

But Cinderella ran quickly. She ran from the palace. The prince was devastated. The beautiful girl was gone.





Cinderella was so nervous that the prince would see her dress. She ran so quickly that her shoe fell. It was one of her glass shoes.

Suddenly, Cinderella's dress returned to its original form. It was a servant's dress again.

Cinderella ran quickly to the carriage. But suddenly, it disappeared. The transformation was complete. The elegant carriage was gone. In its place, there was a normal plant.

Cinderella had no carriage, and her house was a long ways off. Cinderella had to run to make it back home.

Finally, she arrived at her house. Cinderella was both sad and happy. She was happy to have danced with the prince. She was sad to return to Eleonora and her cruel girls.

Cinderella said to herself, "I am so stupid! I am just a servant. He's a prince. It's very stupid to imagine that the prince can love a poor girl like me."

At the palace, the prince was very sad. He was in love with Cinderella. With her beauty, charm, and intelligence, Cinderella had enchanted the prince. But she had disappeared without a trace.

The prince asked the royal guard and the police to investigate. Sadly, there was no trace of the girl.

The chief of police said, "I interviewed everyone at the ball. We have no information about the girl. It is impossible. We can not find her."

The prince was devastated. He returned to where he danced with the girl. He saw a mysterious object. It was a shoe. The shoe was made of glass and was remarkably small.

The prince exclaimed, "It's hers! This is shoe is hers!" Then the prince had an idea. He said, "I can use it to find the mysterious girl! "

Then the prince got in a carriage. He went to look for Cinderella with the glass shoe.





The prince went house-to-house. The prince ordered the unmarried girls to try on the shoe. It was a very small shoe, and for every girl, the shoe was too small.

The prince was discouraged. It was an impossible mission.

Soon, he arrived at Cinderella's house. Dora and Nora were happy! They exclaimed, "Mother! The prince has arrived!"

Dora tried on the shoe, but it was much too small. Next, Nora tried on the shoe. She tried to force the shoe on, but it was too small. Dora, Nora, and Eleonora were discouraged.

The prince asked, "Are there more unmarried girls here?" Eleonora hated Cinderella, so she said, "No, your Majesty."

At that moment, he looked up and saw Cinderella.

The prince saw Cinderella and immediately exclaimed, "It's you! I saw you at the ball."

He was so happy. Quickly, Cinderella tried on the shoe. It fit perfectly. The shoe was Cinderella's. She was the girl from the ball!

The prince and Cinderella returned to the royal palace. Then, there was a great celebration for the marriage of Cinderella and the prince.

This time, it was the cruel Eleanora who prepared Cinderella's dress.

Cinderella and her prince lived happily ever after.

THE END



