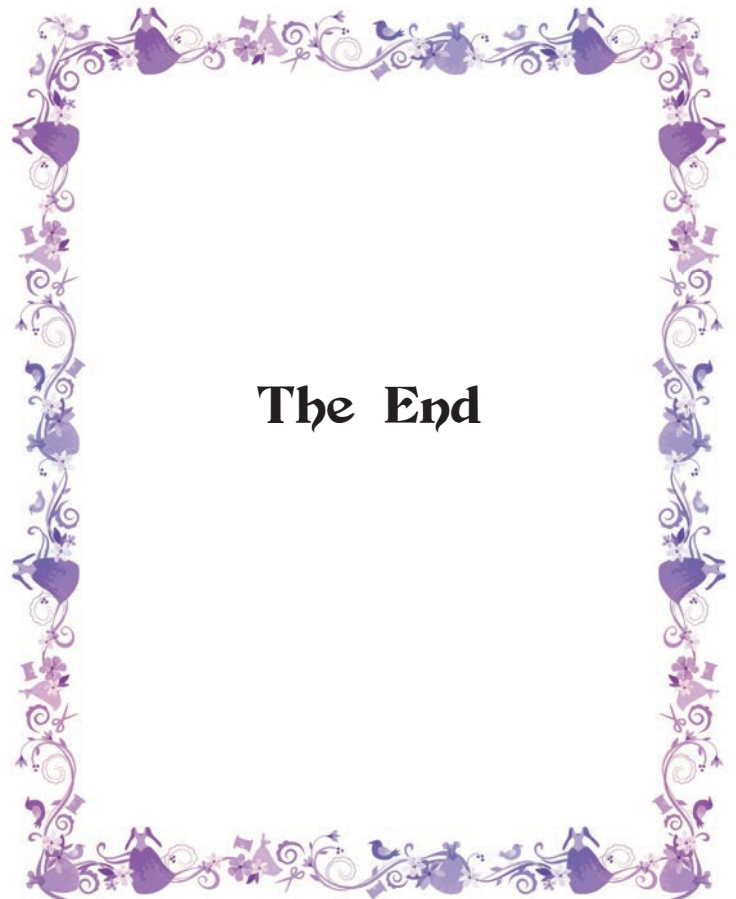


The story of "Cinderella" follows the fortunes of young Ella whose merchant father remarries following the death of her mother.

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**The End**



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Cinderella dreamed about the royal ball as she held her mother's old dress. It needed a few changes, but she could never find the time to do them. "Cinderella!" yelled her stepmother and sisters again and again, as they got ready for the ball. They would not leave Cinderella alone.

## The Mice Save the Day



As she left, Jaq, one of Cinderella's mouse friends, said, "Cinderella not go to the ball." The other mice looked at him.

"Work, work, work!" he explained. "She never get dress done."



The fit proved that Cinderella was the young woman who had won the Prince's heart. Jaq and Gus cheered for Cinderella as they watched her dreams come true.



"We've got to get that key," Jaq told Gus. They snuck the key out of the stepmother's pocket, then slowly took it up the staircase. Carefully they slipped the key under Cinderella's locked door. "Thank you!" she cried.



Cinderella heard a crash. She ran downstairs and found that the slipper she had left behind had been broken! Pulling the other slipper out of her pocket, she asked the Grand Duke, "May I try this one on?"



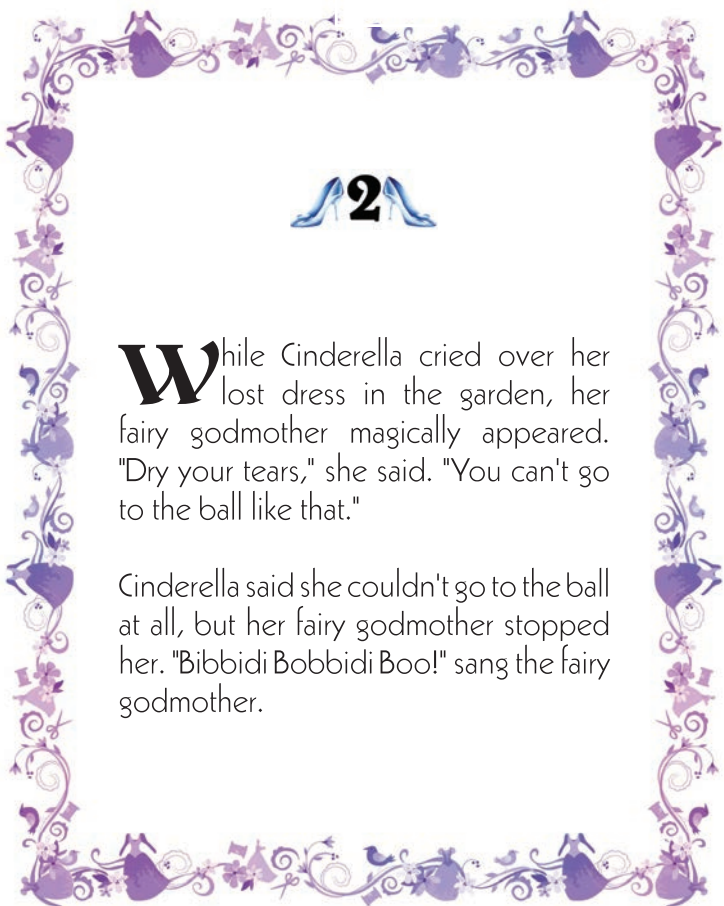




However, their hope faded along with Cinderella's as her stepmother and stepsisters took her beautiful dress and tore it to shreds.



Cinderella's mice friends decided to fix her dress. So, together with the birds, the mice lifted ribbons and scissors and sewing needles to make Cinderella's dream come true.



**W**hile Cinderella cried over her lost dress in the garden, her fairy godmother magically appeared. "Dry your tears," she said. "You can't go to the ball like that."

Cinderella said she couldn't go to the ball at all, but her fairy godmother stopped her. "Bibbidi Bobbidi Boo!" sang the fairy godmother.



The Grand Duke was trying the glass slipper on every maiden in the kingdom. He would be at the house soon.

The next day, while doing her chores, the girl hummed dreamily. Realizing that she was the Prince's mysterious love, her stepmother locked her in the attic. "Please let me out," cried Cinderella.



She ran down the staircase, leaving behind a single glass slipper

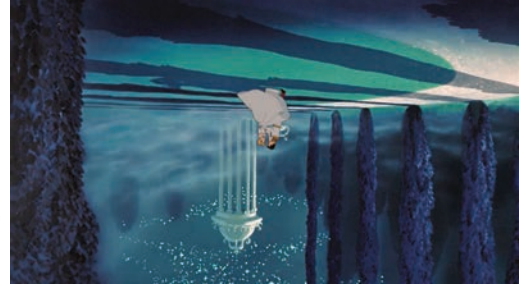




Waving her magic wand, a pumpkin turned into a coach and four mice, including Gus and Jaq, turned into horses.



The prince leaned to kiss her just as the clock struck twelve. Cinderella remembered her Fairy Godmother's spell would be broken at midnight.



As for Cinderella, her magical new gown shimmered like diamonds.

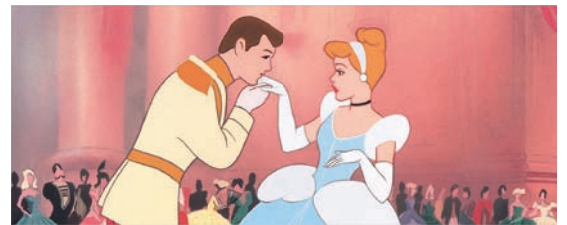


*"It's more than I ever hoped for!"*

She declared.



When she arrived at the palace, Cinderella felt like she was dreaming. She and the prince swirled around the dance floor.



"Who is she?" everyone asked. "She must be a princess." Never had Cinderella known such happiness! She and the prince danced together in the castle garden and fell in love.

