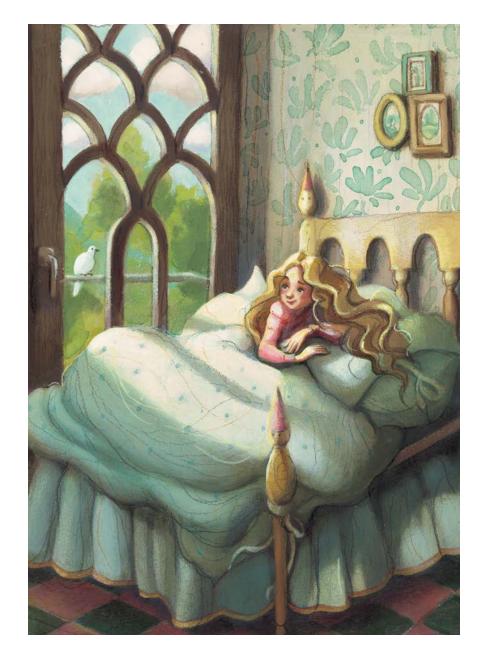


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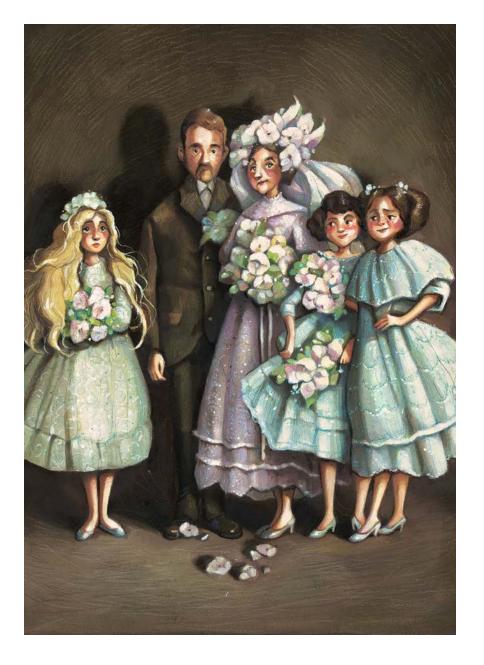
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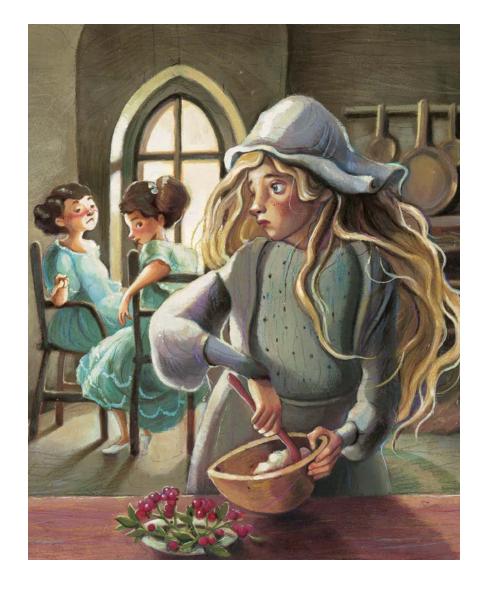
How does Cinderella find happiness?



Once upon a time, there was a pretty girl whose mother died.

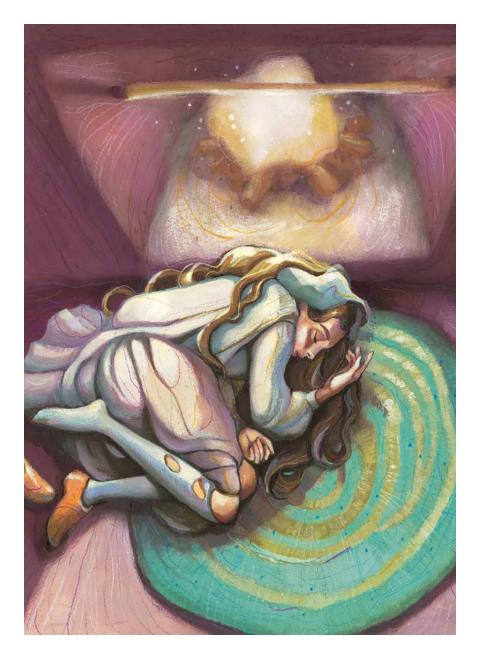


Soon after, her father **married** again.

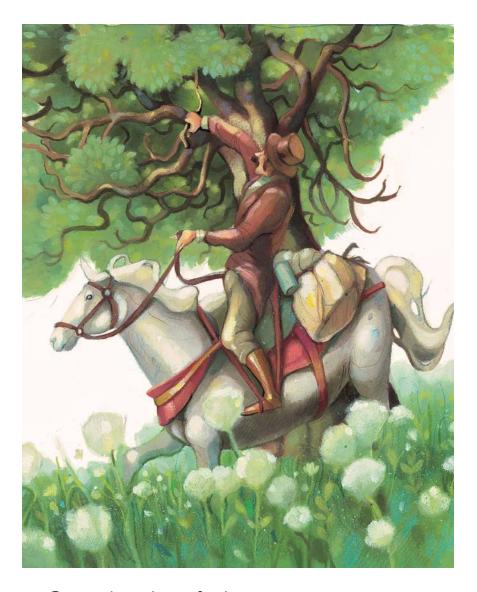


His new wife had two mean daughters.

They made the girl do all the work. Her father did not know.

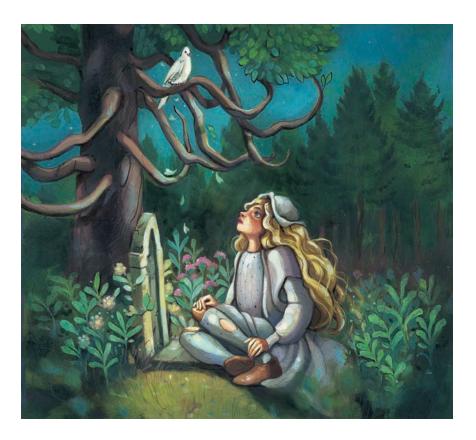


She was so dirty from working that they called her "Cinderella."



One day, her father gave a dress to one daughter and a ring to the other.

He gave a **twig** to Cinderella.



Cinderella planted the twig at her mother's **grave**.

It grew into a tree.

Every time Cinderella went to the tree, she would **wish** for music.

A white bird would appear and sing.



There was a big dance to find a wife for the prince. Cinderella was told she could not go.



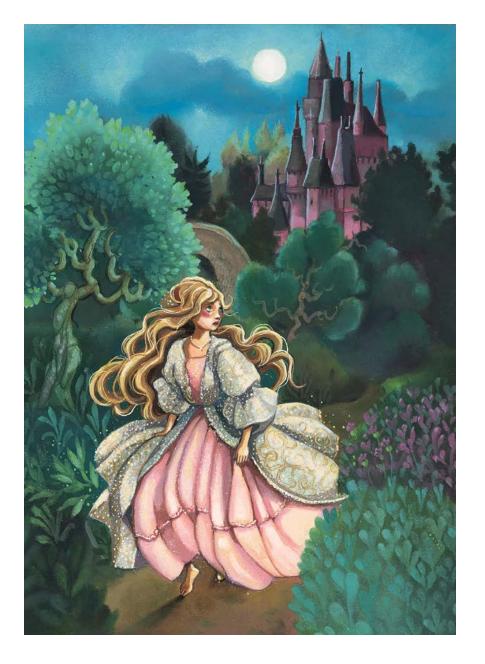
Cinderella ran to the tree and made a wish.

She asked for new clothes for the dance.

The white bird gave her a silver dress and gold shoes. It said they would change back to her old clothes by **midnight**.



At the dance, no one knew her. She was the only one the prince would dance with.



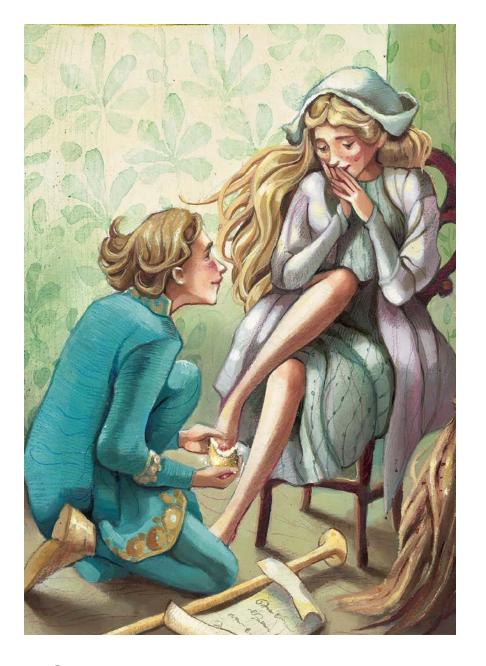
At midnight, Cinderella ran home. She left behind a gold shoe.



The next day, the prince took the shoe and made every girl try it on. It **fit** no one.

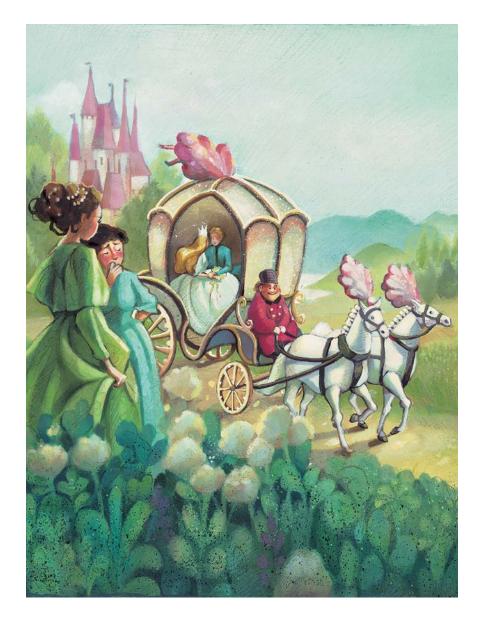
Then he went to the house where Cinderella lived.
The mean stepsisters tried it on,

but the shoe did not fit.



Cinderella tried.

It fit!



Cinderella and the prince married and lived happily ever after.

The mean stepsisters did not!

Glossary

fit (v.) to be, measure, or make the proper size and shape (p. 13)

grave (n.) a hole in the ground where a dead body is buried (p. 8)

married (v.) joined with a wife or husband in marriage (p. 4)

midnight (n.) twelve o'clock at night (p. 10)

twig (n.) a little piece of wood that grows from a branch (p. 7)

wish (v.) to hope that something will happen or be true (p. 8)

Words to Know

fit midnight

grave twig

married wish

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Connections

Writing

Use a Venn diagram to compare this version of the Cinderella story to another version.
Write sentences telling how they are alike and how they are different.

Science

Do you think a tree could grow from planting a twig?
Why or why not?
Share your ideas with a partner.



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