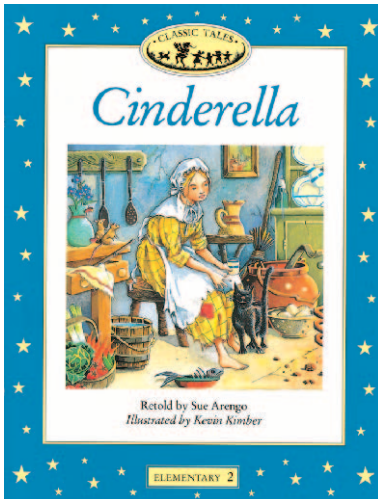


# Cinderella

*A Classic Tales Play developed by Donatella Fitzgerald  
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## The story of *Cinderella*

Once upon a time there was a good man, his good wife and their beautiful, kind daughter. But, one day, the man's wife died. After two years, the man married again. His new wife was a nasty woman with two ugly daughters, Prudence and Charlotte. People call them 'the ugly sisters'.

The ugly sisters took the girl's nice clothes and shoes. They gave her old clothes to wear. They told her to clean the house. She did everything. They did no work at all. The girl got dirty in the cinders from the kitchen fire and they called her 'Cinderella'.

One day, a letter arrived. It was from the palace. The King was having a party for the Prince. Cinderella made new dresses for her sisters. But she could not go. In the evening she was very sad and she sat down by the kitchen fire and cried.

A fairy came and helped Cinderella to go to the party. She told Cinderella to find a pumpkin, six white mice, and six lizards. Then she touched them with her magic wand. The pumpkin was a gold coach. The mice were six white horses. The lizards were six footmen. Then the fairy touched Cinderella's old dress and it was a beautiful, long dress with little pink flowers on it. Then the fairy gave Cinderella two little glass shoes for her feet. But the fairy said that Cinderella must leave the party before midnight. Because, at midnight, the magic would stop.

Cinderella had a wonderful time at the party. She danced with the Prince all evening. She remembered the fairy's words at a minute to midnight. She ran from the palace. One of her glass shoes fell off and the Prince found it. He asked his footmen to put up an important notice. He would marry the girl the shoe fitted. The Prince and his footmen went to every house in the country. At last they came to Cinderella's house. Prudence tried on the shoe, but her foot was too long and thin. Charlotte tried on the shoe, but her foot was much too big and fat.

'Are there any other girls in this house?' asked the Prince.

The ugly sisters said that there was only the kitchen girl. But Cinderella tried on the shoe and it fitted her perfectly. She took the other shoe out of her pocket and the Prince knew that she was the beautiful princess from the party.

The Prince and Cinderella were married. The ugly sisters married two of the Prince's friends. In time, Cinderella and the Prince had two children. And they all lived happily ever after.

## Characters in the play

|            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| Father     | Two Footmen    |
| Cinderella | Chorus         |
| Prudence   | Six White Mice |
| Charlotte  | Six Lizards    |
| Mother     | King           |
| Fairy      | Clock          |
| Prince     | People         |



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## SCENE 1

### MEET YOUR NEW SISTERS

**Father** You are a good girl. Be kind to your new mother and your new sisters.

**Cinderella** Yes, Father.

**Father** This is your new mother.

**Cinderella** Hello.

**Mother** Hello.

**Father** Kiss your new sisters.

**Cinderella** Yes, Father. *(She kisses them.)*

## SCENE 2

### AN OLD DRESS FOR CINDERELLA

**Prudence** I hate our new sister because she is good.

**Charlotte** I hate her because she is beautiful.

**Prudence** Come here, girl.

**Cinderella** Yes, Prudence.

**Prudence** You must do all the work.

**Charlotte** You can wear this old dress.

**Cinderella** Oh, no!

**Prudence** Start working! The house is dirty.

**Chorus** The ugly sisters laugh at her.

**Cinderella** I'm so sad. *(She cries.)*

## SCENE 3

### A LETTER FROM THE KING

**Prudence** Here's a letter from the King.

**Mother** What does it say?

**Prudence** He's having a party for the Prince.

**Mother** Where?

**Prudence** At the palace.

**Cinderella** When?

**Prudence** On Saturday.

**Charlotte** A party! A party!

**Cinderella** Can I come?

**Prudence and Charlotte** No, you can't.

**Mother** Cinderella, you can make our dresses.

**Cinderella** Yes, Mother, I'll make the dresses.

## SCENE 4

### WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

**Chorus** It is Saturday evening and the sisters are going to the party.

**Prudence and Charlotte** Goodbye, Cinderella. *(They laugh.)* Ha! Ha! Ha!

**Cinderella** Have a wonderful time!

**Mother** Goodbye, Cinderella.

**Cinderella** I'm so sad. *(She cries.)*

**Fairy** Why are you crying?

**Cinderella** I can't go to the party.

**Fairy** Yes, you can.

**Cinderella** How?

**Fairy** I'll help you.

**Cinderella** How?

**Fairy** With my magic wand.

**Cinderella** I'm so happy. I can go! I can go!



## SCENE 5

### YOU CAN GO TO THE PARTY!

**Fairy** Bring me a pumpkin.

**Cinderella** A pumpkin? That's strange.

**Fairy** Good. Now get the mouse trap.

**Cinderella** The mouse trap?

**Fairy** Good. Look! There are six white mice in the trap.

**White Mice** Hello, Cinderella. We are six mice!

**Mouse 1** One.

**Mouse 2** Two.

**Mouse 3** Three.

**Mouse 4** Four.

**Mouse 5** Five.

**Mouse 6** Six.

**Fairy** Now, I need six lizards.

**Cinderella** Six lizards?

**Lizards** Hello, Cinderella. We are six lizards.

**Lizard 1** One.

**Lizard 2** Two.

**Lizard 3** Three.

**Lizard 4** Four.

**Lizard 5** Five.

**Lizard 6** Six.

**Fairy** Cinderella, you will go to the ball.

**Mice and Lizards** Cinderella, we will take you to the ball.

**Fairy** Watch! The pumpkin is a coach!

**Cinderella** Look, a gold coach!

**Fairy** The mice are horses!

**Cinderella** Look, six white horses!

**Fairy** The lizards are footmen!

**Cinderella** But I can't go like this.

**Fairy** No, not in your old dress!

## SCENE 6

### AT TWELVE O'CLOCK THE MAGIC STOPS

**Cinderella** A beautiful dress and glass shoes!  
**Fairy** Are you happy?  
**Cinderella** Oh yes, thank you. Can I go now?  
**Fairy** Listen, this is important. You must leave the party before the clock strikes twelve.  
**Cinderella** Oh! Why?  
**Fairy** Because at twelve o'clock the magic will stop. Do you understand?  
**Clock** You will only have a pumpkin, lizards, mice and an old dress. Ding, dong!  
**Cinderella** Yes, I understand. I won't forget.  
**Fairy** Goodbye, Cinderella.  
**Cinderella** Goodbye, and thank you for everything!

## SCENE 7

### WHO IS SHE?

**Chorus** The coach arrived at the palace and Cinderella went to the party.  
**Footman 1** Look at that coach!  
**Footman 2** Who is she?  
**People** Who is she? Who is she?  
**Charlotte** Look at her! Is she a princess?  
**Prudence** Yes, a very important princess.  
**Prince** Who is she? Do you know her?  
**King** No, I have never seen her before.  
**Prince** Will you dance with me?  
**Cinderella** Yes, I will.  
**Prince** I think you are the most beautiful girl in the world!

## SCENE 8

### IT'S MIDNIGHT!

**Clock** Tick-tock, tick-tock, tick-tock . . .  
**Cinderella** Oh, what's the time?  
**Prince** It's one minute to twelve.  
**Cinderella** It's nearly midnight! I must go!  
**Prince** Wait! I don't even know your name!  
**Chorus** Run, Cinderella, run!  
**Clock** Ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding, ding!  
**Chorus** At midnight the magic stopped. Cinderella left one of her shoes.



## SCENE 9

### WHERE IS THE PRINCESS?

**Prince** Did you see a beautiful princess?  
**Footmen** We only saw a girl.  
**Prince** Look, there's her shoe! I will find her and this shoe will help me.  
**Footmen** Yes, Prince.  
**Prince** When I find her, I'll marry her.  
**Footmen** Yes, Prince.

## SCENE 10

### AN IMPORTANT NOTICE

**Chorus** The next day the footmen put up an important notice.  
**People** What's that?  
**Footmen** It's an important notice.  
**People** What does it say?  
**Footmen** Every girl in the country must try on the little glass shoe. The prince will marry the girl who can wear it.

## SCENE 11

### CINDERELLA, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

**Prince** This is the Prince! Open the door!  
**Mother** Come in.  
**Father** Girls, try on the shoe!  
**Prudence** Oh, it's too short and wide.  
**Charlotte** Oh, it's too small and narrow.  
**Prince** Are there any other girls in the house?  
**Mother** No!  
**Father** Yes! There's Cinderella.  
**Prudence and Charlotte** She didn't go to the party. She's only the kitchen girl.  
**Father** Cinderella, try on the shoe!  
**Mother** It fits!  
**Prudence and Charlotte** Oh, no it doesn't.  
**Father** Oh, yes it does.  
**Cinderella** Here is the other shoe.  
*Cinderella takes out the other shoe from her pocket.*  
**Prince** It's you! You are my princess!  
**Fairy** Look, you are a princess.  
**Everybody** Look at her beautiful dress!  
**Prudence** I'm sorry, Cinderella.  
**Charlotte** We were unkind to you.  
**Cinderella** Don't worry. It doesn't matter.  
**Prince** Cinderella, will you marry me?  
**Cinderella** Yes, I will, because I love you too.  
**Prince** Let's go to the palace.  
**Cinderella** Can my sisters come to the palace too?  
**Prince** Yes, of course they can.  
**Everybody** Hooray! Hooray!  
**Chorus** And they all lived happily ever after.