



Cinderella

What a beautiful glass slipper!

It's the famous slipper of Cinderella, who lost it that night when the clock struck twelve.
Dong!Dong! Dong!

Cinderella lived with her haughty stepmother and stepsisters who made her life miserable.

They treated poor Cinderella like a maid. And she was always dirty because her stepmother made her do all the hard chores like scrubbing the floor on her knees. While she did the backbreaking work, her stepsisters spent the whole day trying on clothes.

Both her stepmother and her stepsisters made fun of her all the time. And when they wanted to make her very angry, they called her Cinderella because since she liked sitting so close to the fire she was always covered in cinders.

One day, the king's son, a very tall, handsome young man, decided to hold a ball to find a wife. He invited all the young maidens in the kingdom. When Cinderella's stepsisters got the invitation, they got very nervous.

"Cinderella," they shouted as they were deciding what gown to wear, "you'd better have this house sparkling clean by the time we come home."

Cinderella was very sad because she too would have liked to go to the ball. She watched her stepsisters leave for the ball and when she was home all by herself, she burst into tears.

When her eyes were red and swollen from crying, she heard a very sweet voice say to her, "You'd like to go to the ball, too, wouldn't you, Cinderella?" Cinderella looked up in a terrible fright and saw an old woman leaning on a cane standing next to the fireplace. "Who are you?" she asked in bewilderment. "I'm your fairy godmother. And this cane is my magic wand," answered the old woman. "If you really want to go to the ball, stop crying and bring me a pumpkin and a rat."

Cinderella picked a pumpkin from the garden and found a small rat.

With a touch of her magic wand, the fairy godmother turned the pumpkin into a luxurious coach. She then turned the rat into an elegant coachman with cap and all.

"And now, all you need is something to wear," said the fairy godmother.

And with a wave of her wand, she turned Cinderella's dirty old rags into a magnificent gown. She looked stunning!

Finally, the fairy godmother gave her a pair of glass slippers. They were the most beautiful shoes Cinderella had ever seen. They were the prettiest slippers in the world!

When Cinderella was ready to leave, her fairy godmother gave her one warning:

"Listen carefully, Cinderella. You must be home before midnight because when the clock strikes twelve, the spell will be broken and your coach will turn back into a pumpkin and your coachman will turn back into a rat. Don't forget, before midnight!"

And Cinderella drove off to the ball.

When Cinderella walked into the ballroom, there was a great silence. Everyone was struck by her singular beauty. The prince fell in love with her at first sight. They danced for a while and then stepped out into the garden where they could be alone. She was so happy that she forgot to count the strikes of the clock bell as they started to ring out.

Dong! Dong! Dong! Cinderella realized the clock was about to strike midnight. So without saying goodbye to the prince, she ran off as fast as she could and she lost one of her slippers.

This one right here. The prettiest slipper in the world!

The prince picked it up and left the ball. He was so distraught that he locked himself in his room pining from love.

When Cinderella got home she had no coach, no coachman and was wearing her old rags. All that was left was the other slipper, the one she hadn't lost.

The days passed and the prince grew sadder and sadder. He couldn't stop looking at the slipper and thinking of the girl who had stolen his heart.

"I can't bear it," he burst out, "I must find out who she is."

And the prince announced that he would marry the girl whose foot fit the slipper.

All the maidens in the kingdom tried the slipper on. But it fit no one. They went house by house until they finally came to Cinderella's house. The two stepsisters did everything they could to show that the shoe fit. But it was much too small on one and much too big on the other.

"Maybe it's mine," said Cinderella.

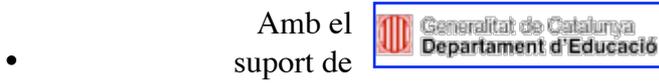
The stepsisters burst out laughing. But the man who brought it had orders to try it on all the maidens in the kingdom, without exception. So he asked Cinderella to sit down and was astonished when her foot slipped into the shoe without the slightest effort in a perfect fit. And he was even more surprised when Cinderella took out the other slipper.

Soon after, Cinderella and the prince were married. Since she had such a good heart, she invited her stepmother and stepsisters to live with her in the palace. It never even crossed her mind to take revenge on them for having made her work so mercilessly all those years.

And this is the slipper. Look at it carefully because thanks to this slipper one day I too may find

my Cinderella.

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