

Cinderella



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Once upon a time, there was a young lady by the name of Cinderella. She was a gentle, kind soul.

Unfortunately, she was unhappy a lot of the time. She had two stepsisters called Patience and Grace who were very cruel to her. Cinderella's Dad had married their Mum but both parents had been eaten by a giant tortoise, which meant that nobody was around anymore to keep an eye on the ugly sisters and stop them being horrible to Cinderella. Cinderella tried to be cheerful and often spent time daydreaming and wondering how her life might be.

One day, Prince Charming strode into town and announced that, although he was rich and powerful, he was feeling lonely, so would be hosting a Grand Ball, which everyone in the land was invited to.

Patience & Grace were horribly excited but immediately shattered Cinderella's dreams by telling her that she was forbidden from going to the ball and had to stay home counting the grains of rice in the rice jar. They flounced off to get ready and left Cinderella counting and weeping.

Suddenly, a kind and silly old fairy appeared. She told Cinderella that she was her Fairy Godmother and that she could help Cinderella make it to the Prince's Ball. She rummaged in her bag and, after first pulling out some sausages and a very long scarf that she'd been knitting, she produced a beautiful, blue magic wand and immediately turned Cinderella's old tatty clothes into a sparkly party outfit. What else might Cinderella wish for.....?

She immediately wished for some transport to get her to the ball, so the Fairy Godmother set to work. She turned some of their pet mice into horses. She got a pumpkin from the kitchen and turned it into a beautiful golden carriage. She turned their pet dog into a carriage driver called Fred and, as a finishing touch, she gave Cinderella a very glamorous pair of gold high-heeled shoes. She headed off to the ball in fine style, reminding herself on the way that she HAD to be home by midnight or she'd be sent to bed sulking, looking at old picture books and wearing a dress of rags again.

When she arrived, everyone was dancing to 'Sweet Caroline'. The ugly sisters were flaunting themselves shamelessly at the Prince, which he didn't like at all. He tricked them into standing near an open window and then shoved them straight out! He needed to calm himself down so had a large whiskey. Cinderella went to check he was ok and he asked her to dance. They danced beautifully together and were having the most wonderful time when suddenly, they heard twelve chimes of the palace clock. Dong! Dong! Dong!

This could only mean one thing. Cinderella had to get home and fast. She dashed away from the prince, who immediately ran after her. Down a flight of stairs he came across a gold high-heeled shoe which had fallen off Cinderella's foot. He called after her but she was gone. He leapt on his horse Jason and headed through the woods but, within a few minutes, he was completely lost. His satnav was no good because the signal was so bad in the woods. Even worse was the sudden appearance of wolves and hungry wolves at that. They chased him and circled him until he remembered the chicken he had stuffed up his shirt for emergencies. This certainly seemed like an emergency so he threw the chicken at the wolves, which brilliantly diverted their attention from chasing him.

His satnav gained a slightly better signal and he started a door-to-door search to see if he could find the wearer of the gold high-heeled shoe. The shoe fitted no-one but, when the Prince described Cinders, someone told him where she lived. He headed there as fast as Jason could carry him! When he got there, he found the ugly sisters desperate to try on the shoe and claiming they had no idea where Cinders was. Naturally the shoe didn't fit either of them but, as they were trying it on, Cinders' pet dog Fred was scratching at the cellar door. The Prince insisted on having the key to open the door and when he did, he found a very cold and frightened Cinderella huddled on the cold, stone floor. He swept her up into his arms and asked her to marry him! She couldn't believe he had asked her and she said yes without hesitation.

Suddenly a whole bunch of their friends, who had followed the Prince to try and help him find Cinderella, appeared at the house and they all danced to 'Love me do'. They looked forward to planning their wedding and they all lived Happily Ever After.....