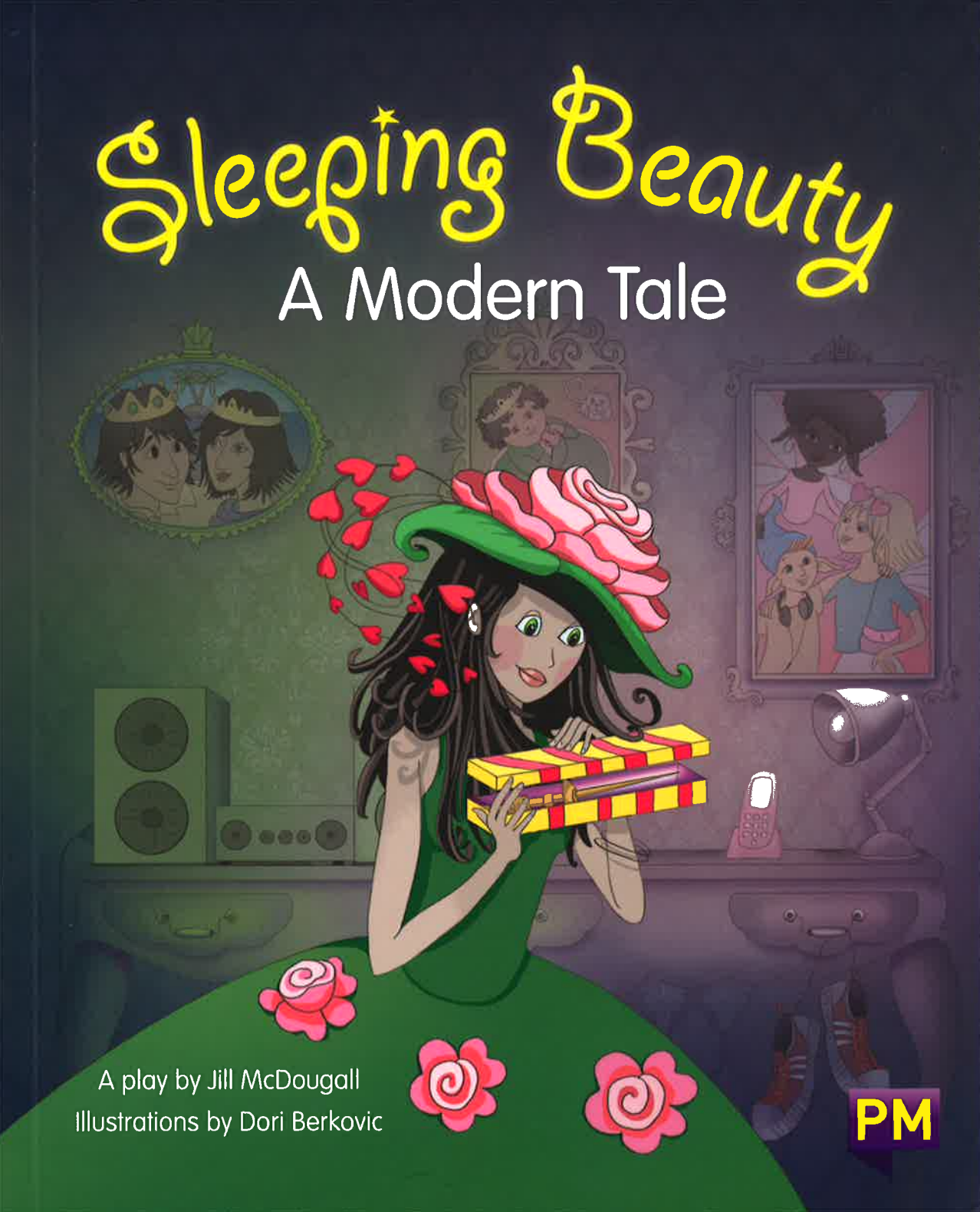
Sleeping Beauty

A Modern Tale



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Sleeping Beauty: A Modern Tale

Level 24
Text Type Play (Imaginative)
Curriculum Area Literacy

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the play in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 How did the people of the kingdom learn about the birth of the princess?
2 Why were the king and queen holding a great feast?
3 Who was the uninvited guest?

Inferential

4 Why was the elf called 'Flit'?
5 What was the royal cold room?
6 Why did the king suggest a wish about really big hats?
7 Why did the wicked fairy call the baby 'Princess La-la'?
8 Why did the wicked fairy stomp out of the castle?
9 Why did the wicked fairy say that her name was 'Mary McFairy'?

Applied Knowledge

10 What is the role of the narrator in a play?
11 What is a traditional tale?
12 Why has the traditional tale of 'Sleeping Beauty' been retold as a 'modern tale'?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 24	Card	Information Report	*All About Sleep*
Level 24	Book	Recount	*The Mysterious Time Capsule*
Level 24	Book	Poetry	*Windy Nights and Other Poems*
Level 24	Card	Narrative	*A Scary Knight*

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People in the Play


Narrator


Princess Carla


Queen


King


Wanda (fairy)


Airy (fairy)


Flit (elf)


Scary Fairy


Prince Percival


Palace Guard 1


Palace Guard 2


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Narrator *(to the audience)*

Welcome to the Kingdom of Upper Twaddle! I wonder if you have heard the latest news? It is all over the internet! The king and queen have had a baby girl called Princess Carla.

King

I wanted to call her Petunia.

Narrator

Excuse me, King, you are not meant to speak yet.

King

Sorry!



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Narrator

The king and queen are holding a great feast for the baby's naming ceremony, and some of the guests have just arrived by helicopter. Are you ready, guards?

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Palace Guard 1 *(pointing)*

Yes! Here they come now. It's the elf and two fairies from the Wishes Galore shop!

Palace Guard 2

Doesn't anyone fly the old-fashioned way any more?

Palace Guard 1

Shh. Watch carefully as they pass. We don't want any uninvited guests sneaking into the palace.

Palace Guard 2

You mean that wicked fairy – what's her name again?

Palace Guard 1

They call her Scary Fairy. She's bound to cause trouble if she gets anywhere near Princess Carla.



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Airy *(in an excited voice)*

Ooh! This is *so* exciting. We are all going to make a wish for the little princess.

Wanda

Be careful with your wand, please, Airy. I nearly lost an eyelash. What are you doing with your mobile phone, Flit?

Flit *(taking a photo of himself)*

I'm taking an elfie to put on Spacebook!





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Queen

Welcome, Airy, Wanda and Flit! Thank you for coming to the naming ceremony. I know you will make some splendid wishes for our dear princess.

King

Since you are the oldest, Wanda, would you like to make the first wish?

Wanda *(waving her wand)*

Oh, goody! I wish for world peace and an end to all wars.

Airy *(stamping her foot)*

I was going to say that!

Queen

That is a lovely wish, my dear fairies. However, I wonder if you could think up something special just for our dear Princess Carla?

Wanda

Of course, Your Royal Greatness. Now, let me think. What do children like best of all? Oh, I know.

(She waves her wand.)

My wish is that Princess Carla has tubs and tubs of ice cream every day and chocolate sauce on Thursdays.