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There once was a family who lived in an old house with a big garden.

The father played guitar. The mother painted pictures. They had a daughter, Carly. They thought she was the prettiest girl in the world.



The family was very happy. But one day, the mother became sick and died. Carly and her father were very sad. Years passed.



Another winter passed and spring came again. Carly's father went away to play at a music festival. When he came home, Carly found he was not alone.

"Meet my darling new wife – the best wife in the whole world!" he said to Carly. "And here are her two beautiful girls – your new sisters!"

"What a shame you're so plain!" the new wife said to Carly, when Carly's father left the room.



“That dress is too pretty for you,” Carly’s stepmother said. “I’m sure it would look better on Toni. And Terri can wear your necklace while you clean this place up. I’ve never seen such a dump!”

Carly thought the two sisters were as mean as their mother. Soon, they helped themselves to all Carly’s clothes. They even moved into her bedroom. Carly had to sleep in the kitchen!

