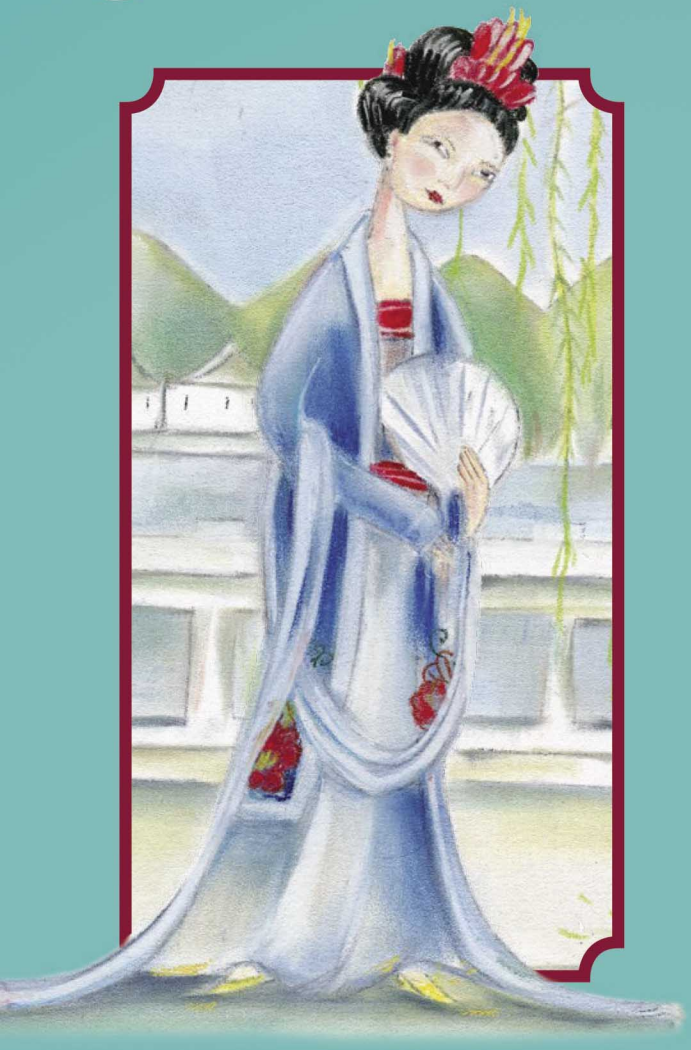
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Once upon a time, a girl named Maria was spinning yarn. Suddenly, an old man with a silver beard peered through the window.

"If you drop your spindle, your mother will become a cow," he warned.

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Startled, Maria dropped her spindle.

Alas! Her mother turned into a cow. It followed Maria everywhere.



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Maria's father soon married again. But Maria's stepmother had a daughter of her own. She did not want Maria to be her daughter, too. So she treated Maria like a servant.

One day, Maria's stepmother thrust a bag at her. "Spin these fibres into a ball. Don't come home until you're done," she demanded.



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The cow helped Maria. It chewed the fibres and softened them into yarn as Maria spun it into a ball.

Sadly, her stepmother learnt the cow had helped Maria. She sent the cow far away.



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Time passed. Maria worked so hard her clothes became torn. She looked different. Maria was always covered with ashes, or 'pepel', from the kitchen fire. Her stepmother laughed and called her Pepelezka.



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One day, Pepelezka's stepmother scattered grains across the kitchen floor.

"Collect them and prepare dinner before we return from the carnival," she ordered.



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