Cinderella



Tale & Play

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Once upon a time, there was a rich man who had a beautiful daughter called Ella. His wife had died a long time ago, and he had married again.

His second wife was unkind to Ella. She made her work hard all day long, and Ella's clothes became ragged and torn. When evening came, Ella was always very tired. She would sit down by the fire in the ashes and cinders to rest and keep warm.



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The wife had brought
her two ugly daughters with her.
They were both as unkind as their mother.
"Look at you, down there
in the dirty ashes," they would say.
"We are going to call you Cinder-Ella,
because you are always sitting
in the cinders."

Cinderella felt very sad and lonely.



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Then one day, a special invitation arrived, saying that the King was going to hold a Grand Ball at the palace.

Cinderella's stepmother and the two ugly sisters were very excited. "You can make new dresses for all of us," one of them said to Cinderella. "We must have the most beautiful clothes to wear to the ball."

"The King's son will be there," said the other sister, "and I have heard that he is looking for a wife. He might choose me!"



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A play

Cinderella

People in the play



Reader



First Ugly Sister



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Second Ugly Sister



Stepmother



Prince



Fairy Godmother



First Servant



Second Servant

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Reader

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who had a beautiful daughter called Ella.
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and he had married again.
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and Ella's clothes became ragged and torn.
The stepmother had brought her two ugly
daughters with her.
They were both as unkind as their mother.

Stepmother

Go and make the beds, Ella.
Then do the washing and scrub the floors.

Reader

When evening came, Ella was always tired.
She would sit down by the fire
in the ashes and cinders
to rest and keep warm.

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First Ugly Sister

Look at you, down there in the dirty ashes.

Second Ugly Sister

We are going to call you Cinder-Ella,
because you are always sitting
in the cinders.

Cinderella

Oh, why are they unkind to me?
I am so sad and lonely.

Reader

Then one day, a special invitation arrived
for Cinderella's stepmother
and the two ugly sisters.
They were very excited.

Stepmother

Look! The King is going to hold
a Grand Ball at the palace!

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