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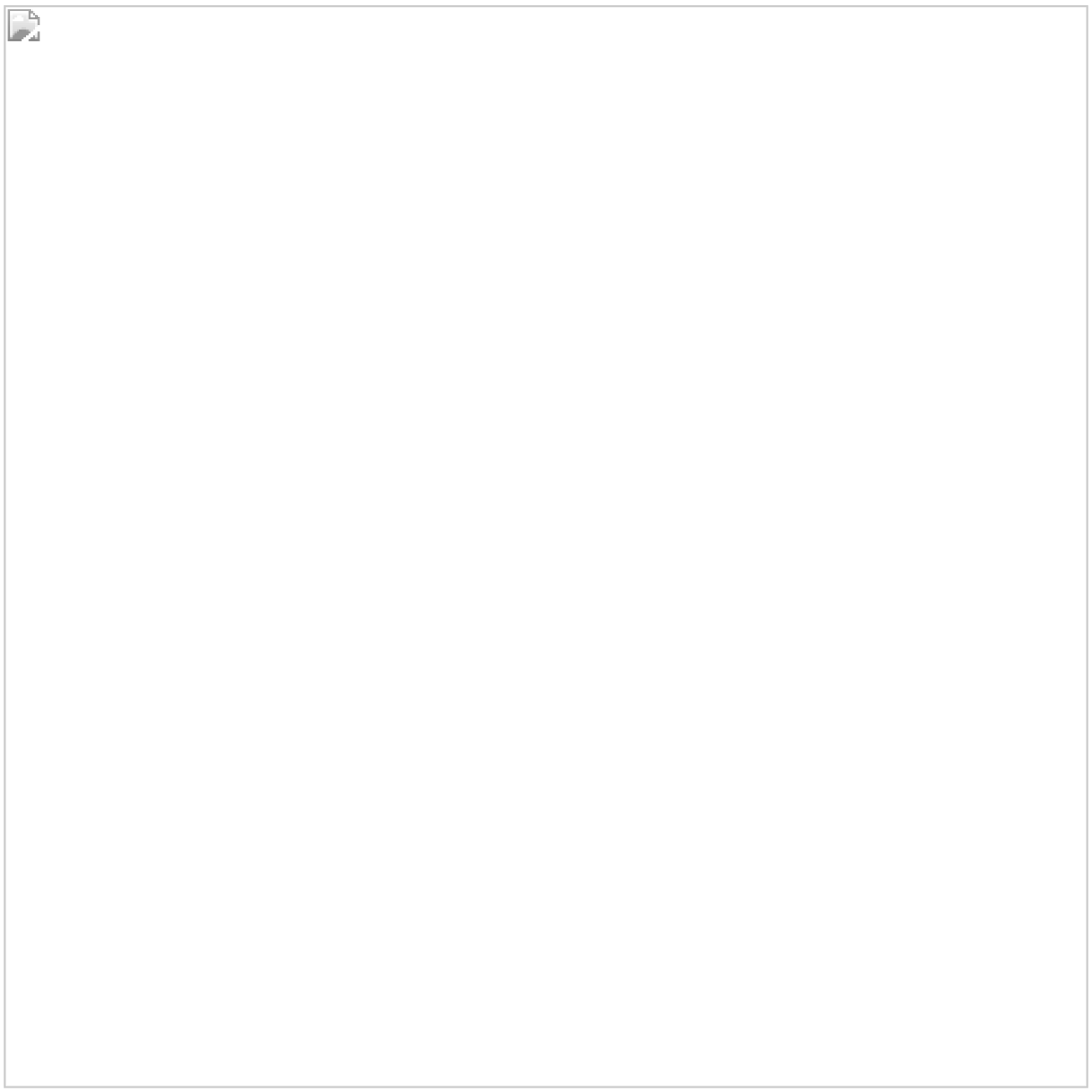
Cinderella

Or, The Little Glass Slipper



Once there was a gentleman who married a second wife, the proudest woman that was ever seen. She had two daughters of her own, and they were just like her.

The gentleman also had a young daughter. She was as good and sweet-tempered as her own mother, who had been the best creature in the world.

TALK ABOUT IT

Two families came together in one house. What do you think it was like for the young daughter?

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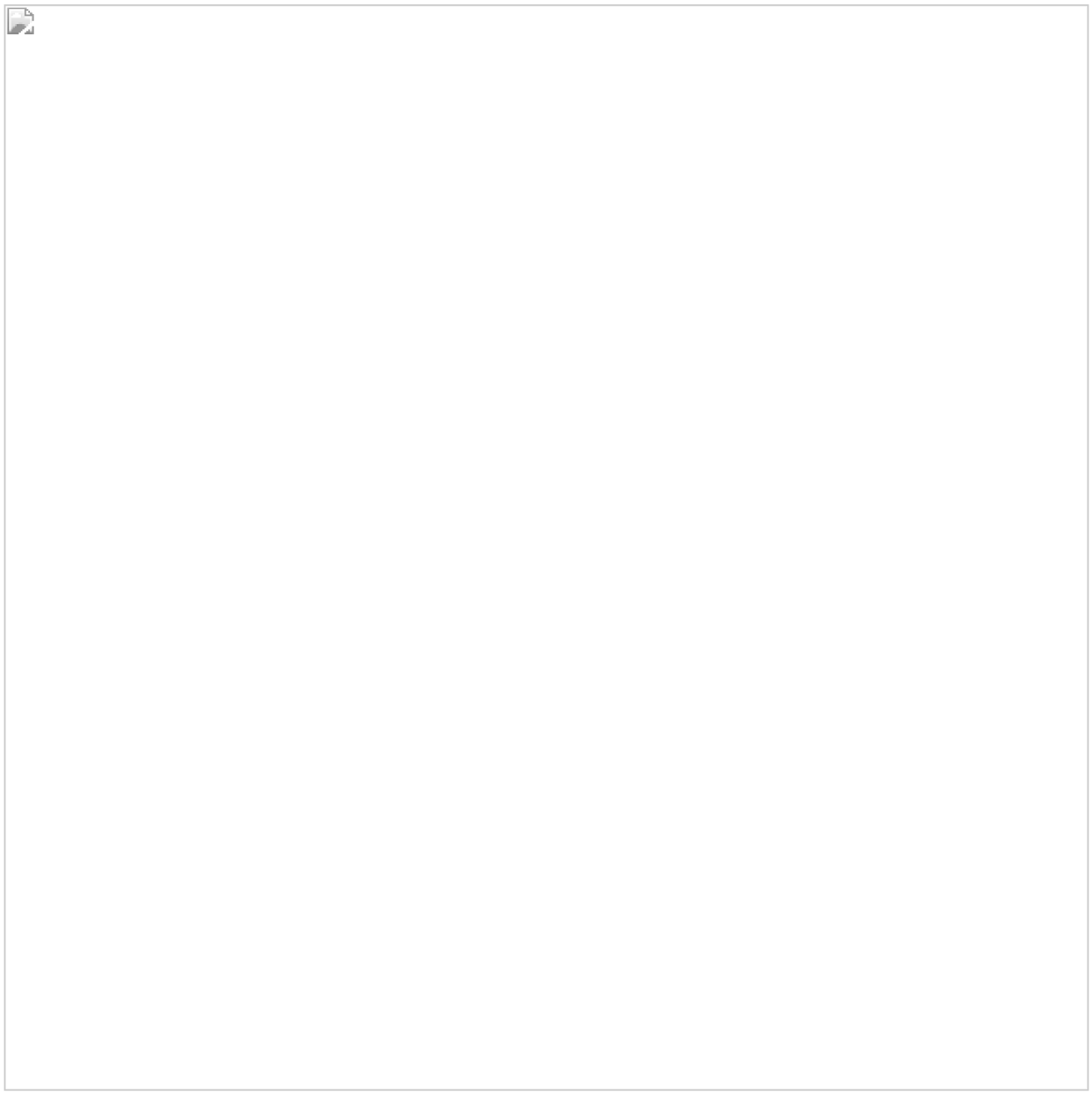
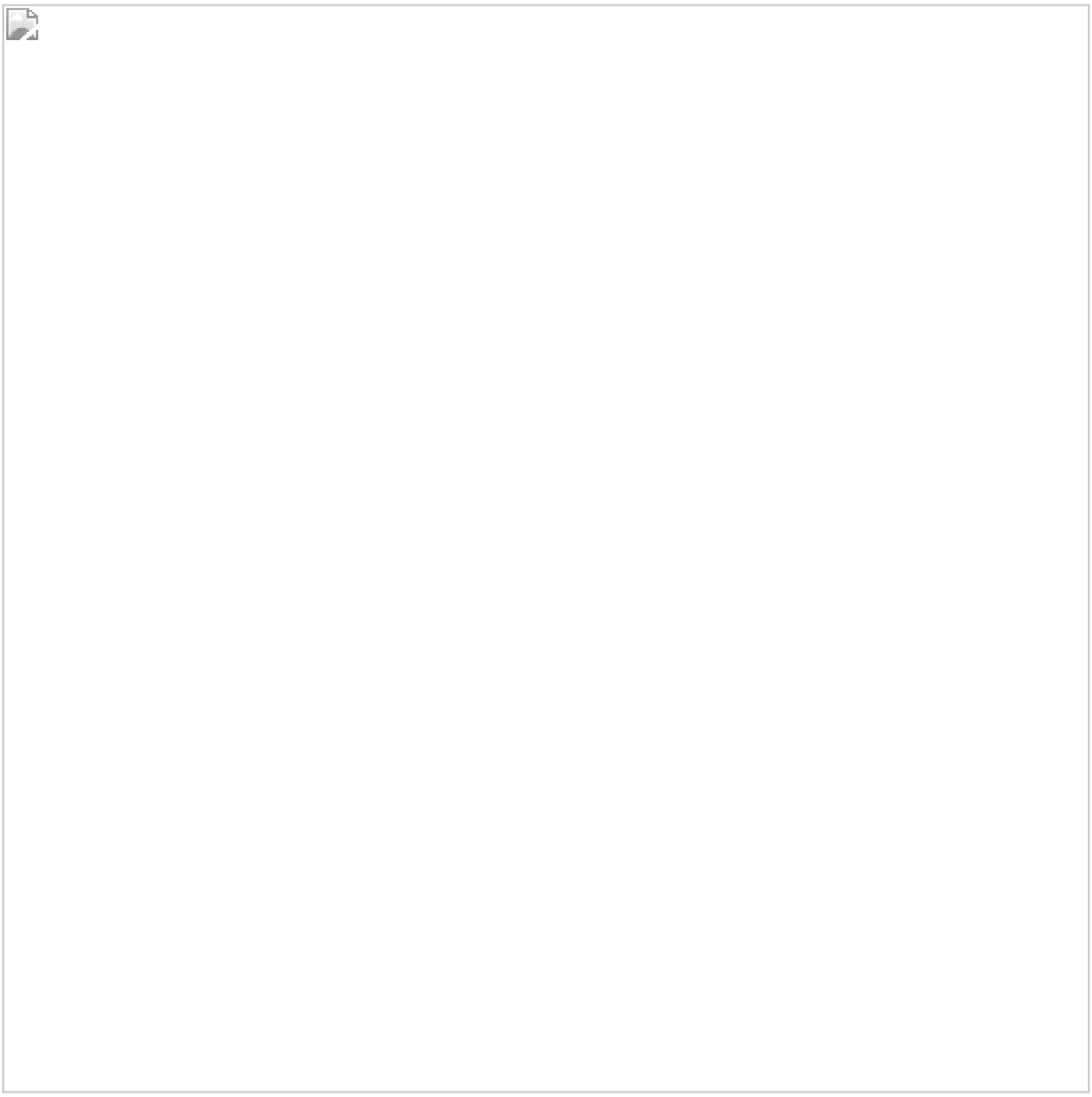
Cinderella · another picture



Among the Cinders



The new mother could not bear the girl's good qualities. She gave her the meanest work of the house to do. She scrubbed the dishes and the tables and the bedrooms.

She slept in a sorry garret on a straw bed, while her sisters had fine rooms with floors all inlaid, and looking-glasses so large that they could see themselves from head to foot.

When her work was done, she sat in the chimney-corner among the cinders and ashes. So people called her Cinderwench. But the younger sister, who was not quite so rude, called her Cinderella.

TALK ABOUT IT

Cinderella bore it all patiently. Have you ever kept going with something hard? What helped?

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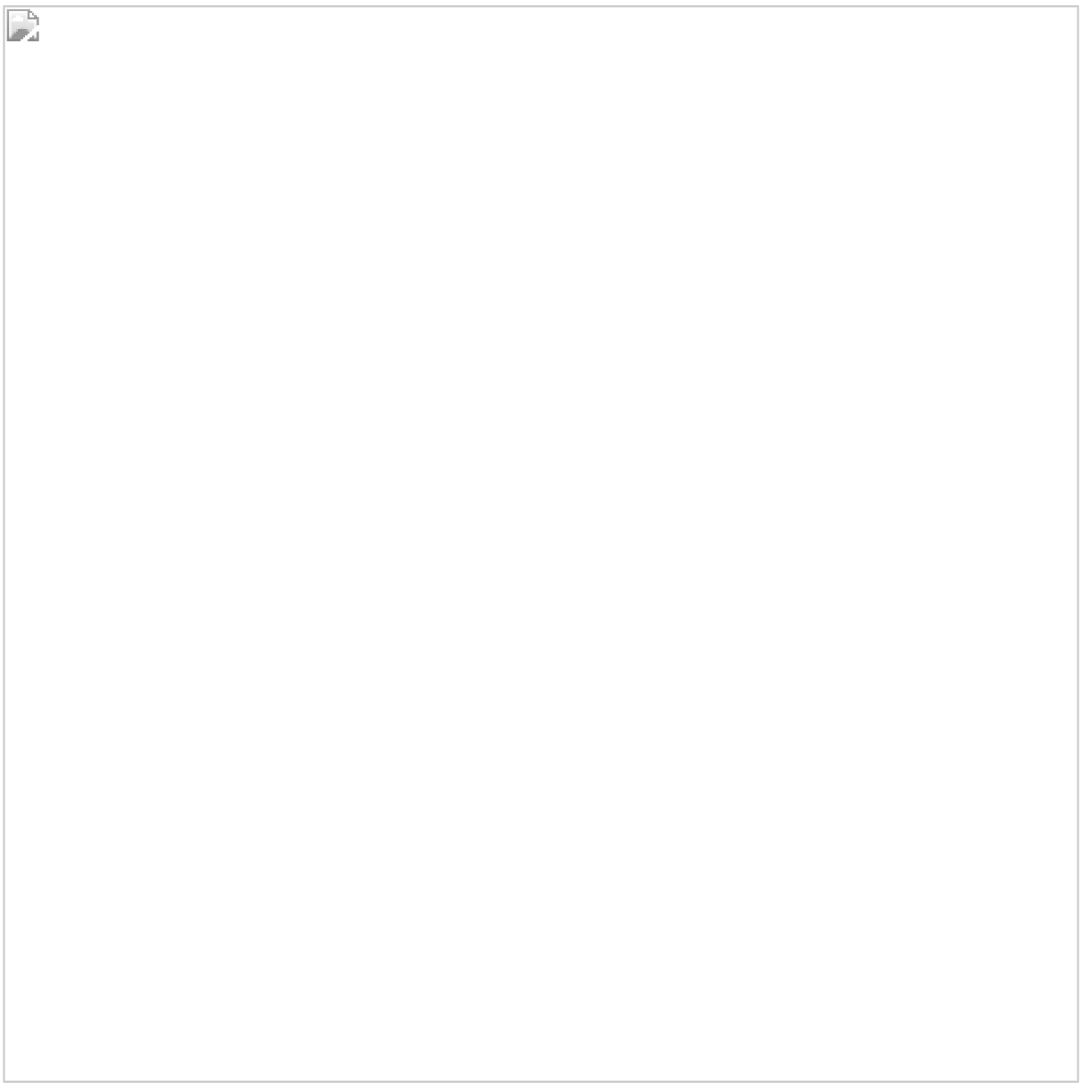
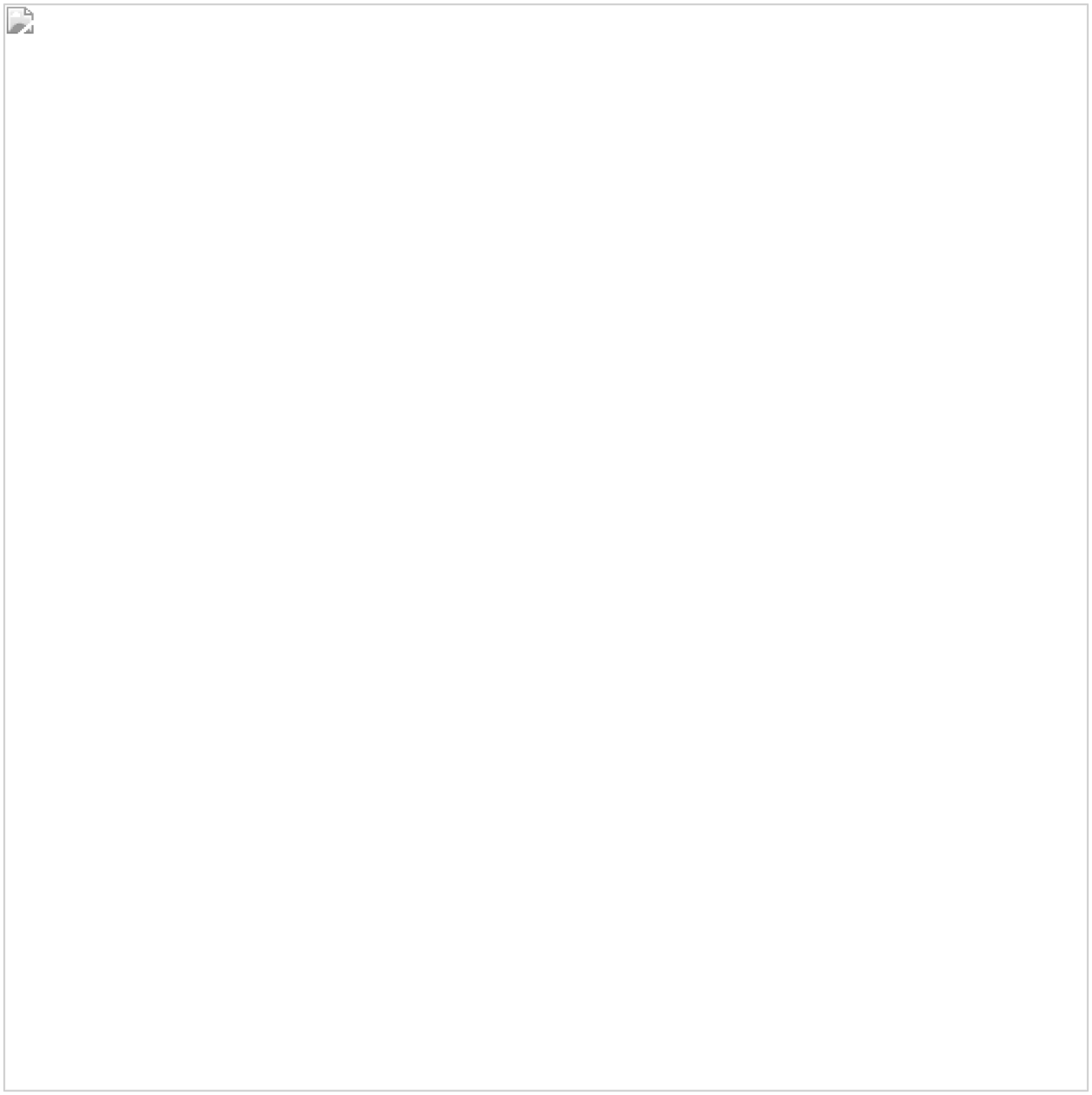


Think about it

1. Where did Cinderella sit when her work was done?

- ○ In the chimney-corner among the cinders
- ○ In a fine room with a looking-glass
- ○ In the garden under a tree

The Prince's Ball

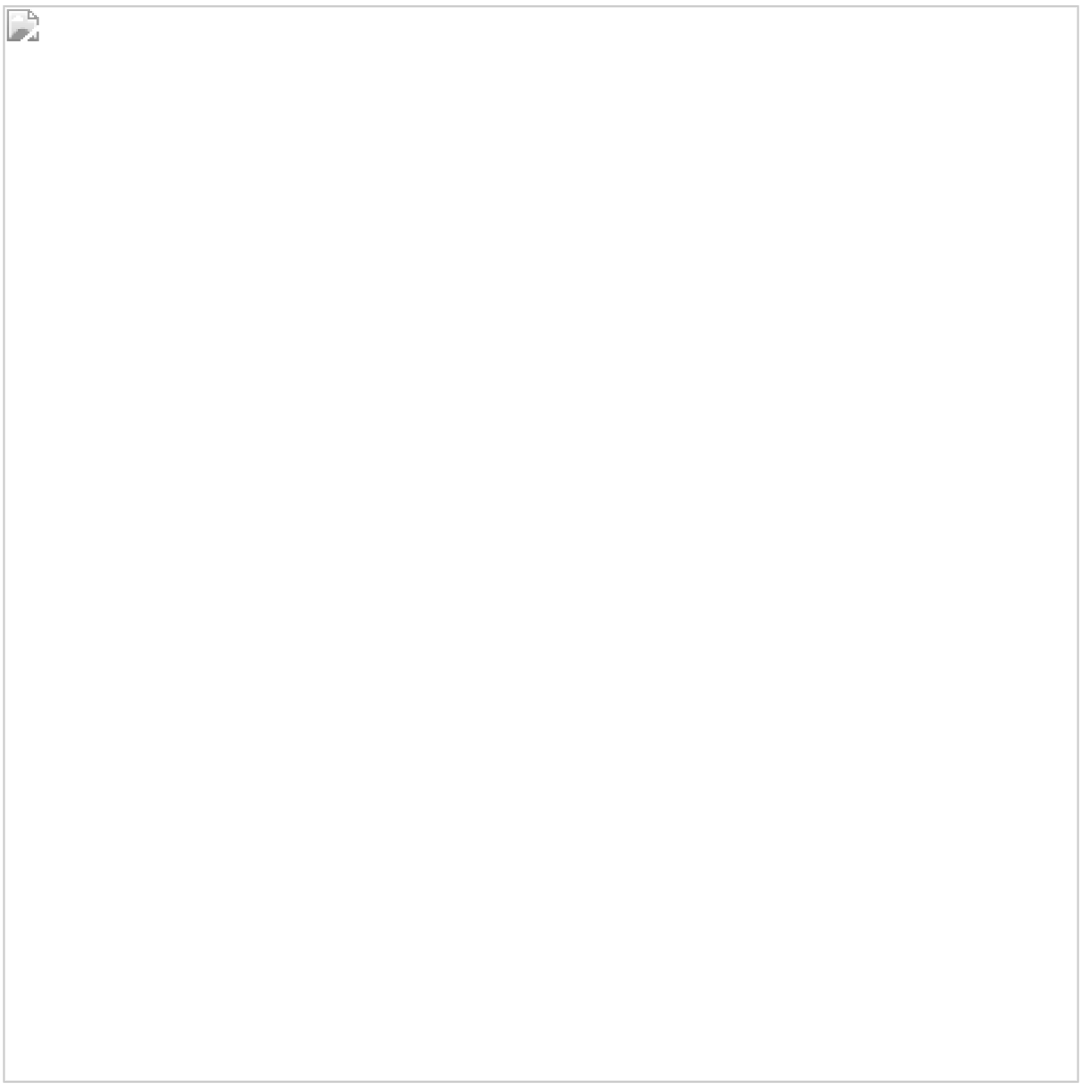


One day the King's son gave a ball, and he invited all the people of fashion. The two sisters were invited too, and they talked all day long about what to wear.

It was Cinderella who ironed their linen and plaited their ruffles. She had excellent notions, and she always advised them for the best. She even offered to dress their hair, and they were willing.

TALK ABOUT IT

Cinderella helped her sisters get ready, even though they were unkind to her. What do you think about that?

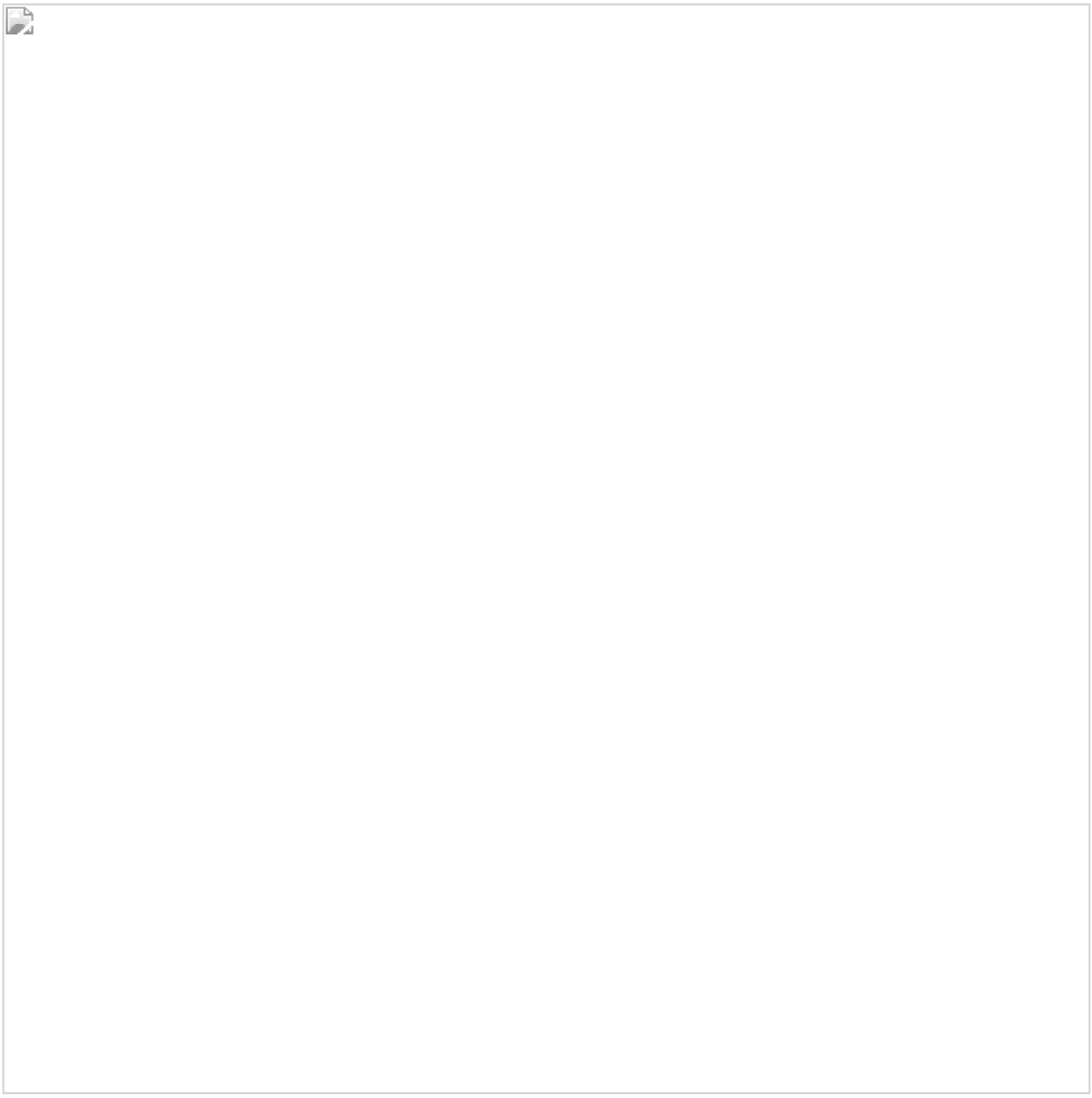


Think about it

1. Who gave the ball?

- ○ The King's son
- ○ The godmother
- ○ The miller

Left at Home



While she was dressing their hair, the sisters said, “Cinderella, would you not be glad to go to the ball?”

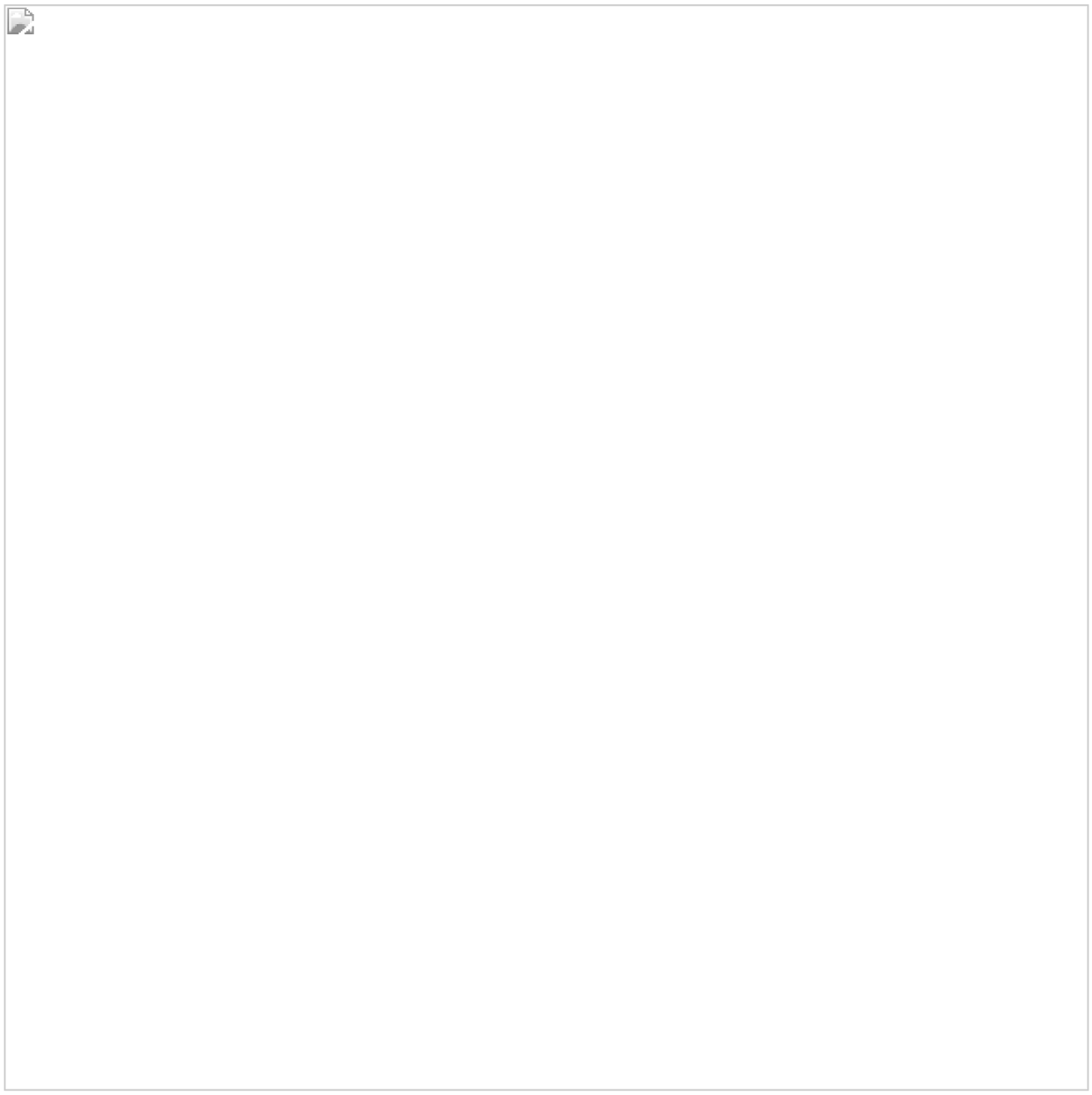
“Alas!” said she, “you only jeer me; it is not for such as I am to go thither.”

At last the happy day came. The sisters went to the palace, and Cinderella watched them as long as she could. When they were out of sight, she began to cry.

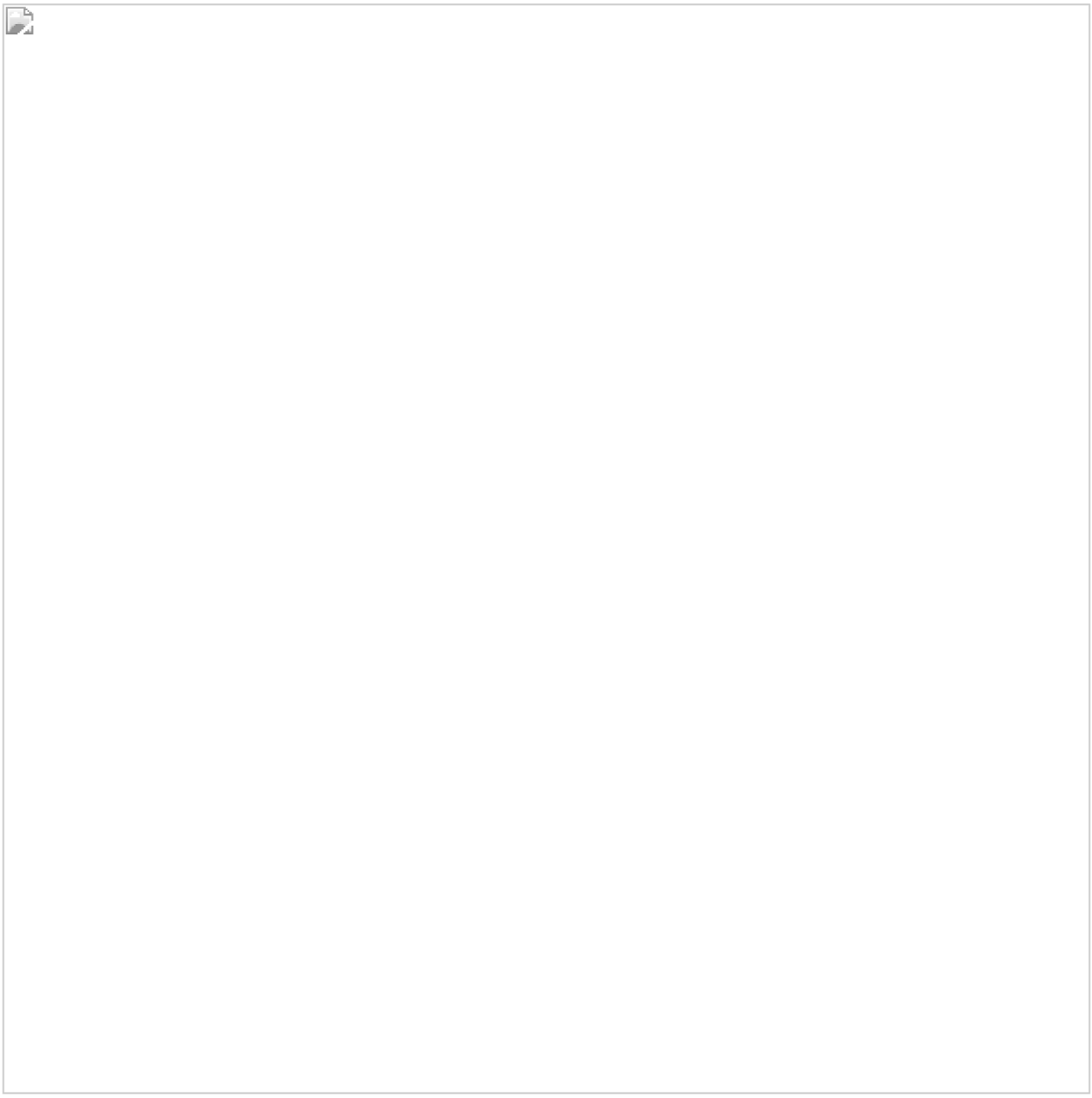
TALK ABOUT IT

What would you do if a friend were crying alone?

Left at Home · another picture



A Pumpkin and a Wand



Her godmother, who was a fairy, found her in tears. “Well,” said her godmother, “be but a good girl, and I will contrive that thou shalt go.”

Then she said, “Run into the garden, and bring me a pumpkin.” Cinderella brought the finest she could find, not able to guess what a pumpkin could do.

Her godmother scooped out the inside and touched the rind with her wand. In an instant it was a fine coach, gilded all over with gold!

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think a pumpkin might be good for besides pie?

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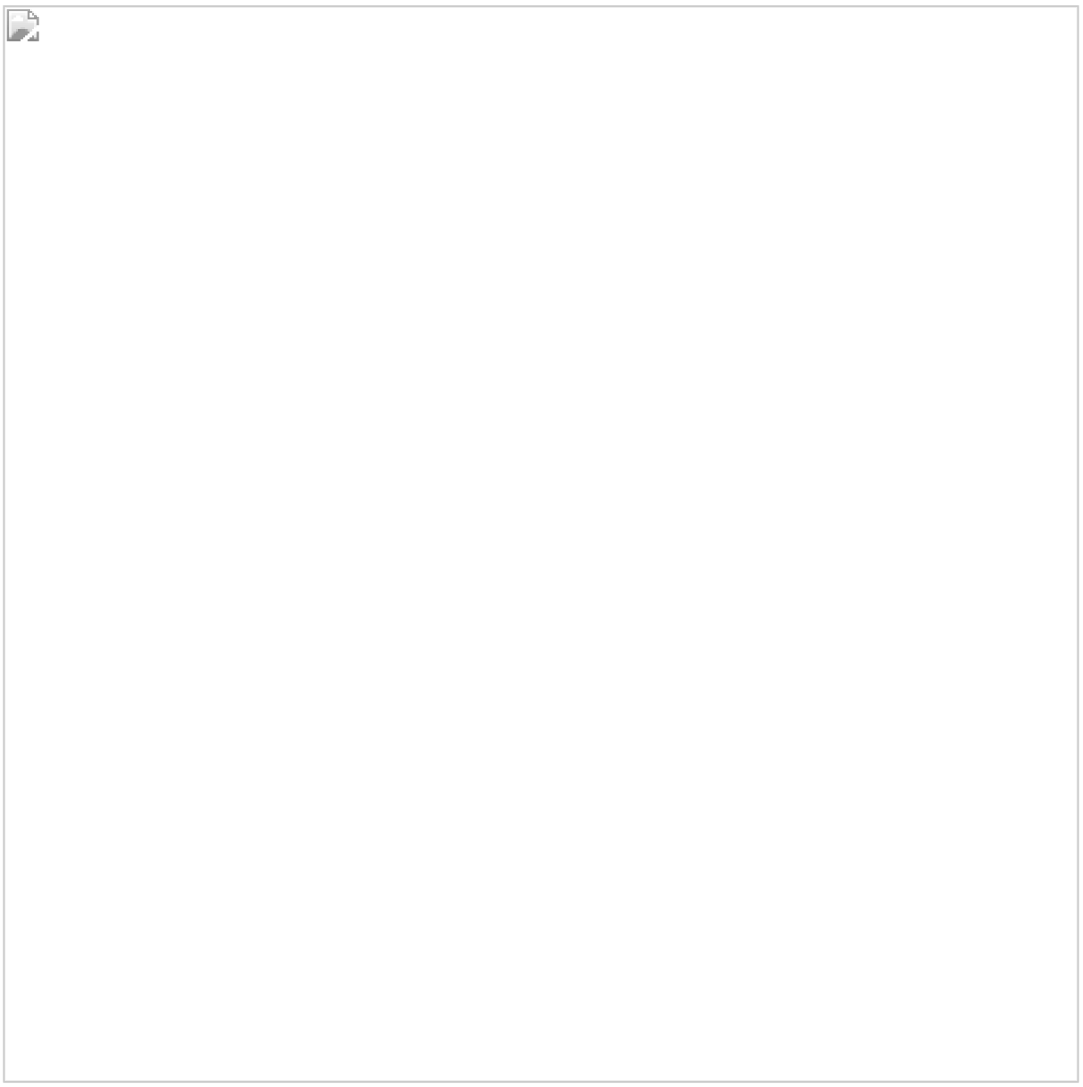
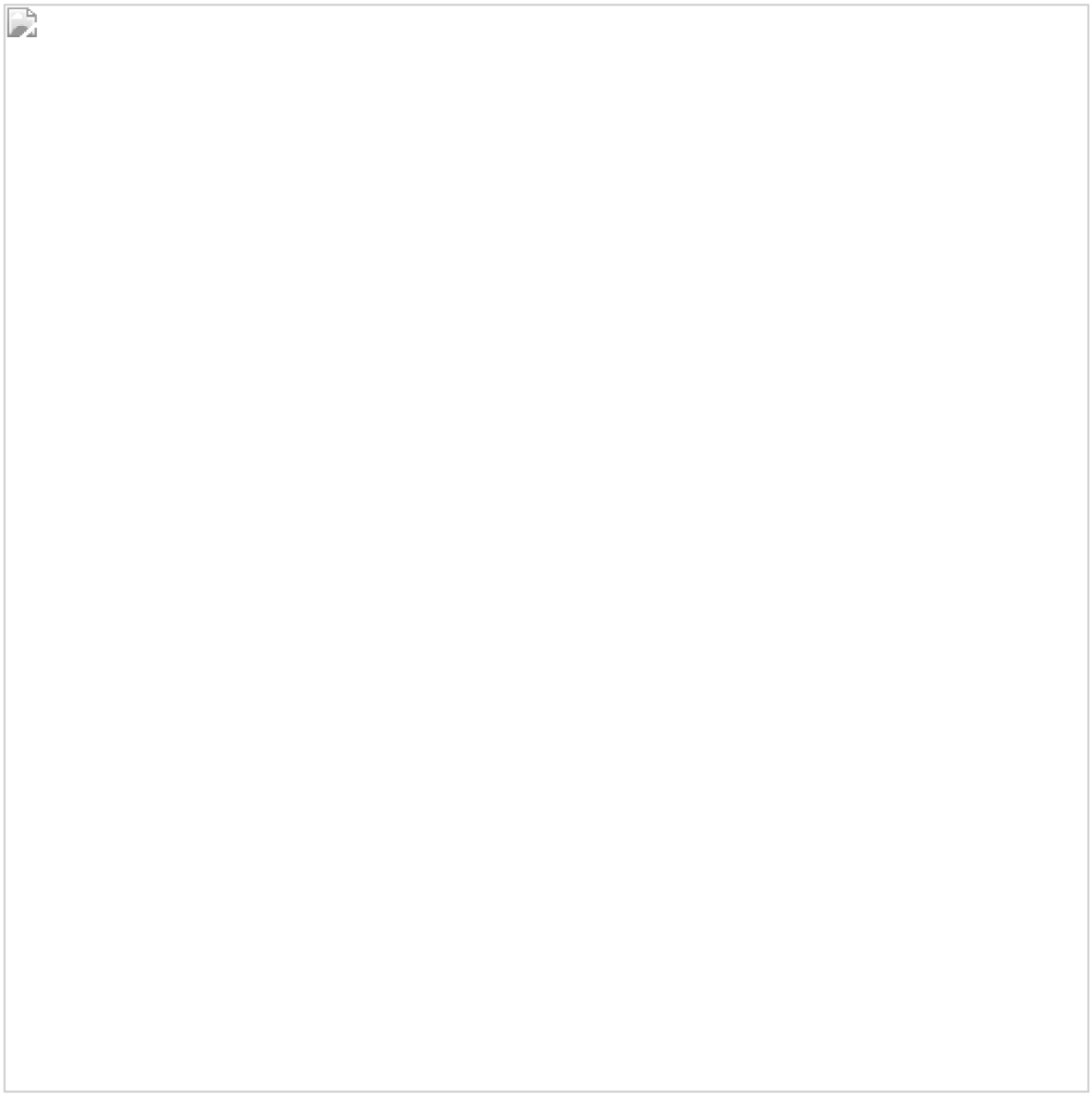


Think about it

1. What did Cinderella's godmother ask her to bring from the garden?

- ○ A rose
- ○ A pumpkin
- ○ A watering-pot

Mice, a Rat and Lizards



In the mouse-trap there were six live mice. The godmother tapped each one with her wand, and each became a fine horse, all mouse-colored and dapple-gray.

“I will go and see,” says Cinderella, “if there is never a rat in the rat-trap--we may make a coachman of him.” There were three huge rats. The fairy chose the one with the largest beard, and he became a fat, jolly coachman with the smartest whiskers.

Six lizards from behind the watering-pot became six footmen, who skipped up behind the coach.

TALK ABOUT IT

If you could change one small animal into something grand, which would you pick?

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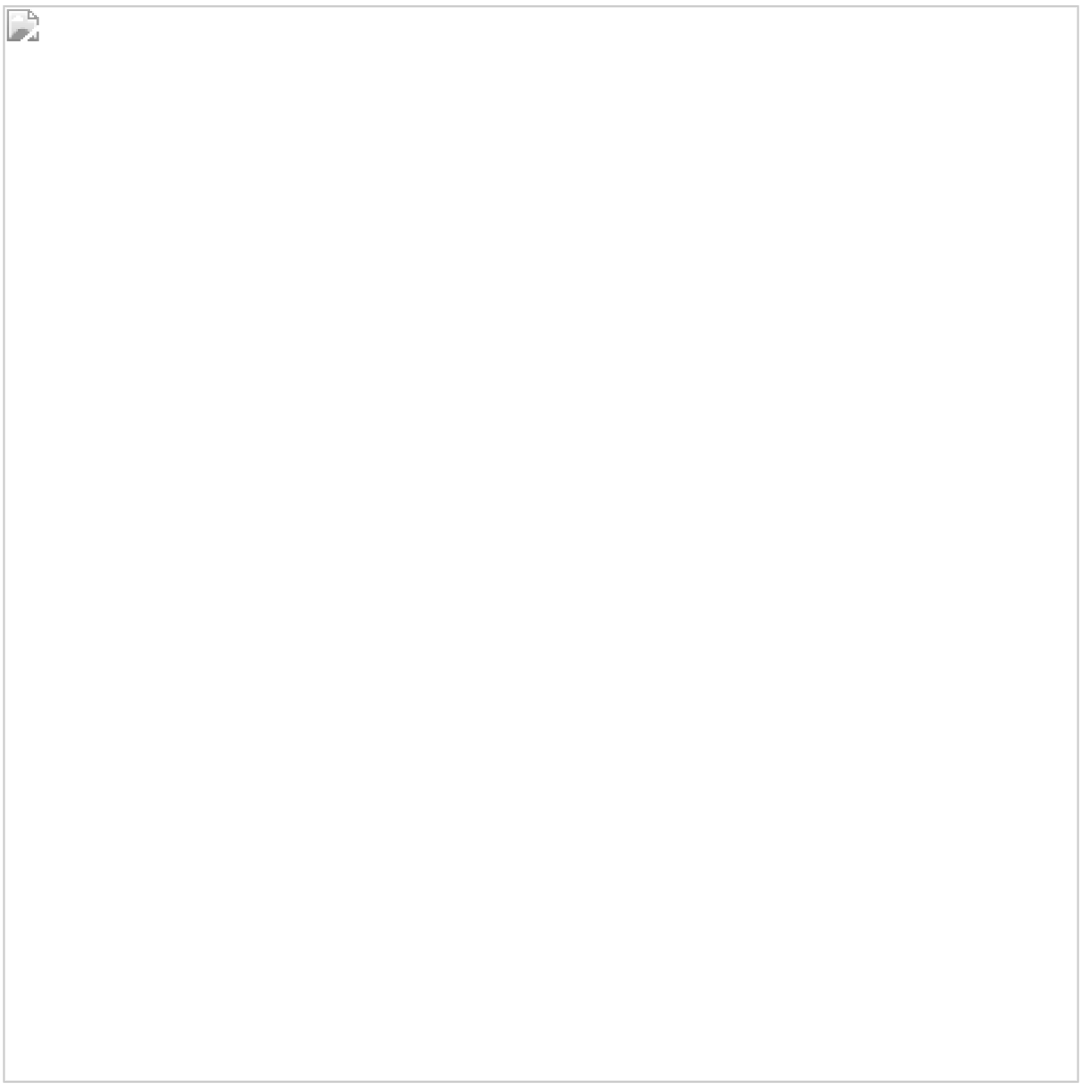
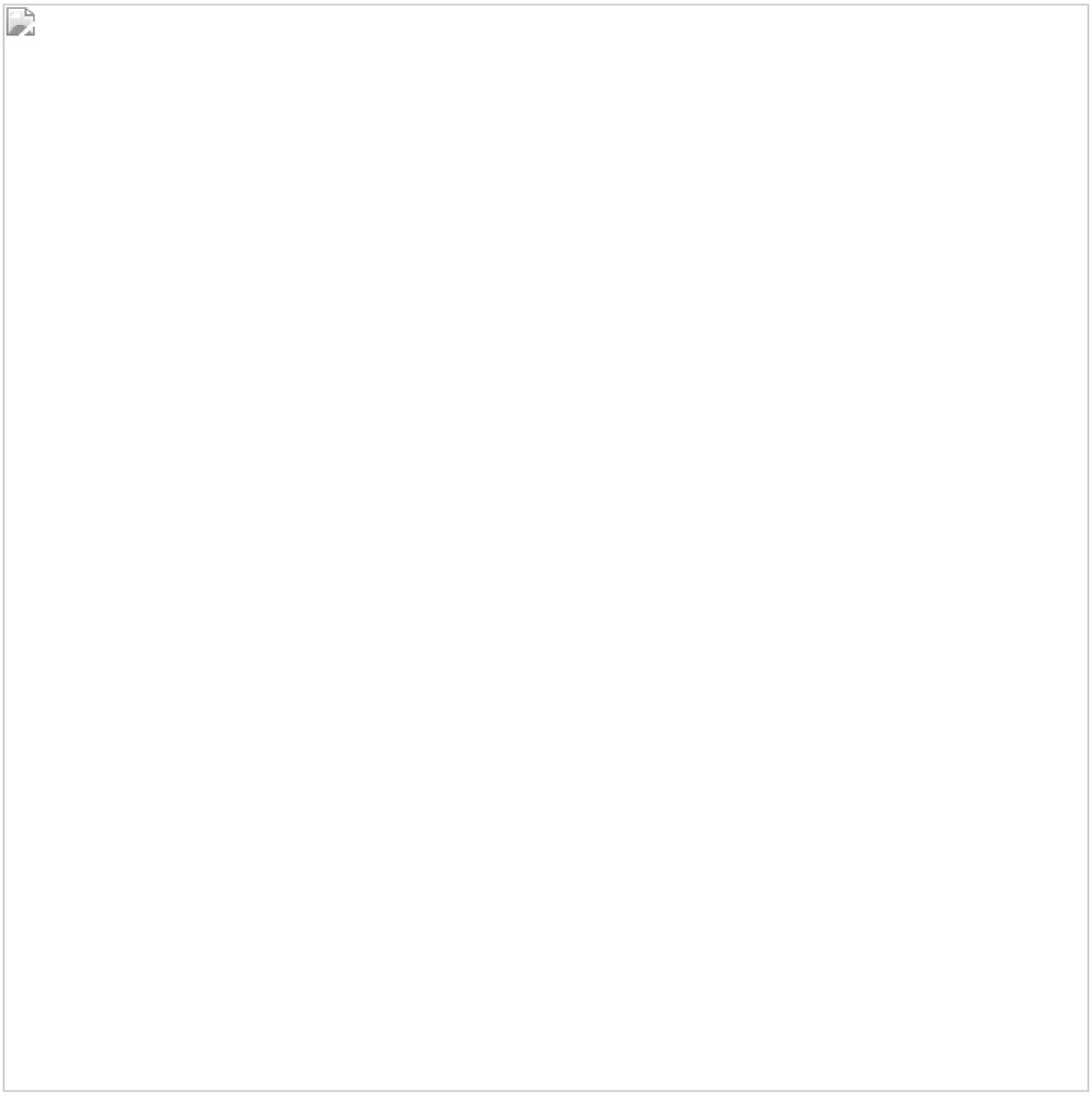


Think about it

1. What did the six mice turn into?

- ○ Footmen
- ○ Horses
- ○ Pumpkins

The Glass Slippers



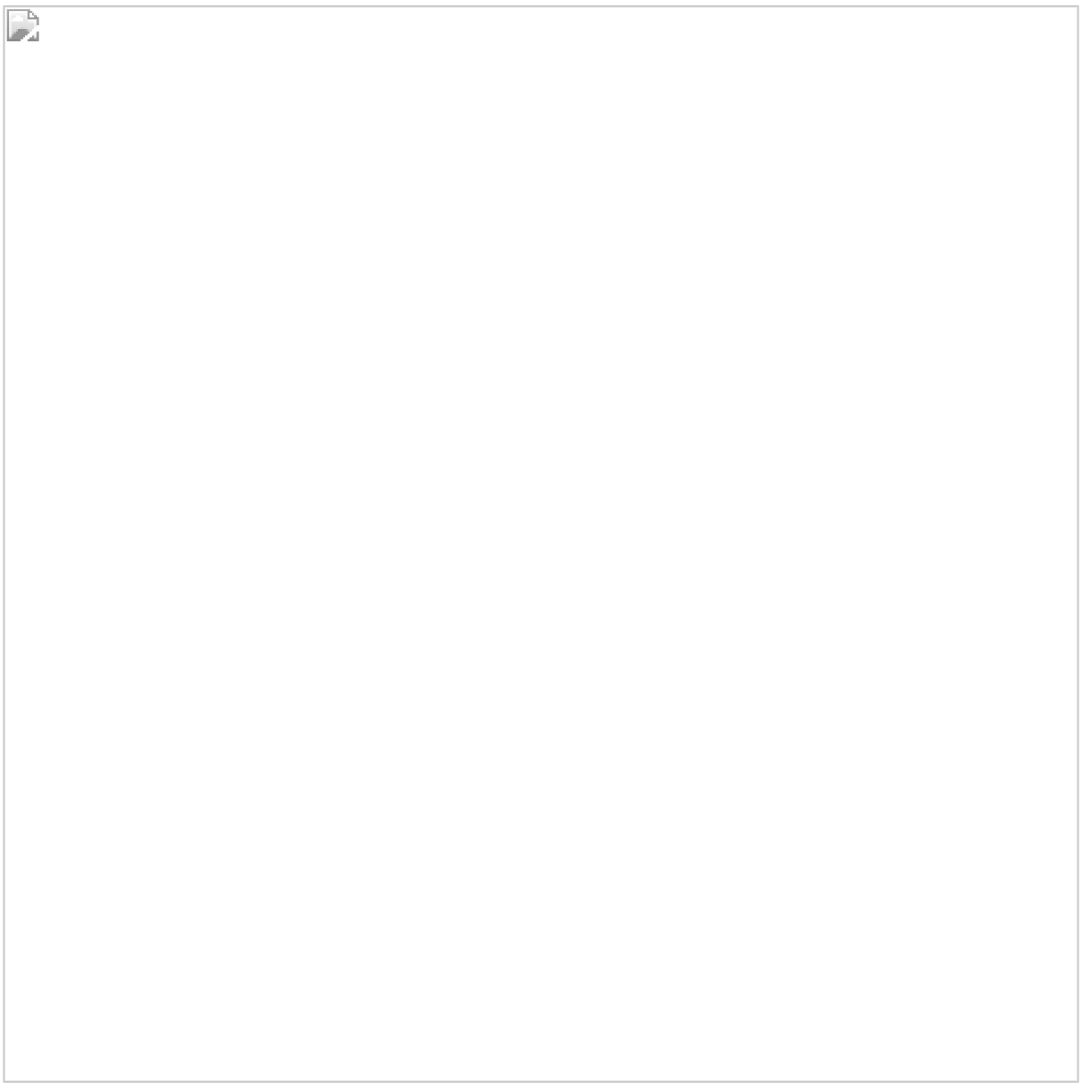
“Oh! yes,” cried Cinderella; “but must I go thither as I am, in these nasty rags?”

Her godmother touched her with her wand, and her clothes became cloth of gold and silver, all set with jewels. Then she gave her a pair of glass slippers, the prettiest in the whole world.

But she gave a warning too. Cinderella must not stay one moment after midnight. If she did, the coach would be a pumpkin again, the horses mice, and her clothes just as they were before.

TALK ABOUT IT

Why do you think the godmother gave such a clear rule?

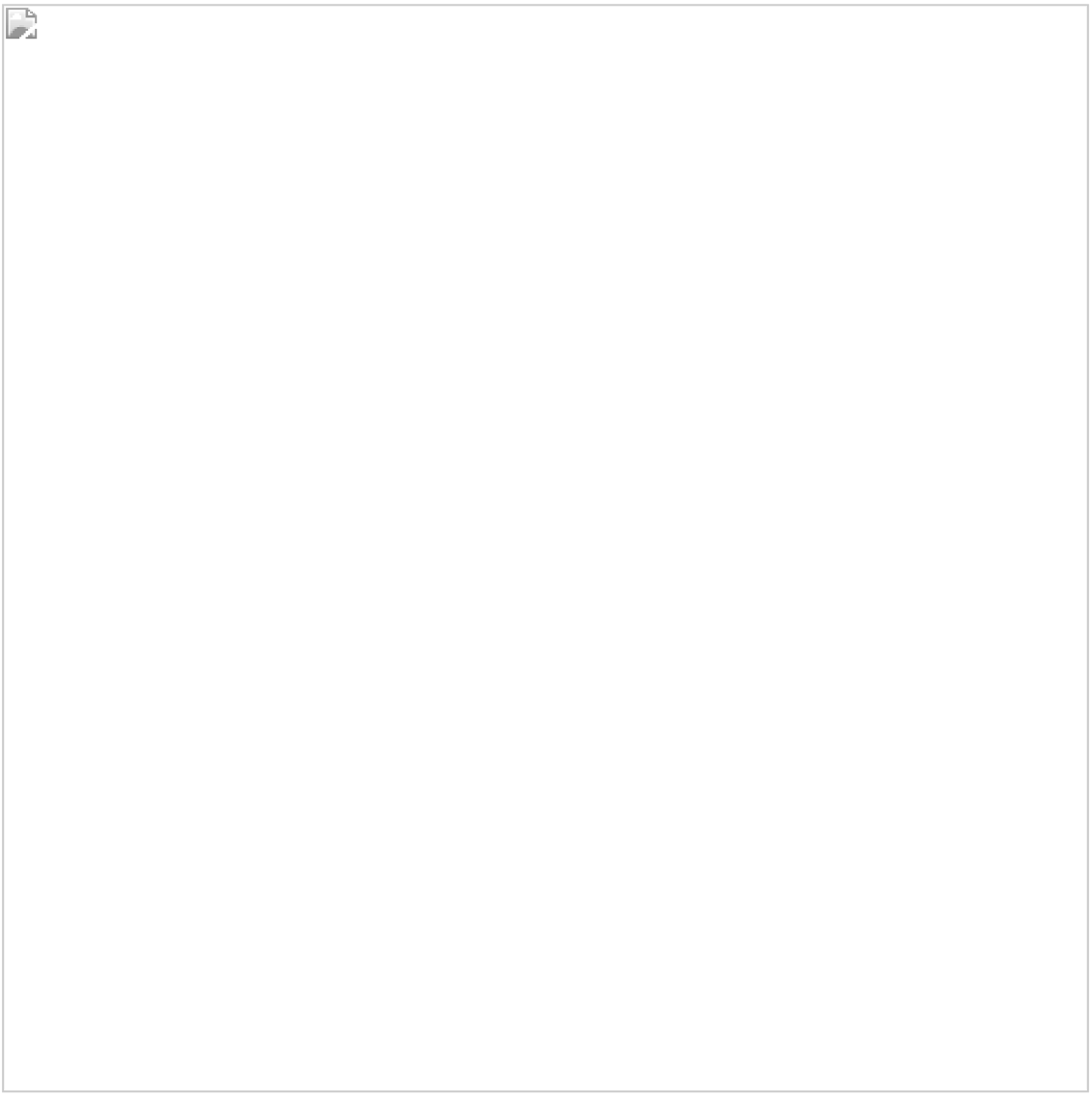


Think about it

1. When must Cinderella leave the ball?

- ○ Before midnight
- ○ At sunrise
- ○ After supper

The Unknown Princess



When she came in, there was a deep silence. The dancing stopped and the violins ceased to play. Everyone looked at the unknown new-comer. Nothing was heard but, “Ha! how handsome she is! Ha! how handsome she is!”

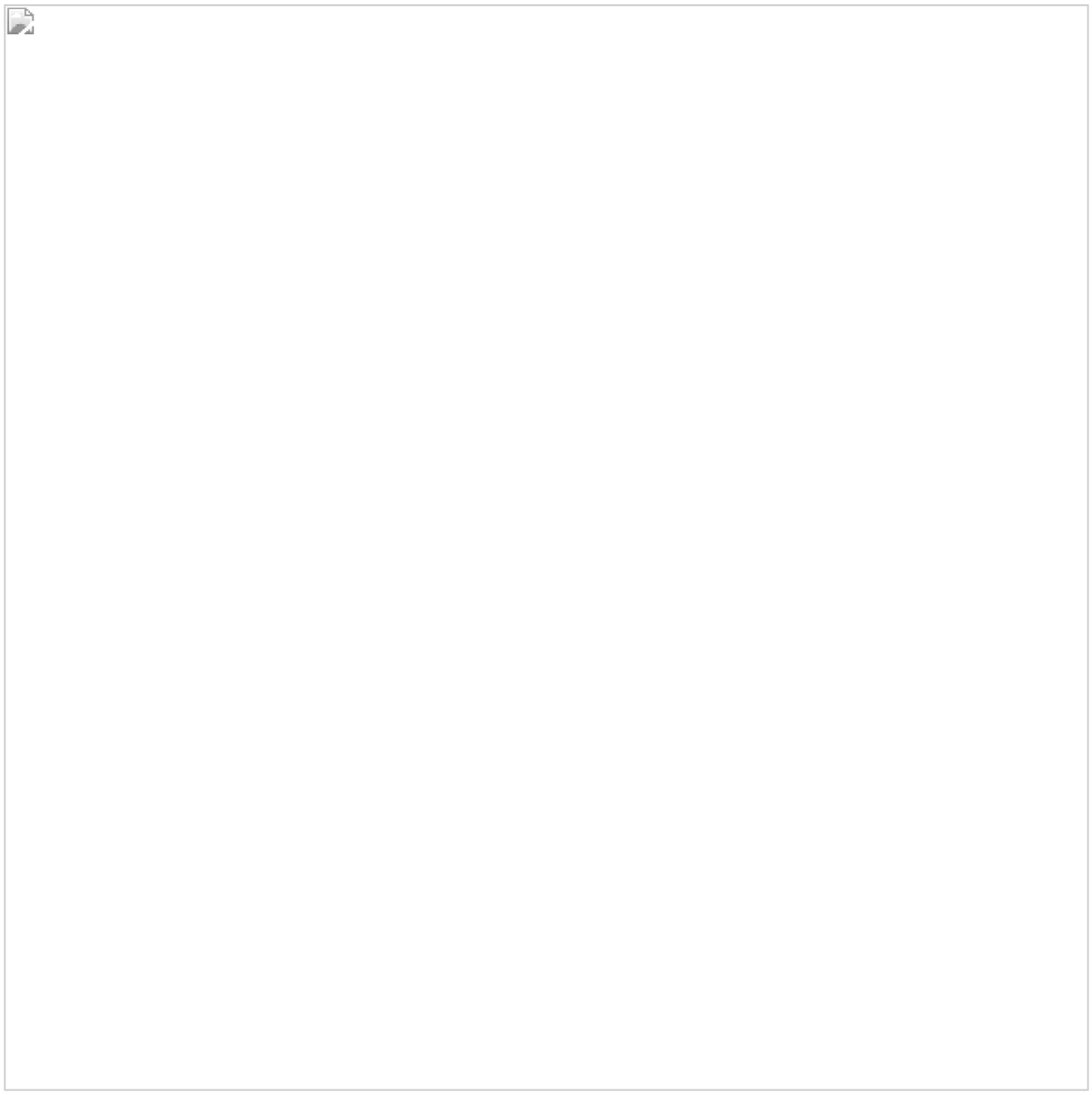
The Prince took her out to dance, and she danced so gracefully that they all admired her more and more. She even sat by her sisters and shared with them the oranges and citrons that the Prince had given her. They did not know who she was.

Then she heard the clock strike eleven and three-quarters. She made a courtesy to the company and hurried away.

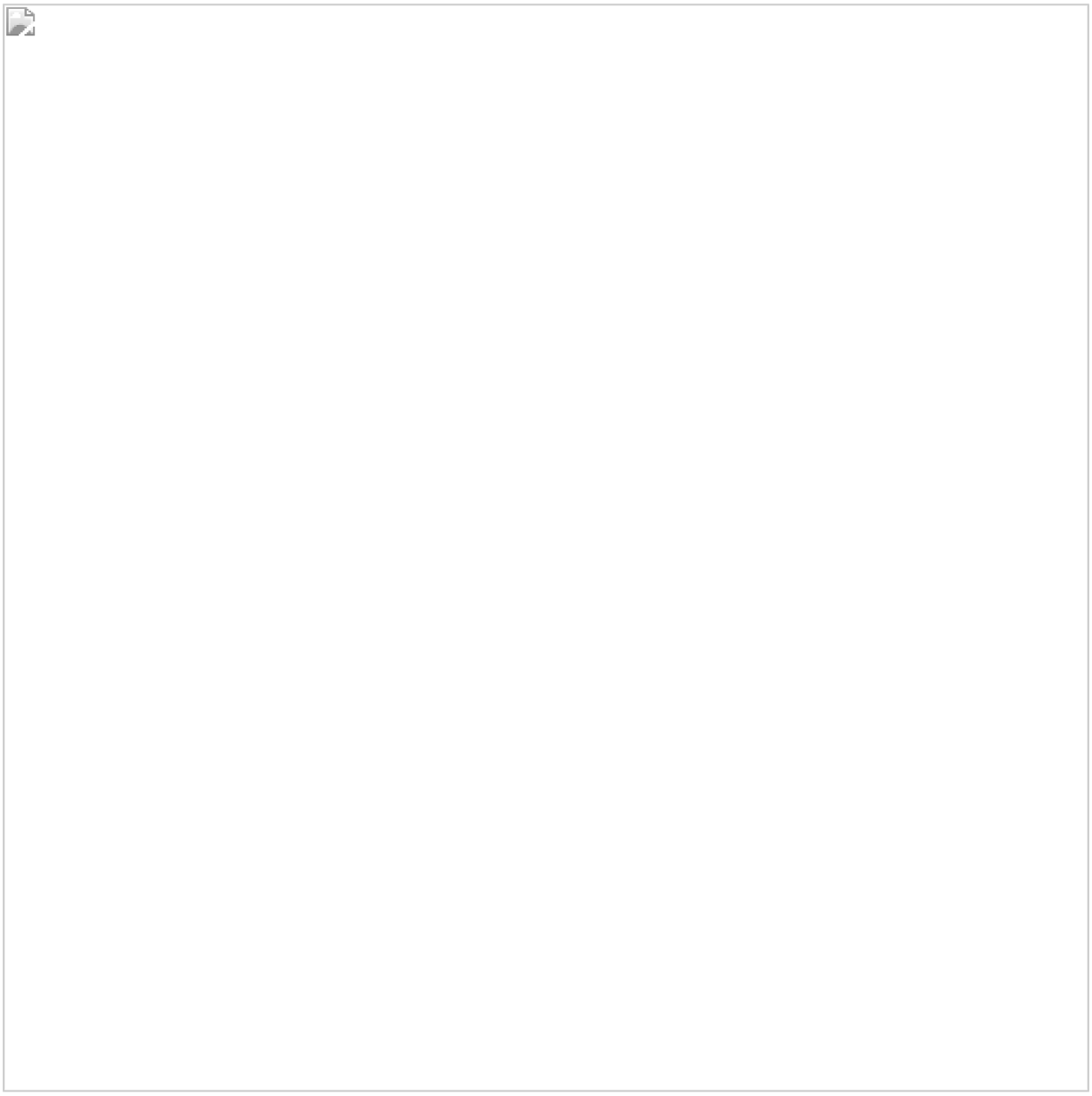
TALK ABOUT IT

Her sisters did not know her. How could that happen?

The Unknown Princess · another picture



Home Again



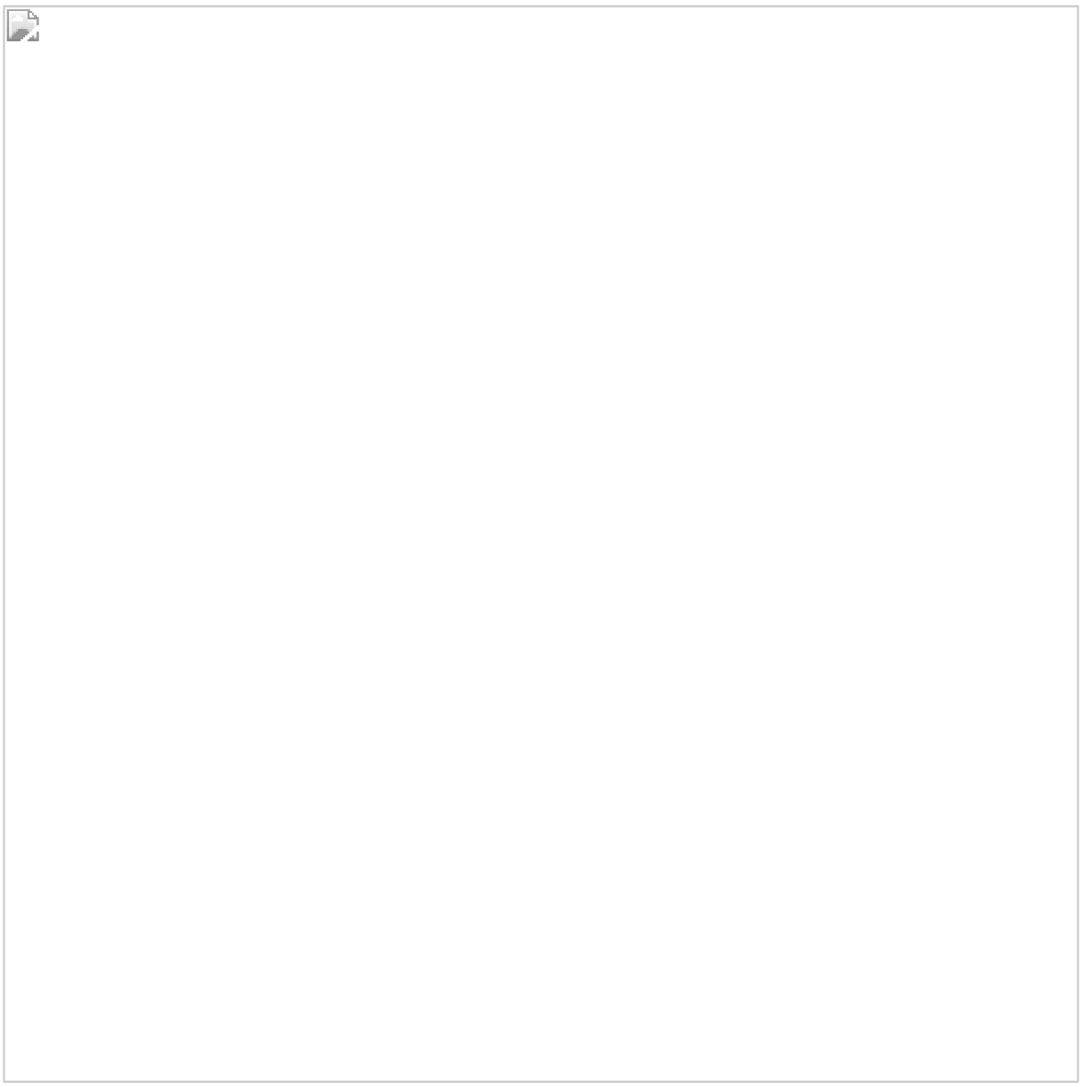
At home she thanked her godmother and said she would so like to go to the ball the next day too, because the King's son had asked her.

The sisters came knocking, and Cinderella opened the door, rubbing her eyes as if she had just woken. They told her about the finest princess ever seen, who had given them oranges and citrons.

The next day the sisters went to the ball again. So did Cinderella, dressed even more magnificently than before.

TALK ABOUT IT

What do you think Cinderella felt like keeping this secret? Or what would you feel?

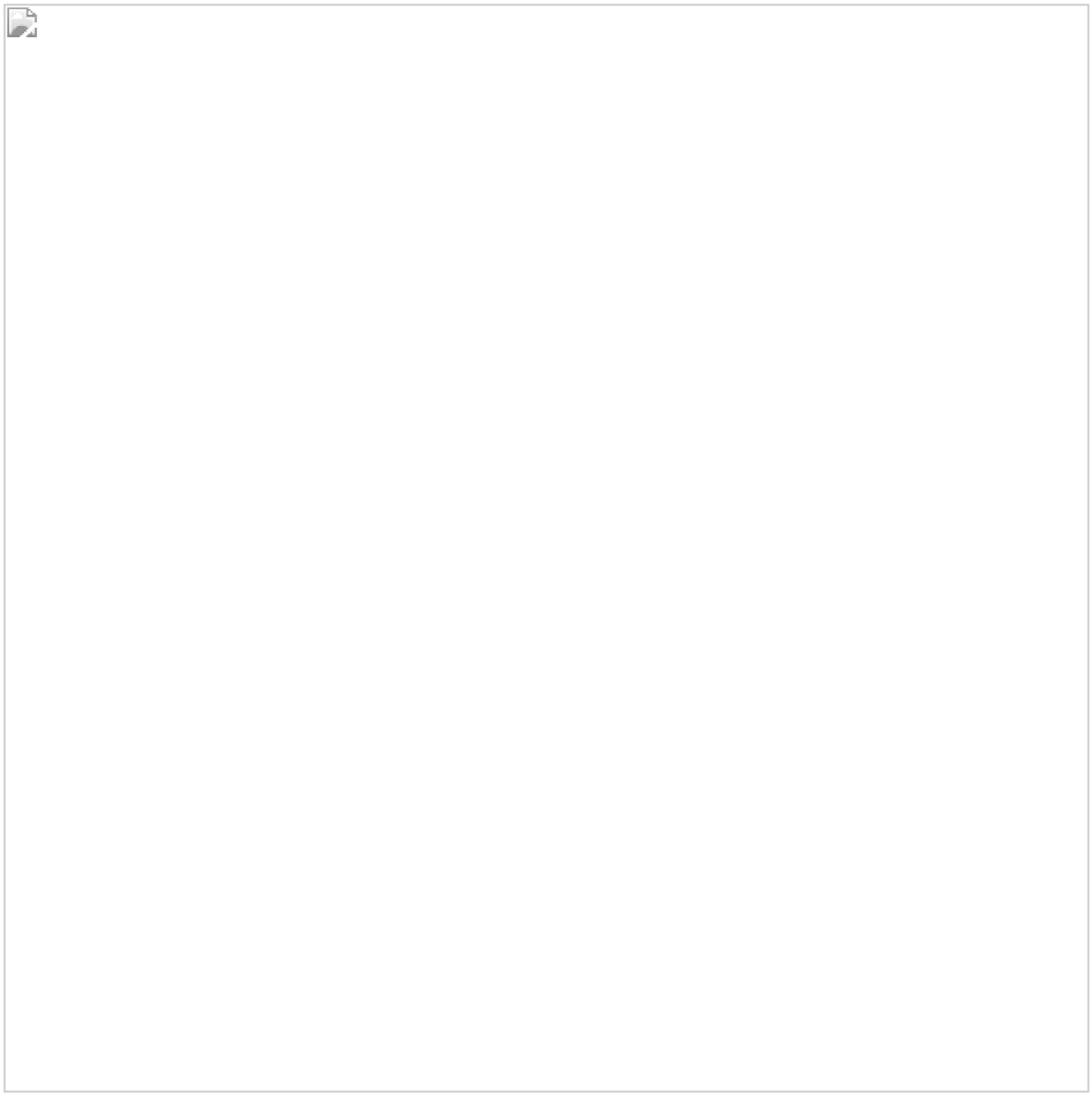


Think about it

1. What did the princess share with Cinderella's sisters at the ball?

- ○ Oranges and citrons
- ○ Glass slippers
- ○ Pumpkin pie

Twelve Strokes



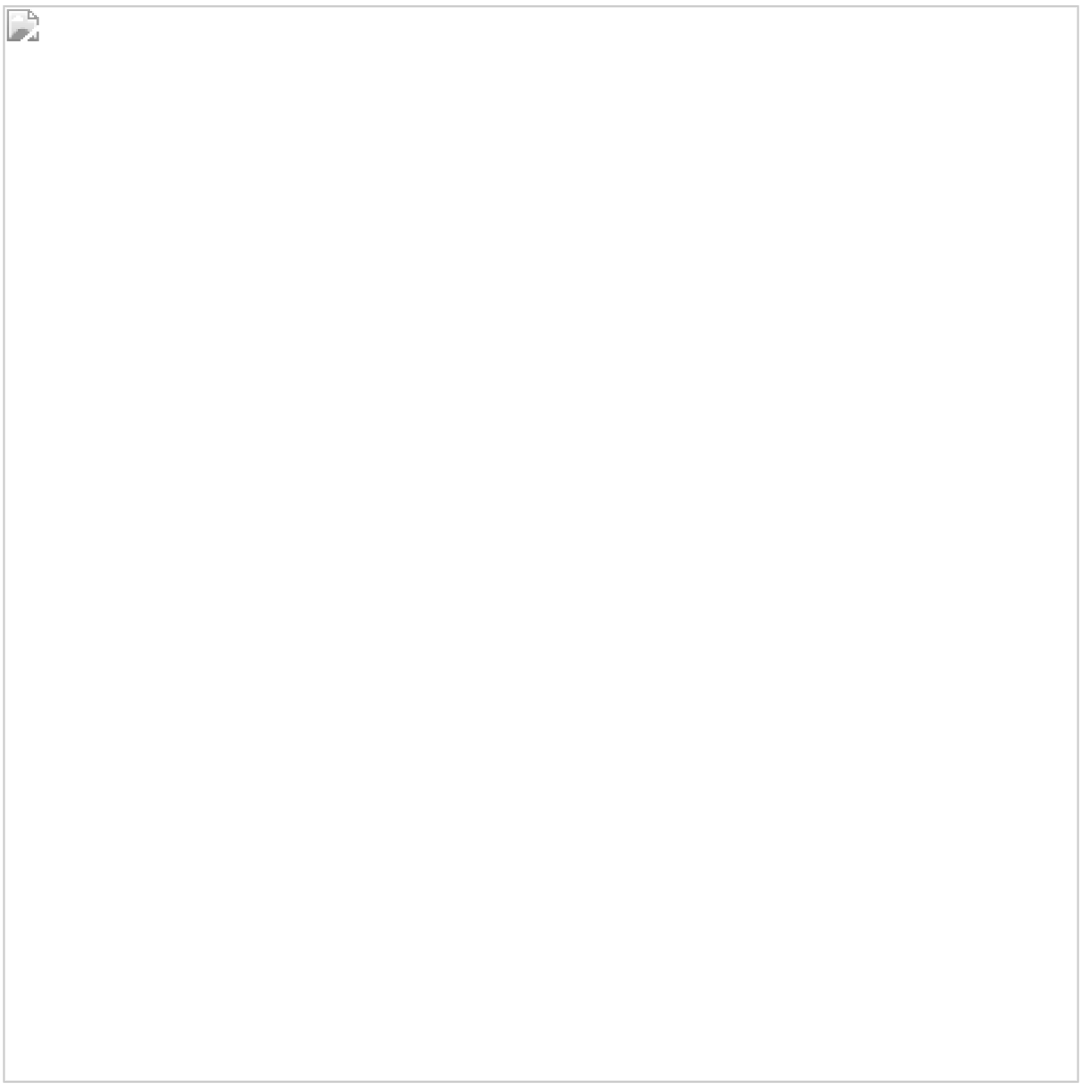
The Prince stayed beside her all night. She was so happy that she forgot her godmother's warning. When the clock struck twelve, she thought it was only eleven.

She rose up and fled, as nimble as a deer. The Prince followed, but he could not catch her.

She left behind one of her glass slippers, and the Prince picked it up most carefully. She reached home out of breath, in her old clothes. All she had left of her finery was the other little slipper.

TALK ABOUT IT

Cinderella lost track of the time. Has that ever happened to you when you were having fun?

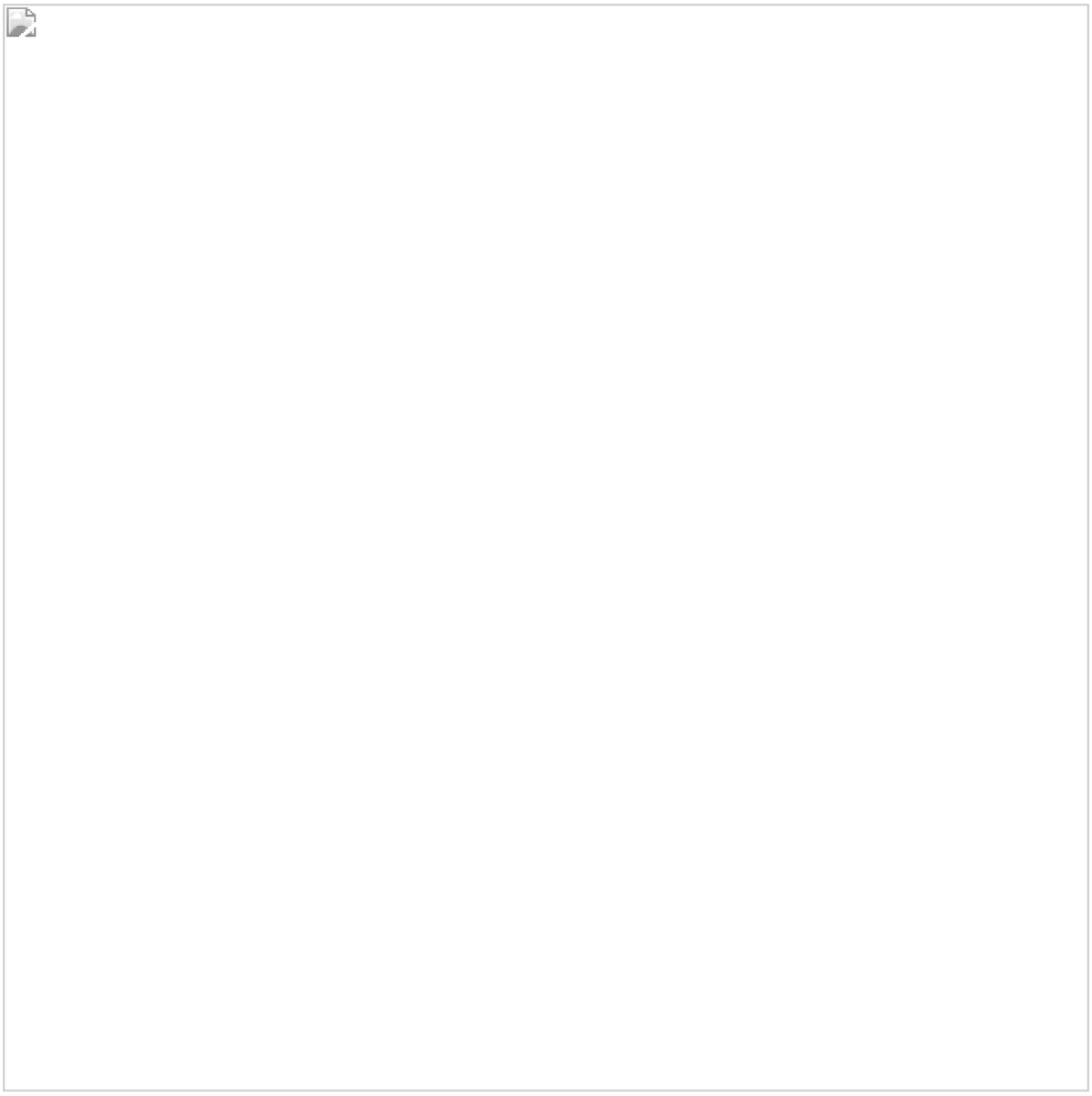


Think about it

1. What did Cinderella leave behind?

- ○ A glass slipper
- ○ Her coach
- ○ A ring

Whose Foot Fits?



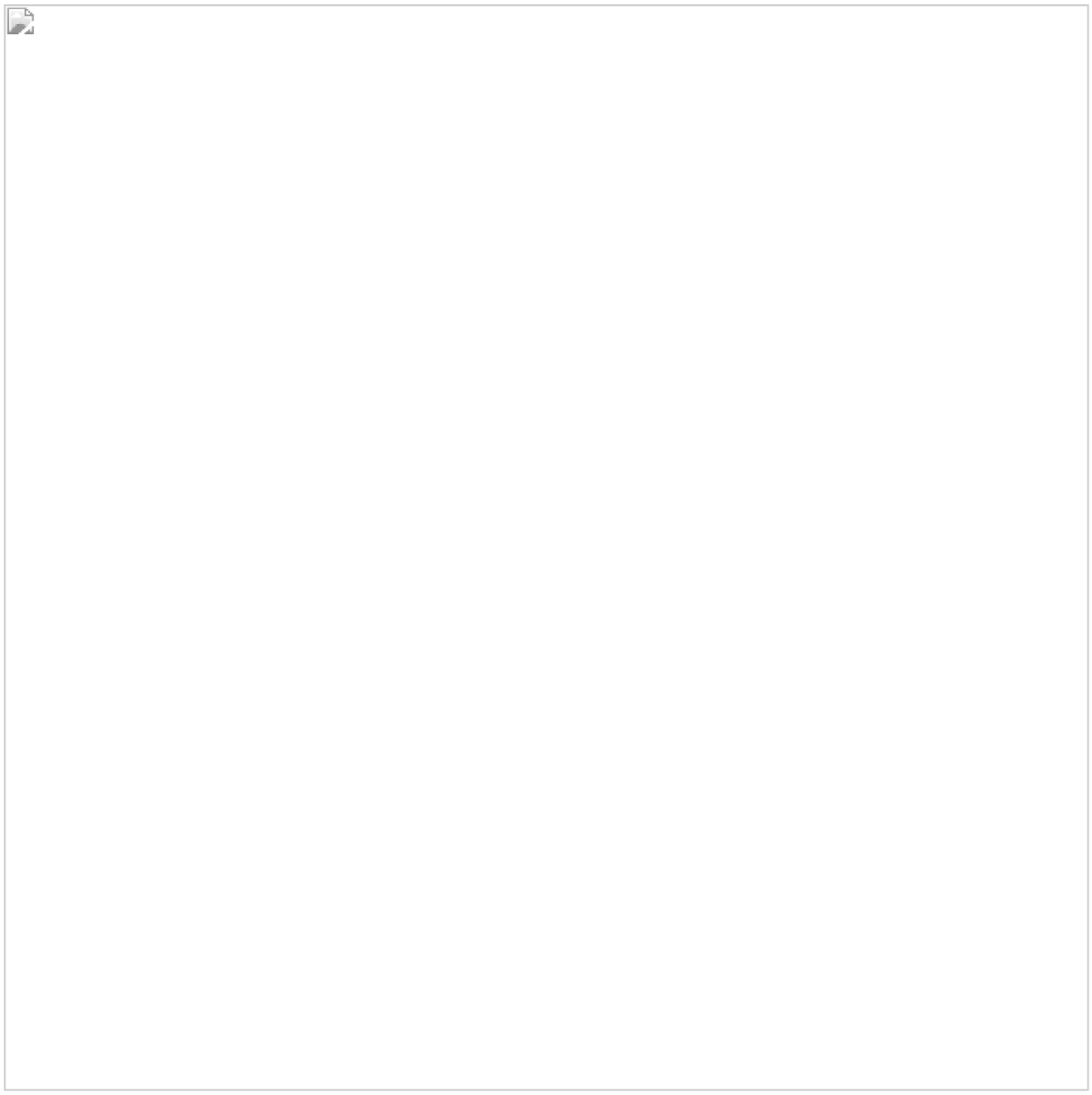
A few days later the Prince sent word by sound of trumpet that he would marry the one whose foot the slipper fitted.

His servants tried it on the princesses, then the duchesses, then all the Court, but in vain. They brought it to the two sisters, who did everything they could to squeeze a foot into it. They could not.

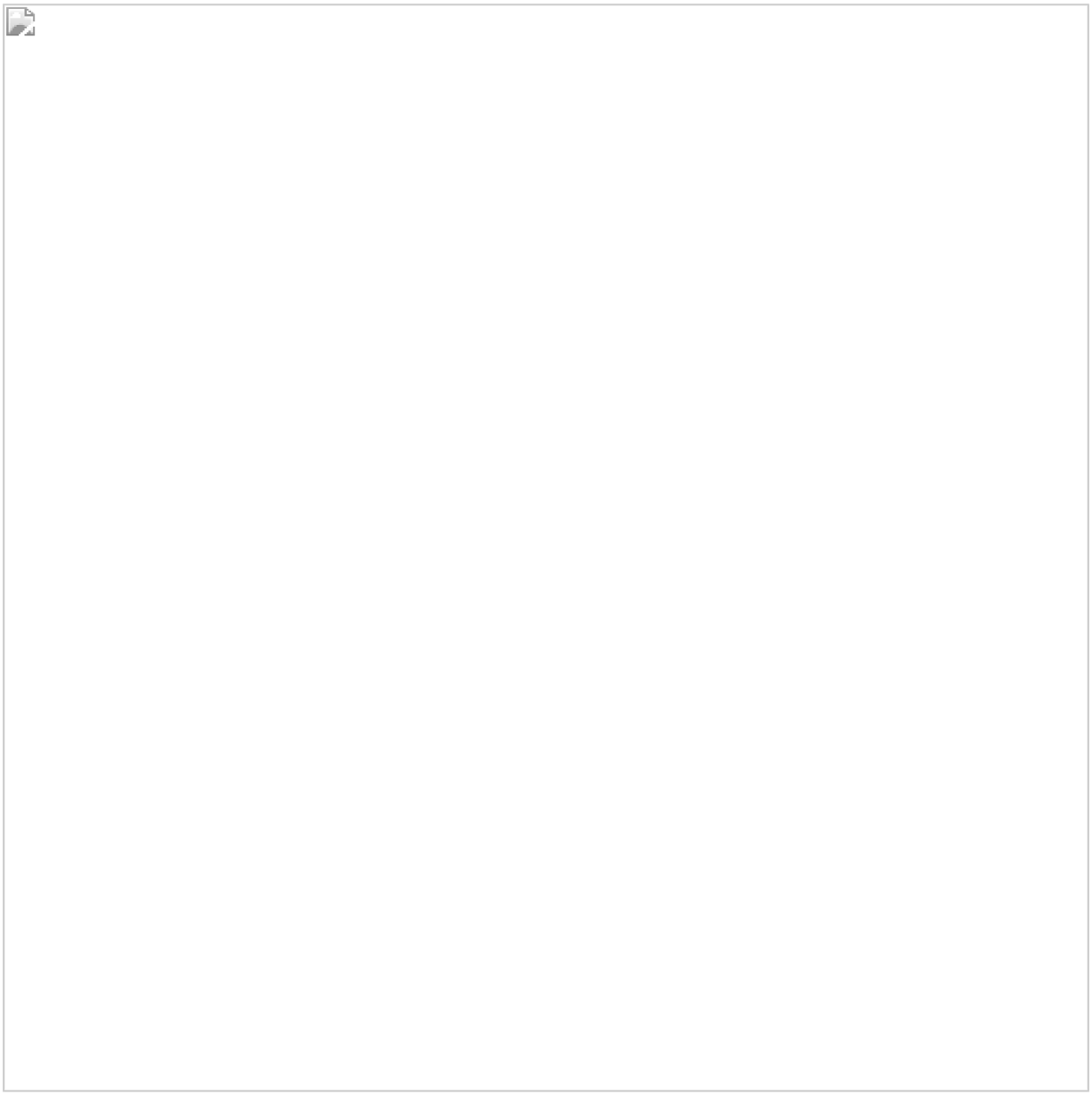
Cinderella watched and knew her slipper. “Let me see if it will not fit me,” she said, laughing. Her sisters burst out laughing too, and made fun of her.

TALK ABOUT IT

Everyone laughed when Cinderella asked. What would you say to someone who gets laughed at?



It Fits



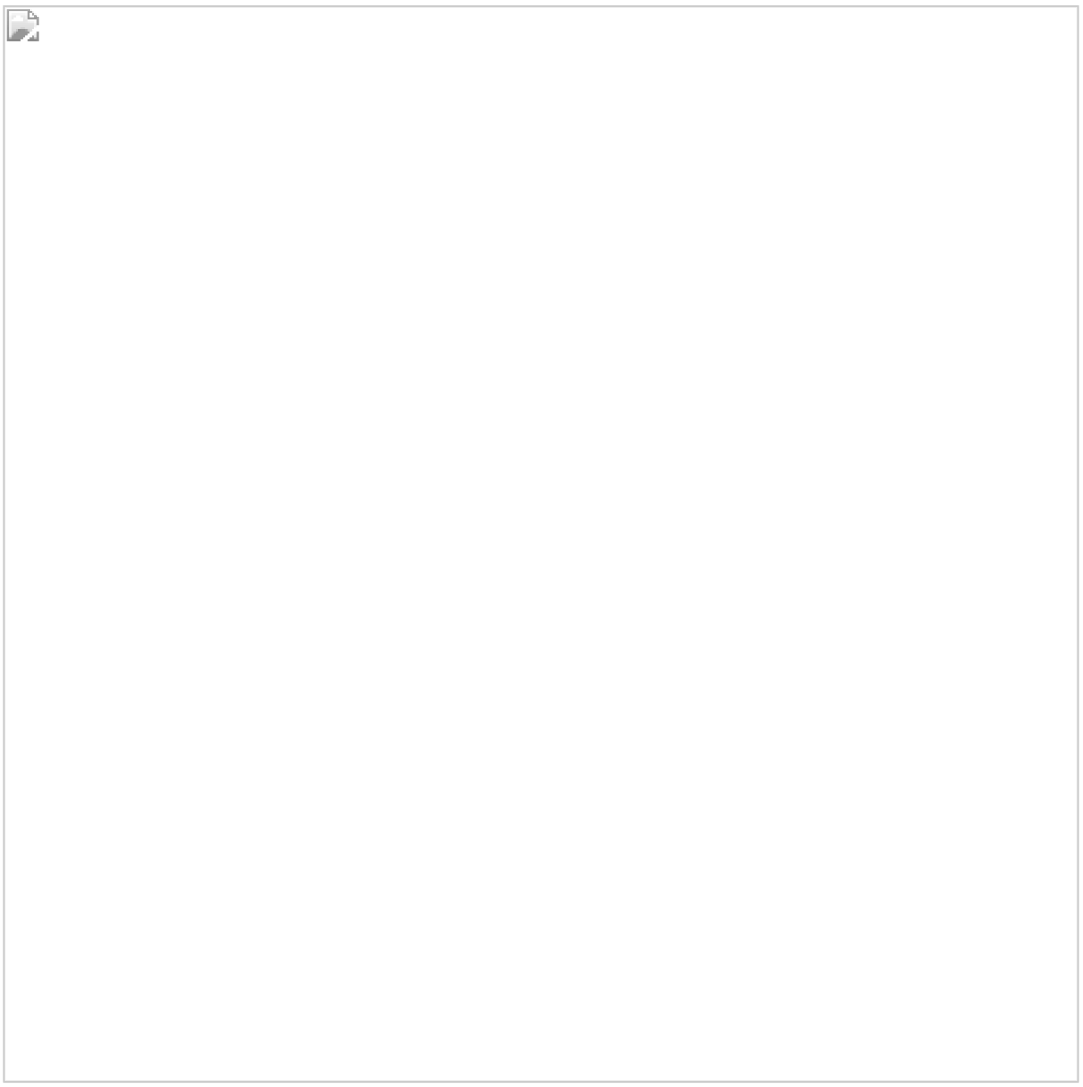
The gentleman who had been sent with the slipper looked at Cinderella and said it was only fair that she should try. He had orders to let everyone try.

She sat down, and the slipper went on easily and fitted her as if it had been made of wax. Her sisters were astonished. They were even more astonished when Cinderella pulled the other slipper out of her pocket and put it on.

In came her godmother, who touched Cinderella's clothes with her wand. They were richer and more magnificent than before.

TALK ABOUT IT

How do you think the sisters looked at that moment?

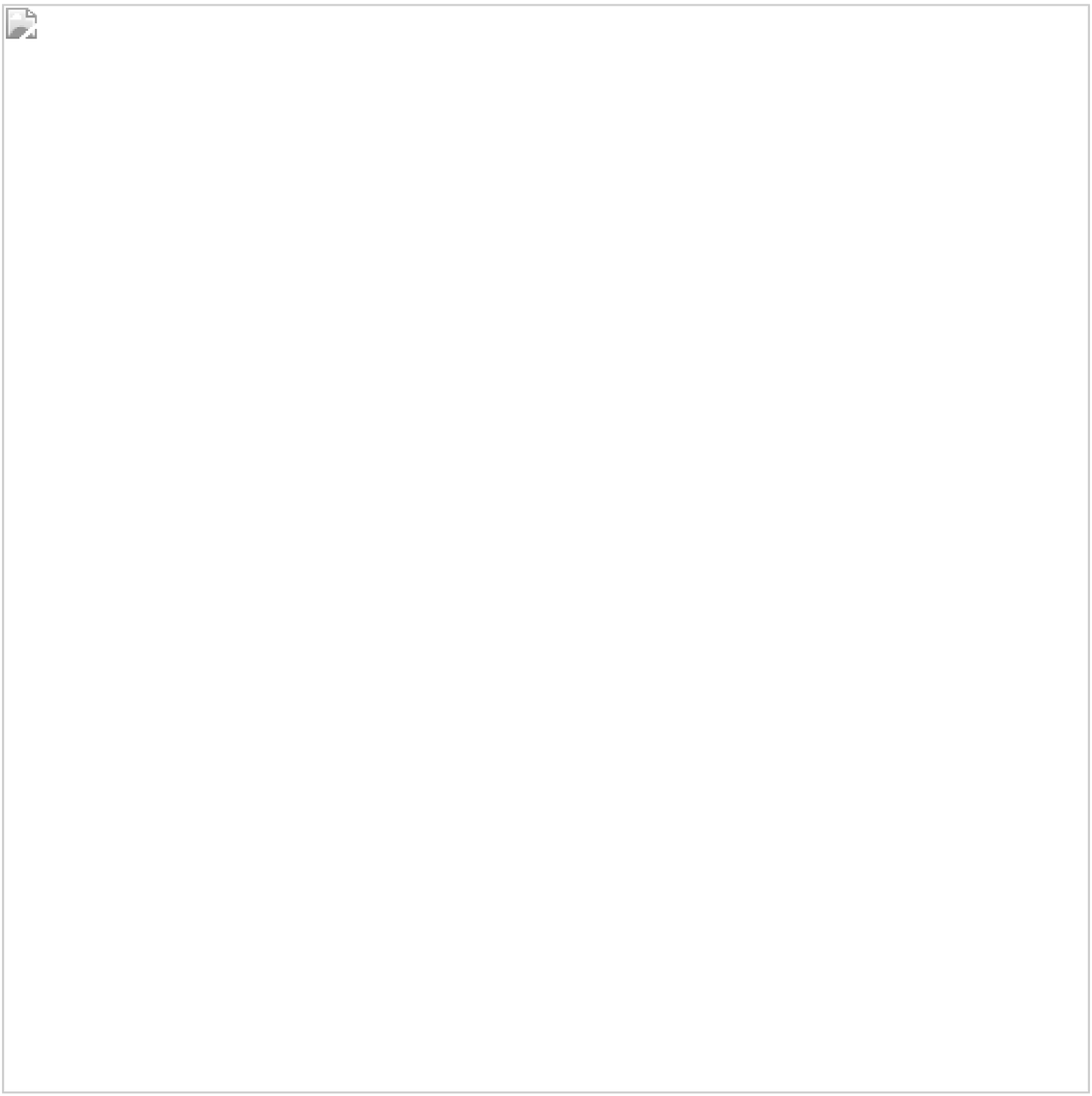


Think about it

1. Where did Cinderella keep the other slipper?

- ○ In her pocket
- ○ In the garden
- ○ Under her bed

Forgiven



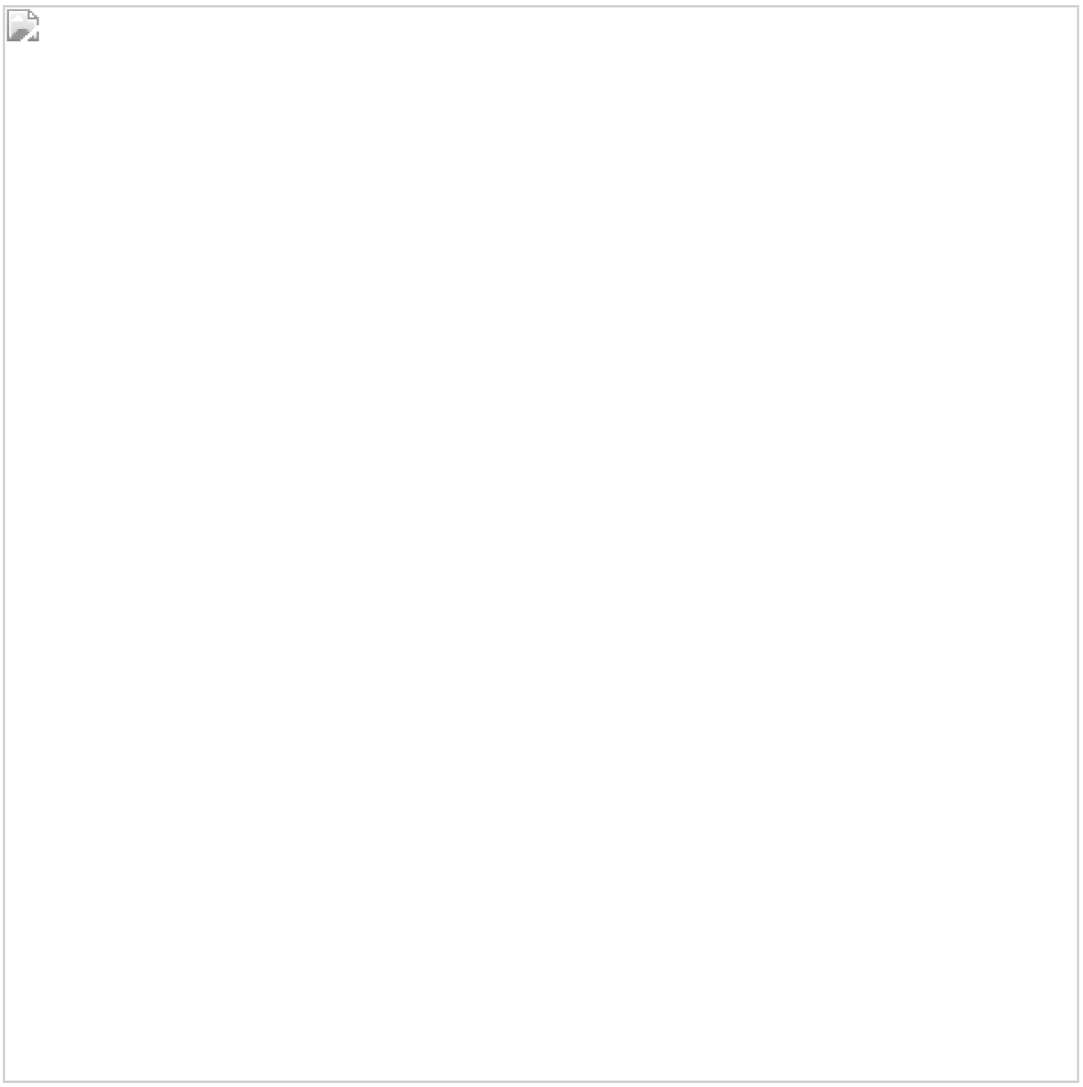
Now the sisters saw that she was the fine, beautiful lady from the ball. They threw themselves at her feet and begged pardon for all the ill-treatment she had been through.

Cinderella took them up and embraced them. She forgave them with all her heart, and asked them always to love her.

She was taken to the young Prince, dressed as she was. He thought her more charming than ever, and a few days later he married her. Cinderella was no less good than beautiful. She gave her two sisters lodgings in the palace, and matched them with two great lords of the Court.

TALK ABOUT IT

Cinderella forgave her sisters. What do you think it took to do that?



Think about it

1. What did Cinderella do for her sisters at the end?

- ○ Sent them away
- ○ Forgave them and gave them lodgings in the palace
- ○ Gave them her slippers

“There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

— Yeshua HaMashiach

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