



## Ella and the Glass Slipper

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Ella, with smudges of ash on her cheek, scrubbed the kitchen floor while her two grumpy stepsisters lounged on plush cushions. Her stepmother watched with a stern face, ensuring every chore was done perfectly. Despite her hard work, Ella always had a kind smile for the little mice that scurried by.





A grand royal messenger arrived, unfurling a scroll with a flourish: an invitation to the Prince's magnificent ball! The stepsisters shrieked with delight, dreaming of gowns and jewels, while Ella watched from the doorway, her heart aching with a secret wish to attend.





On the night of the ball, Ella was left alone in the cold, silent house, her stepsisters and stepmother having departed in their grand carriage. She sat by the fireplace, tears welling up in her eyes, longing for just one magical night.





Suddenly, a shower of sparkling dust filled the room, and a twinkling fairy godmother appeared, winking kindly. With a gentle wave of her wand, she promised Ella that she, too, would go to the ball.





With a magical 'Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo!', a humble pumpkin transformed into a splendid golden carriage, and tiny mice became majestic white horses. Ella's ragged clothes shimmered into a breathtaking ball gown, complete with delicate glass slippers.





Ella arrived at the palace, stepping out of her carriage like a dream. All eyes turned to her, mesmerized by her beauty and grace. Even the Prince, who had looked bored moments before, was instantly captivated.





The Prince, enchanted by Ella, danced with her all night long. They laughed and twirled across the ballroom, completely lost in each other's company. Ella felt as if she were floating on a cloud, forgetting all her worries.





As the clock began to chime midnight, Ella remembered the fairy godmother's warning. She had to flee! She raced down the grand staircase, leaving behind one sparkling glass slipper on a step in her hurry.





The next morning, the heartbroken Prince declared he would marry the maiden whose foot fit the abandoned glass slipper. His royal guards traveled throughout the kingdom, trying the slipper on every eligible lady.





Finally, the guards arrived at Ella's house. To everyone's astonishment, the tiny glass slipper fit Ella's foot perfectly. The Prince, overjoyed, whisked her away, and they were married, living happily ever after in the grand palace.