

Cinderella

Act I

The play opens with Mrs. Finch comparing her two daughters, Zinnia and Doreese, to her stepdaughter, Cinderella. Neither Mrs. Finch nor her daughters can understand why Cinderella spends so much time daydreaming. They constantly want her to serve their needs around the house. Cinderella doesn't mind doing all the work, but when she asks for help, she is told that her stepsisters are too delicate for household chores. After Stepmother and the two stepdaughters leave, Cinderella fantasizes about having her dreams come true someday. As she leaves to do her chores, the King and Prince Stefan arrive to deliver an invitation to a royal ball in honor of the prince. The King is looking for a princess for the prince. When Cinderella finds the invitation, she starts dancing around the room in excitement. The Stepmother, Zinnia and Doreese enter to find out what all the noise is about. When they discover the invitation, Zinnia, Doreese and Mrs. Finch, excitedly make all the necessary preparations in anticipation of the royal ball, with Cinderella's help of course. Mrs. Finch talks Cinderella out of going to the ball because she will only look foolish because she has no social graces. Finally, the big evening arrives. As Cinderella finishes the last of her chores, she hears the voice of her Fairy Godmother. Her Godmother tells her to carry out her dream and go to the ball. When Cinderella looks around the room she doesn't see anyone. With much fanfare Mrs. Finch, Zinnia, and Doreese depart for the ball. Cinderella starts to cry. Suddenly, the Fairy Godmother appears and tells Cinderella to go to the ball. She asks Cinderella for a pumpkin and with a wave of her wand creates a coach. She then tells Cinderella that the spell will be broken at midnight and she must leave the ball before then. Cinderella promises to leave. As Act I ends the Fairy Godmother is magically creating a beautiful gown out of Cinderella's rags.

Act II

As the act opens the royal ball is in progress. The king encourages Prince Stefan to dance with Zinnia and Doreese. After having his toes stepped on and being squeezed in a bear hug while dancing, the Prince decides he still has not found anyone to be his bride and starts to leave the ball. As he does, Cinderella arrives. Prince Stefan is immediately taken by her simple charm and grace. They dance the night away. But, at the stroke of midnight, Cinderella dashes off leaving the palace. As she runs, she loses one of her shoes. The Prince tells the King that the mystery girl is the princess of his dreams and he must search the kingdom far and wide to find the one whose foot fits the shoe. In their search, the King and the Prince finally arrive at the house of Mrs. Finch. They try the shoe on Zinnia, and Doreese, but it does not fit. The Fairy Godmother encourages Cinderella to go for her dreams. Despite being ignored by her Stepmother, Cinderella enters the room just as the King and Prince are about to leave. She tries on the shoe and it fits. Both the Prince and Cinderella have their dreams come true and they live happily ever after.

The End