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Cinderella

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Once upon a time there lived a girl called Cinderella. She had two ugly stepsisters, who were lazy and greedy and very bad-tempered. They made Cinderella work all day long.
One day a big envelope was delivered to the door. It was an invitation to the Prince's ball, addressed to all three sisters.



The ugly sisters shrieked with joy and began to plan what to wear.
'But what can *I* wear?' asked Cinderella quietly.
'You? You won't be going,' they snorted. 'The Prince won't want to meet anyone like you.'

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