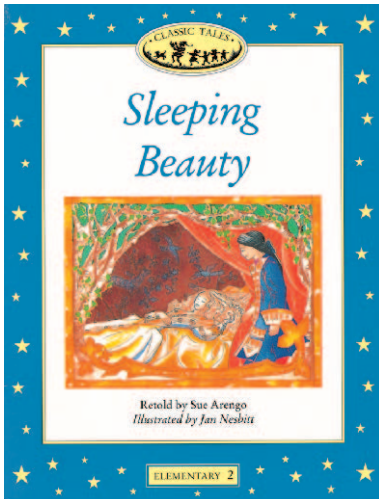


Sleeping Beauty

*A Classic Tales Play developed by Donatella Fitzgerald
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The Story of Sleeping Beauty

Once upon a time there was a king and queen. They did not have any children, but they wanted a child very much. Many years went by, then at last, one day, a baby girl arrived. The king was very happy and said, 'We will have a big christening and we will invite all the fairies!'

All the fairies came to the christening. But the King and Queen did not invite the bad fairy, old Carabosse. She came to the christening and she was very angry. When she came to dinner after the christening, there were no more gold cups and plates and she was more angry.

After dinner, the fairies gave magic presents to the baby princess. The white fairy thought, 'Carabosse is going to say something nasty. I must speak after her.' She hid behind a curtain. Carabosse said, 'One day, this little princess will prick her finger on a spindle . . . and she will die!'

But the little white fairy said, 'The Princess will not die. She will only sleep. She will sleep for a hundred years. Then a prince will come and find

her, and she will open her eyes again and be happy.'

The King told all his servants to bring all the spinning wheels to the castle and burn them. But there was one old spinning wheel in an old tower. No one knew about it, so no one went and looked for it.

When the Princess was sixteen years old, she was alone one day. She began to look around the castle. She went into the old tower. She sat down and an old woman showed her the spinning wheel. The Princess touched the spindle and it pricked her finger. She fell to the floor. The white fairy came quickly. She said some magic words and everyone in the castle went to sleep. So the Princess and all the people in the castle slept.

A hundred years went by. Then a young prince came through the forest with his friends. He saw an old man and asked him about the castle. He wanted to go and find the sleeping princess. So the trees opened for him, and he went to the castle alone.

He found Sleeping Beauty and he kissed her. She opened her eyes and everyone in the castle woke up. The Prince asked the Princess to marry him. They went to church and were married. The years went by. The Prince and Princess had two children. And they all lived happily ever after.

Characters in the play

King	Servants	Orange Fairy	White Fairy	Prince's friends
Queen	Old Woman	Green Fairy	Carabosse	Chorus
Prince	Old Man	Red Fairy	People	
Princess	Yellow Fairy	Blue Fairy		



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SCENE 1

A BIG CHRISTENING

King This is the happiest day of my life!
Queen We will have a big christening.
King Yes, we can invite all the fairies.
Queen Let's write to them now.

SCENE 2

I HAVEN'T GOT AN INVITATION

Yellow Fairy Look, an invitation to the christening at the palace!
Green Fairy Here is my invitation.
Red Fairy I've got an invitation too!
Blue Fairy Is there one for me?
Orange Fairy Yes, one for me and one for you.
White Fairy Look, one for me too!
Carabosse I haven't got an invitation.
Everyone Oh, no!
Carabosse I haven't got an invitation.

SCENE 3

MY NAME IS CARABOSSE

King Thank you for coming.
Fairies Thank you for inviting us.
Servant May I see your invitation?
Carabosse I haven't got an invitation.
Servant What is your name?
Carabosse My name is Carabosse.
Queen Oh dear! Why didn't we invite her to the christening?
King Oh! I am very sorry. Please sit down with us and have dinner.
Queen Bring another cup and plate.
Servant Yes, here you are. A silver cup and a silver plate for Carabosse.
Carabosse What? No gold for me!

SCENE 4

SOME MAGIC PRESENTS

Servant The fairies want to give their presents to the baby.
Queen Oh yes, the presents!
Servant The fairies have magic presents.
Yellow Fairy The Princess will be happy.
Orange Fairy The Princess will be strong.
Blue Fairy The Princess will be beautiful.
Green Fairy The Princess will be kind.
Red Fairy The Princess will have many friends.
Carabosse Now for my present!
People Oh, no!
Carabosse One day, this little princess will prick her finger on a spindle and she will die! Ha! Ha! Ha!
King No, don't say that!
People Oh, no! The Princess will die.
White Fairy The Princess will not die. She will sleep for a hundred years.
People Sleep?
King and Queen For a hundred years?
White Fairy Yes, then a prince will come and find her.
People A prince?
White Fairy Yes. He will kiss her and . . .
People . . . And?
White Fairy And she will open her eyes and be happy.
King No! It's not true.
People What?
King The Princess will not prick her finger on a spindle, because there will not be any spindles.
Queen Why not?
King Bring all the spinning wheels in the country and burn them.
Servants Yes, we will find them all.



SCENE 5

BURNING THE SPINNING WHEELS

Servants Knock, knock!
Man Who is it?
Servants We are the King's servants.
Man Oh! Come in.
Servants Have you got a spinning wheel?
Woman Yes, we have. Here it is.
Servants We must take it to the King and burn it. The King says so.
Woman Here you are.
Servants Thank you.
Man and Woman Goodbye.
Chorus The King didn't burn all the spinning wheels. There was an old spinning wheel in an old tower that no one knew about.

SCENE 6

TODAY IS MY BIRTHDAY

Princess What's in this room?
Old Woman Hello. Who are you?
Princess I'm the Princess. Today is my birthday.
Old Woman How old are you?
Princess I'm sixteen.
Old Woman Happy birthday!
Princess Thank you. But what's this?
Old Woman It's a spinning wheel.
Princess Can I see it?
Old Woman Yes, come closer and look.
Princess Oh, it's a wheel for making wool. But what's this?
Old Woman It's a spindle. Look!
Princess Oh! It pricked my finger.
Old Woman Oh dear! Help! Help the Princess!
King and Queen Go and get the white fairy.
Servant I will find her.
White Fairy You wanted me. Here I am!
King Look at the Princess!
White Fairy Do not cry and do not be afraid. The Princess is only sleeping.
People Oh, no!
White fairy She will sleep quietly for a hundred years.
Queen A hundred years!
White Fairy You must all sleep for a hundred years. Sleep, sleep, sleep . . .
 When the Princess opens her eyes, she will not be alone.

SCENE 7

IS IT A CASTLE?

Prince Look! What's that?
Friends Is it a castle, perhaps?
Old Man Hello, can I help you?
Prince What are those towers in the forest?
Friends Is it a castle?
Old Man Yes, but no one goes there.
Old Woman Some people say that a witch lives there.
Old Man Some people say that a beautiful princess sleeps there.
Old Woman Yes, on a gold bed!
Prince I want to go there and see.
Old Man You can't go through the forest.
The Prince Oh, yes I can! Look, the trees are opening for me. Goodbye.

SCENE 8

LOOK! THE PRINCESS!

The Prince finds the Princess and her ladies.
Chorus At last the Prince found her.
Prince Oh! She is very beautiful!
Chorus Then he kissed her.
Prince Will you marry me?
Princess Oh yes! But first I must eat something. I'm very hungry!
Prince Let's go down then. Let's all go downstairs. There is food on the tables – and it's warm!
The Prince and the Princess and her ladies go out. Then they come back with the King and Queen, the fairies and all the people and the servants.
Carabosse I'm sorry. I did a bad thing.
Princess That's OK. I am happy. I am going to marry my prince!
Everyone Hooray! Hooray!
Chorus And they all lived happily ever after.

