


CINDERELLA



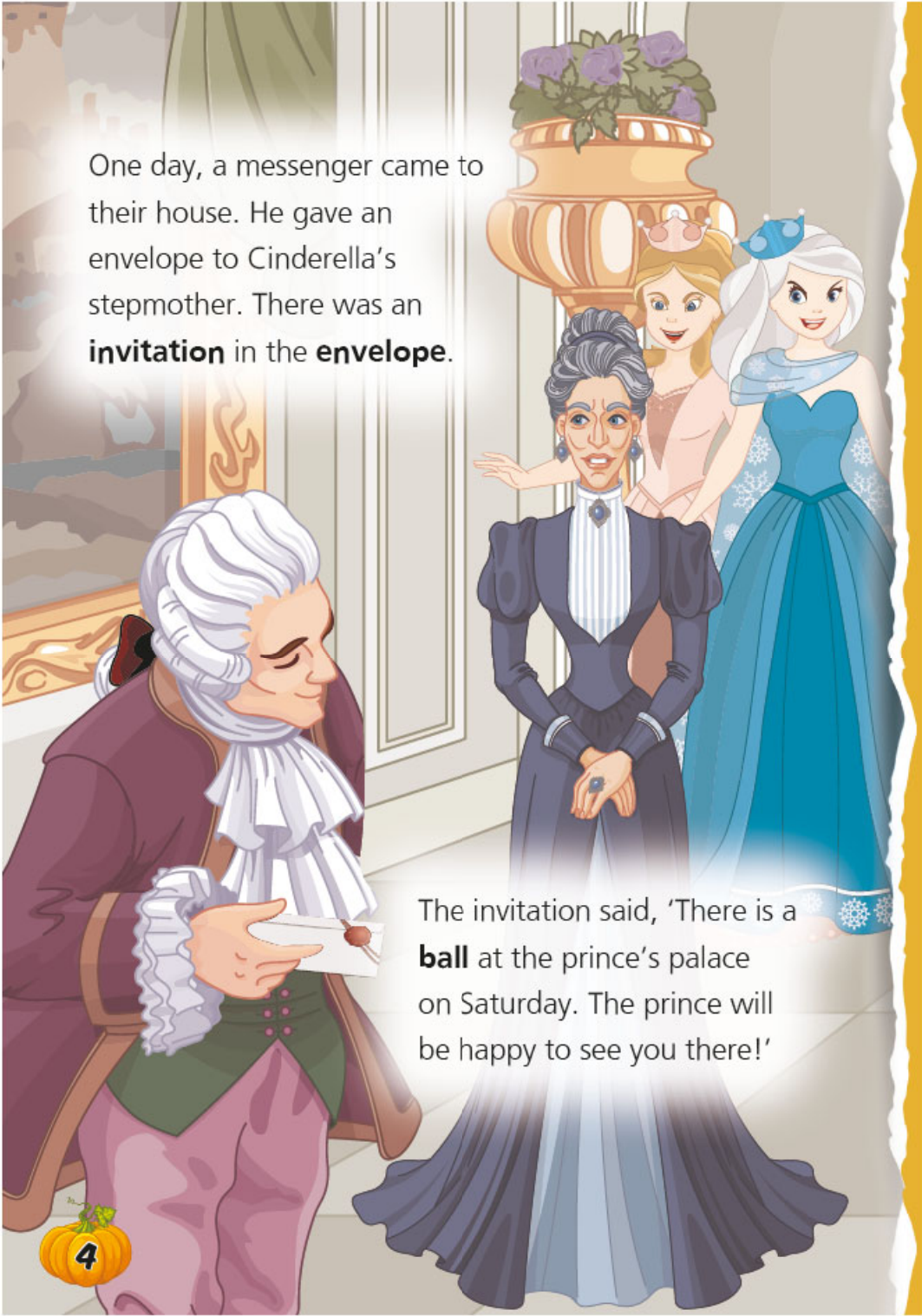
An illustration of two young women in a room. The woman on the left has long blonde hair and is wearing a pink dress with a dark red bodice and a small pink tiara. The woman on the right has long white hair and is wearing a blue dress with white snowflake patterns and a blue tiara. They are standing in a room with a window on the left and a green stool on the right. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

Once upon a time, there was a kind and beautiful girl called Cinderella. She lived happily with her mother and father in a big house.

One day, Cinderella's mother became sick and died. A few months later, her father married another woman. The stepmother was **cruel** and unkind. She had two daughters. They were cruel and unkind too.


When Cinderella's father died, her stepsisters took all of Cinderella's nice clothes. They gave her an old dress. 'You are a **maid** now. You must do all the housework!' they said. They were **jealous** of Cinderella because she was very beautiful.





One day, a messenger came to their house. He gave an envelope to Cinderella's stepmother. There was an **invitation** in the **envelope**.

The invitation said, 'There is a **ball** at the prince's palace on Saturday. The prince will be happy to see you there!'

An illustration of a scene from the Cinderella story. Cinderella, with blonde hair and a blue headband, is on the left, looking surprised. In the center, her stepmother, an older woman with grey hair and a stern expression, is dressed in a dark blue gown with a white striped collar. Behind her, two stepsisters are standing: one in a blue dress with a crown and another in a pink dress with a crown. A large golden vase with purple flowers sits on a stand behind the stepsisters. The background shows a window with green curtains and a doorway.

The two stepsisters were very **excited**. The stepmother called Cinderella and said, 'Go to your room and make three beautiful dresses for us!'

Then, she looked at her two daughters and said, 'We need new accessories for our new dresses. Let's go shopping!' They left the house in a hurry. Cinderella worked all day and night to prepare the new dresses. On the day of the party, she helped her stepsisters **get dressed**. She brushed their hair and cleaned their shoes. After she finished all the work, she asked, 'Can I go to the ball too?' Her stepmother and her stepsisters laughed at her loudly. 'Ha! Ha! Ha! Your dress is old and dirty. And you haven't got any nice shoes. You can't come with us!' said the stepmother.

Cinderella's stepmother and stepsisters left the house. They got on a big **coach** and went to the ball. Cinderella sat down on the steps and watched them leave. She was so **disappointed** that she started to cry. 'I wish I could go to the ball too,' she said.







Cinderella was surprised. 'But I haven't got any beautiful clothes or shoes,' she said. The fairy showed her a **magic wand**. 'Let's do some magic. Now go and bring a big **pumpkin**, four white mice and two **lizards**, please,' she said.