

NARRATOR

The girl obeyed and swallowed her pain. But as she was helped on the back of the horse by the Prince, he noticed blood trickling from the shoe.

(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE takes shoe off LUCINDA, pours blood from it and, ashen, returns it to STEPMOTHER)

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE

Have you no other daughters?

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To which the woman replied:

STPMOTHER

No, only a little stunted kitchen wench which his late wife left behind, but she is much too dirty; she cannot show herself.

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE

I insist.

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And when Cinderella presented herself and tried on the blood-soaked slipper, it fit like a glove.

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE

This is the true bride!

CINDERELLA'S FATHER

I always wanted a son!

(CINDERELLA'S FATHER is admonished by STEPMOTHER, FLORINDA and LUCINDA.

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And much to the dismay of the stepmother and her daughters, he took Cinderella on his horse and rode off.

(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and CINDERELLA ride up to the grave)

CINDERELLA'S MOTHER

NO BLOOD AT ALL WITHIN THE SHOE;
THIS IS THE PROPER BRIDE FOR YOU,
FIT TO ATTEND A PRINCE.

(During the following, RAPUNZEL wanders in, SINGING fragmentarily carrying twin babies. At the same time, RAPUNZEL 'S PRINCE stumbles on from a different direction; RAPUNZEL sees him and falls in his arms, weeping)

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