

Sleeping Beauty

Once upon a time in a faraway land, a beautiful baby girl was born to a king and queen.

Fairies from all over the land were invited to celebrate the birth of Princess Aurora. At the celebration, the fairies each gave their gifts to the Princess; but the Evil Fairy, who was not invited, arrives unexpectedly. Angry about being left out, she casts a spell on Princess Aurora, announcing that when the Princess reaches the age of 16, she will prick her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel and die. The good Lilac Fairy weaves a counter spell: the Princess will not die, but will fall into a deep sleep for 100 years. When a Prince who truly loves her wakes her with a kiss, the spell will be broken. Furious, the Evil Fairy disappears. The King and Queen were so worried for their daughter that they declared all spindles and spinning wheels of the kingdom be destroyed.

As time went on, Princess Aurora grew to be a lovely, charming young woman. On her sixteenth birthday, the King and Queen celebrated by throwing the Princess a party with feasting and dancing. Despite the King and Queen's precautions, the Evil Fairy sneaks in with the gift of a spindle, on which Aurora pricks her finger. The Lilac Fairy extends her spell to the entire kingdom and everyone falls into a deep sleep.

As the years passed by, a thick forest grew around the palace and the kingdom was hidden. One day, a handsome prince was passing through the forest and discovered the strange kingdom. The Lilac Fairy guided him to where Princess Aurora lay sleeping. Struck by her beauty, the Prince kisses Aurora, awakening her and breaking the spell. The entire kingdom awakes and the Evil Fairy's curse is lifted!

Princess Aurora and the Prince were soon married and they lived happily ever after.