

Mentor Text 1

Seattle Cinderella

Not long ago, on a rainy winter day in Seattle, there was a generous and kind girl named Cindy. She lived with her mean stepmom and two cruel stepsisters who made her do endless chores. She had to go outside even when the weather was so cold and damp, she could see her breath. They were cruel and had horrible tempers. It made Cindy sad, but she was always kind in return.

Every year, there was a big party at the Space Needle for New Year's Eve. The tall, futuristic building overlooks the bay. Cindy wanted to go see it light up with fireworks. Her stepmom and stepsisters laughed and said she couldn't go until she had finished all of her chores. Cindy quietly sobbed as she returned to her housework.

When Cindy went to take out the trash, her fairy godmother appeared. She waved her wand and turned Cindy's clothes into a beautiful dress, and sparkling sneakers appeared on her feet. A shiny red scooter appeared too. With another wave of her wand, all of Cindy's chores were done! She told Cindy to go to the party but that her magical spell would wear off at midnight.

After that, Cindy went to the party. She had a great time. She met the mayor of Seattle and danced a lot. But she lost track of time! At midnight, she realized that her time was up. She ran out of the party without saying, “Goodbye.” Before she left, she lost one of her sparkling slip-on sneakers.

The next day, the mayor asked everyone to try on the sneaker to find the mysterious girl. Cindy's stepmom and stepsisters tried it on, but it didn't fit. Later, Cindy tried, and it fit perfectly!

Cindy's stepmom and stepsisters were surprised. Finally, they treated her kindly. At last, Cindy was happy and went to all the fun events in Seattle with her new friend, the mayor.