



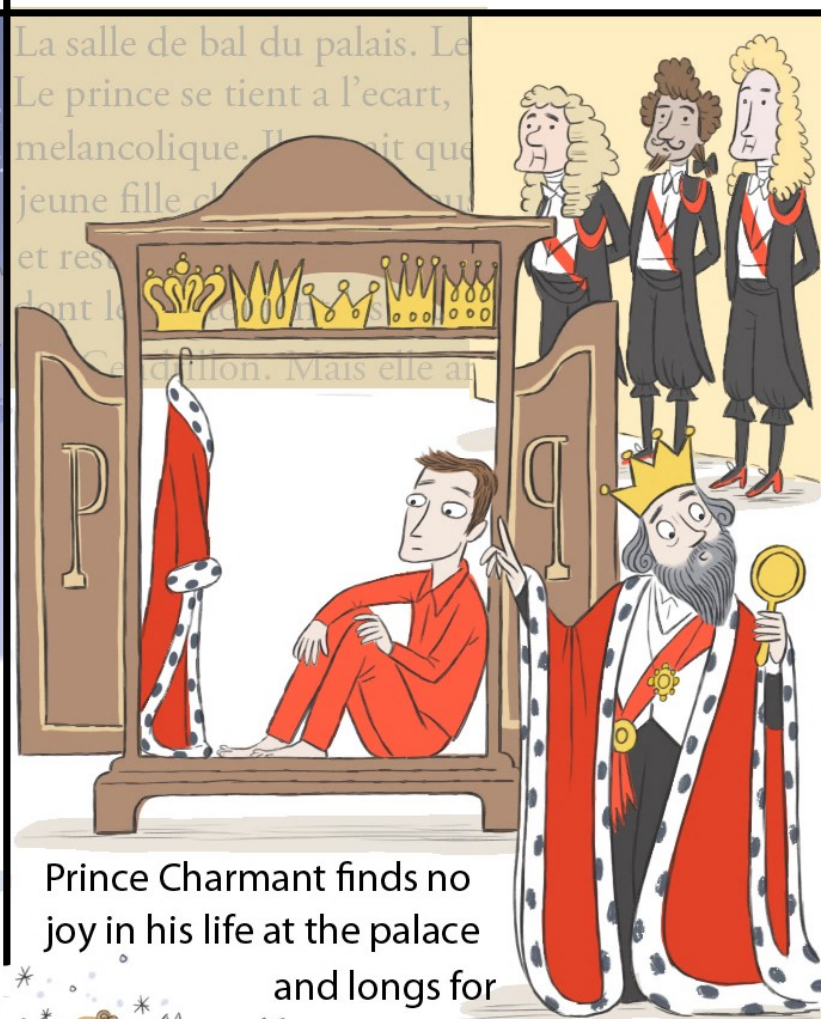
The household of Monsieur Pandolfe is in an uproar. His second wife, Madame de la Haltière, and her vain daughters terrorize him and the servants while they prepare to attend a ball at the royal palace.



After they have left, Lucette, called Cendrillon by her step-sisters, enters. She is sad and lonely, and sorry to have been left behind with only her dreams. She rests from her chores and falls asleep in the empty house.



While Lucette sleeps, her Fairy Godmother and a company of fairies appear. The Fairy Godmother changes Lucette's old rags into a beautiful ball gown. She departs for the ball in a magical carriage and promises to return by midnight.



Prince Charmant finds no joy in his life at the palace and longs for

someone to love. The King interrupts the Prince's discontent and commands him to attend the evening's ball, where he must choose a wife from the noble ladies there.



The Prince is uninterested in the endless parade of women at the ball, including Madame de la Haltière and her daughters. When Lucette arrives, everyone is struck by her grace and beauty.



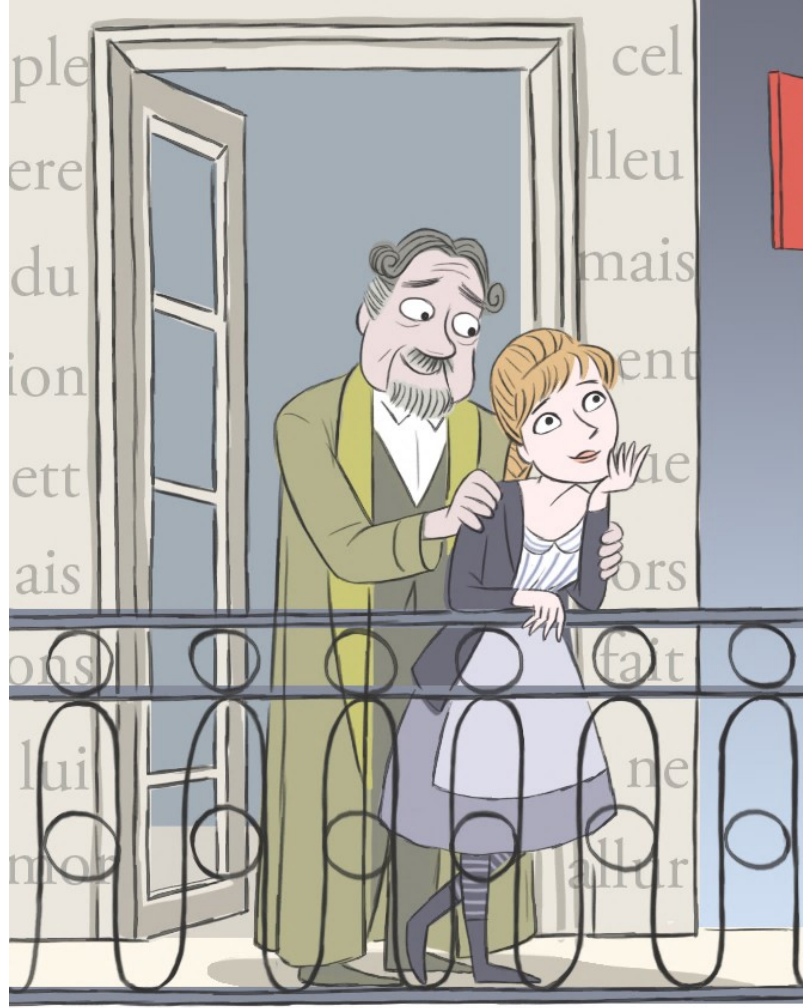
The Prince is enthralled by this unknown woman, and once alone, they confess their feelings for one another. Just as the Prince declares his love, the clock strikes midnight and Lucette is forced to flee.



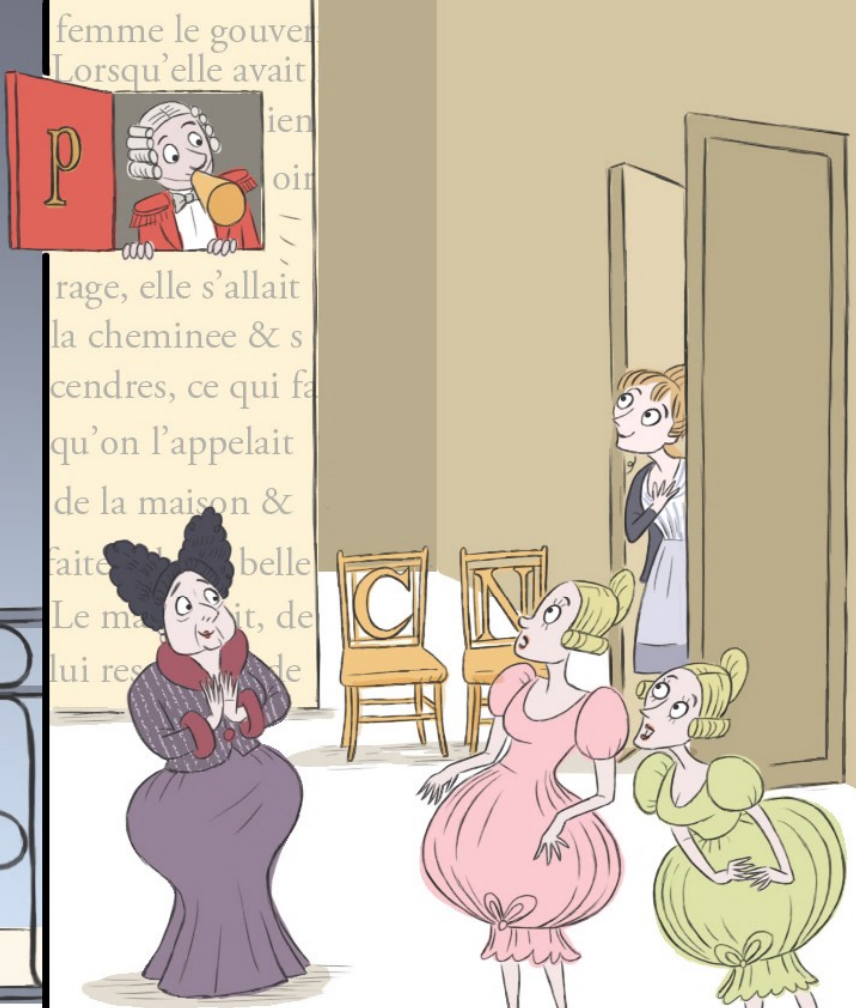
Back at home, Lucette is distraught to hear from her step-mother and sisters that an unknown lady at the ball was mocked by everyone there, including the Prince. Lucette despairs, and not wanting to burden her father with her sadness, runs away.



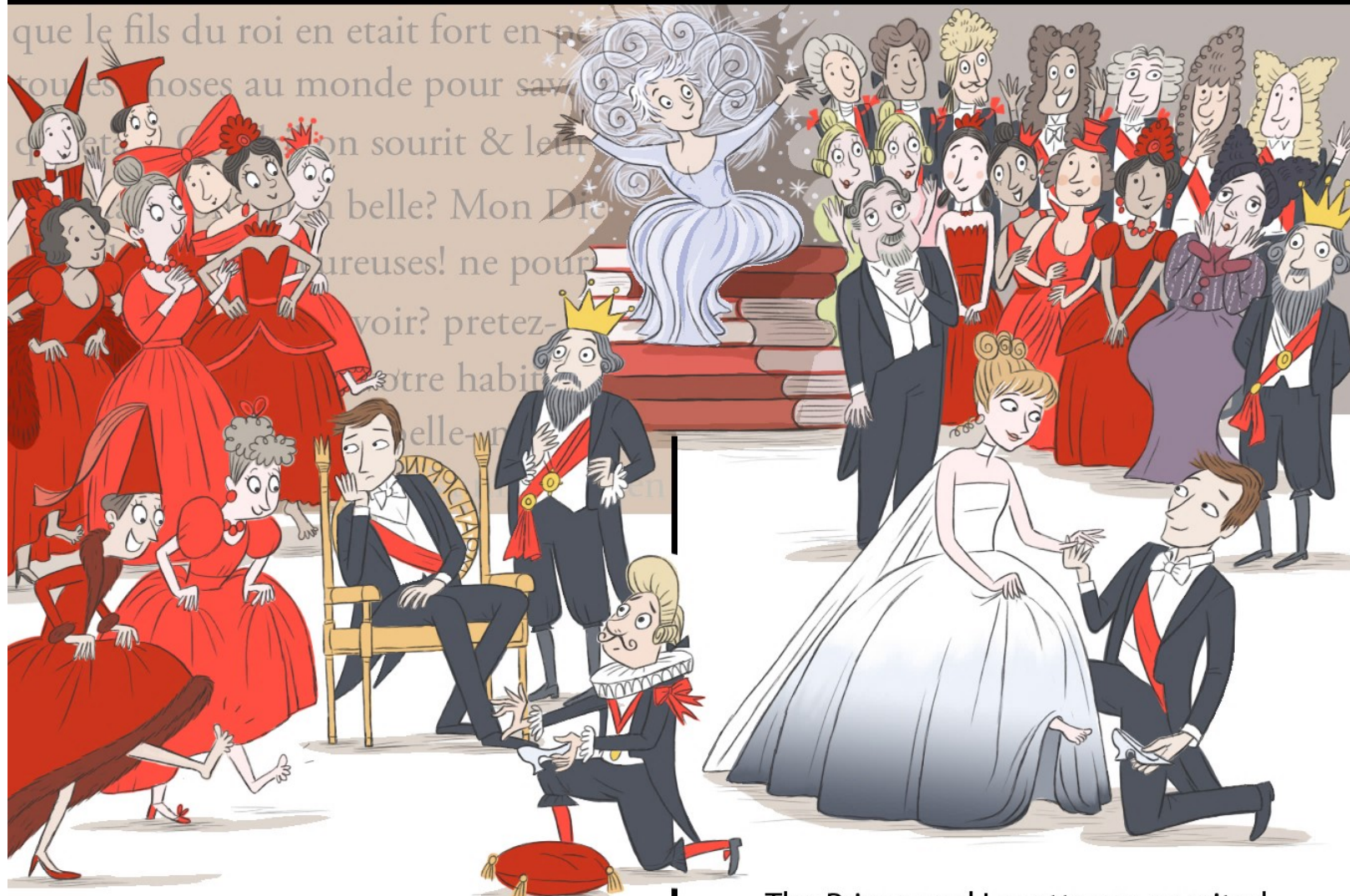
In a magical landscape, Lucette and Prince Charmant are wandering, lost in their distress. The Fairy Godmother hears their grief and reunites them. Lucette and the Prince reaffirm their love for one another and fall into an enchanted sleep.



Lucette awakens months later, anxiously watched by Pandolfe, who remembers how he found her nearly frozen, asleep by a stream. Lucette is unsure of her memories, and is convinced by her father that her time with the Prince was all a dream.



Madame de la Haltière announces to the household that the Prince has summoned women from across the world to try on the glass slipper. Lucette joyfully realizes that her dreams were true.



After a long procession of princesses, the Prince despairs that he will never find his love. The Fairy Godmother appears and heralds the arrival of Lucette.

The Prince and Lucette are reunited. The whole company is amazed and recognizes Lucette as their future queen, as the story comes to a happy conclusion.