

All characters in this pack come in three variations

A



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CINDERELLA:

THE MISS BEHIND THE MYTH

Where does Cinderella come from? It's obvious, isn't it: like everyone else in Pantoland, she comes from a kingdom far, far away. Or does she? Actually, there's plenty of evidence to show Cinderella really comes from... well, just about everywhere.

The fairytale as we know it was written down by a Frenchman, Charles Perrault, more than 300 years ago, but the lady herself is considerably older than that – even if she doesn't show her age – and she's definitely not French. So where did she come from?

DID YOU KNOW?

Walt Disney's 1950 cartoon film of *Cinderella* cost almost \$3 million to make and has made more than \$85 million for the studio. One of its songs, 'Bibbidi-Bobbidi-Boo', was nominated for an Oscar and became a hit single four times – including once for the crooner Perry Como.

FACT...

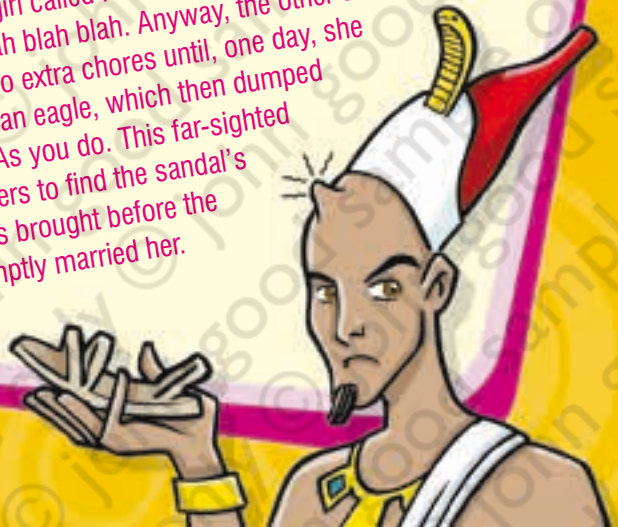
The first film of *Cinderella* was produced in France in 1899. Since then, she's turned up in more than 50 screen versions, including German, Russian, Turkish and Japanese movies.

FACT...

Among the stars to have played a version of *Cinderella* are Betty Boop, Julie Andrews, Drew Barrymore and – believe it or not – Fred Flintstone.

One answer may be ancient Greece. You know, that place where blokes wore skirts and Olympic athletes lobbed their javelins starkers. A lot of modern stories are based on their old legends: *The Wizard of Oz* is a hero's quest; *The Lion King* is classic mythology; even sci-fi epics like the *Star Wars* movies are just updated versions of the same basic stories, with light sabres and Jedi knights instead of swords and gods.

Cinderella's no different. In the 1st Century BC, the Greek historian Strabo told of a young servant girl called Rhodopis – or 'Rosy Cheeks' – who was fair and beautiful and blah blah blah. Anyway, the other servants hated her and made her do extra chores until, one day, she had her sandal nicked by an eagle, which then dumped it on the head of the king. As you do. This far-sighted pharaoh sent out messengers to find the sandal's owner, and Rhodopis was brought before the king, who promptly married her.





FACT...

Cinderella has inspired countless songs by major artists, among them Britney Spears, Snoop Doggy Dogg, Hannah Montana and Michael Jackson.

So far, so happily ever after. But Cinderella could also be found centuries ago in China and lots of other oriental countries, including the Philippines, Vietnam and Korea. And then there are the famous 1,001 stories of the Arabian Nights, gathered from Persia, India, Arabia and Asia.



DID YOU KNOW?

One academic study from 1893 lists a whopping 345 different variations of the tale, although there could be thousands around the world.

In these fables, the narrator Scheherazade literally saves her neck from the executioner by telling the sultan exotic tales, night after night. Maybe she was running short of ideas – or desperate, with the axeman's blade hanging over her – but bits of the Cinderella story turn up three or four times in different episodes. One of them even retells it as a tragedy, with the young boy Judar poisoned by his jealous older brothers. The Ugly Sisters look like *Blue Peter* presenters by comparison.

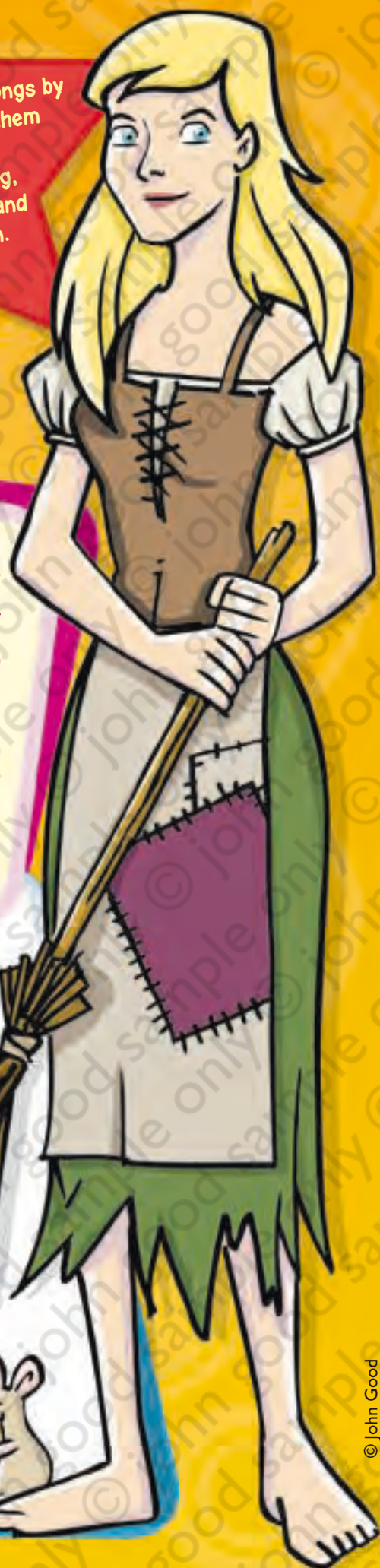


Wherever she came from, Cinderella eventually popped up in Europe, as an opera in Italy and a fairy tale in Germany, thanks to the Brothers Grimm. That Frenchman Perrault added things like a fairy godmother, the pumpkin becoming a coach and the all-important glass slippers.

After about 2,000 years traipsing the globe – no mean feat if you've only got one shoe – Cinderella finally made it into a pantomime in 1904 at London's Drury Lane Theatre. She followed this with an appearance at the nearby Adelphi the next year and now she's the most frequently performed panto of them all.

So whether she's from Greece, China, France or Far, Far Away, she's never looked back – even for her slipper!

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DEAR DIARY...

Sunday

Sitting in the dark eating leftovers AGAIN. It's cold mashed potato and burnt swan fritters today. I wouldn't mind, except it's all covered in bugs and belly-button fluff from the bins...



Monday

Washing day. Mixed up industrial-strength powder to the do Uglies' smelly knickers! After that I'll use the water to kill the weeds growing in the cracks in the cellar floor. Buttons says he could market it – something about going into a Dragon's Den...



Tuesday

Home from shopping in the pouring rain. Used this new thing called 'tweeting' to get Buttons to pick me up in a coach! Soon home in front of the fire, drying off. It worked a real tweet!



Wednesday

Scrubbing again using 'Scrubbo', the new 'all-in-one super-duper deep-down anti-bacterial pineapple-and-ginseng cleaning foam'. Buttons says he polishes his buttons with it AND puts it on his hair. I wondered what the smell was...



Thursday

Everyone has posh invites for the big ball on Saturday night (except me, of course). Buttons sent me messages on his Apple and Blackberry to cheer me up but just got juice all over himself!



Friday

A kind little old lady has just told that she is my Fairy Godmother, and everything is going to be ALL RIGHT. What does she mean? It means I'm out in the garden again, all wet and soggy, looking for six white mice, six slippery lizards, and wait for it... a pumpkin...!

Saturday OMG!!!

Going to the ball!!!! Buttons has said everyone is going to be there! I'm sooo excited!!! I've got this amazing prom dress with glass slippers!!! I've got a coach and everything!!! Fairy Godmother says it will be ALL RIGHT, provided I'm back by midnight – wonder what she means by that...?

PANTO PUZZLERS

GREETINGS!

Cinderella likes to say hello to children from all over the world. See if you can help her by working out which greeting on the left matches the language on the right.

Hola	German
Guten Tag	Arabic
Konichiwa	Russian
Witaj	Japanese
Bonjour	Italian
Buon Giorno	Hindi
Namaste	Spanish
Al Salaam A'Alykum	Polish
Zdraveite	French

UGLY SISTER TONGUE TWISTER

Surely Sisters Should Share Such Shocking Secrets!

See how quickly you can say this without getting muddled!

WHERE'S MY WAND?

Help the Fairy Godmother find a way through the star maze to find her wand.



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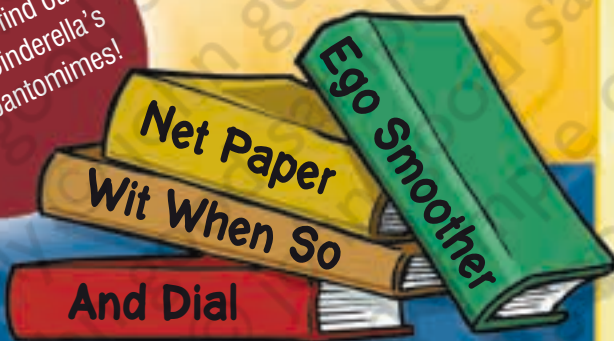
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DOT TO DOT



PANTOMANIA!

Unscramble the titles to find out which are Cinderella's favourite pantomimes!



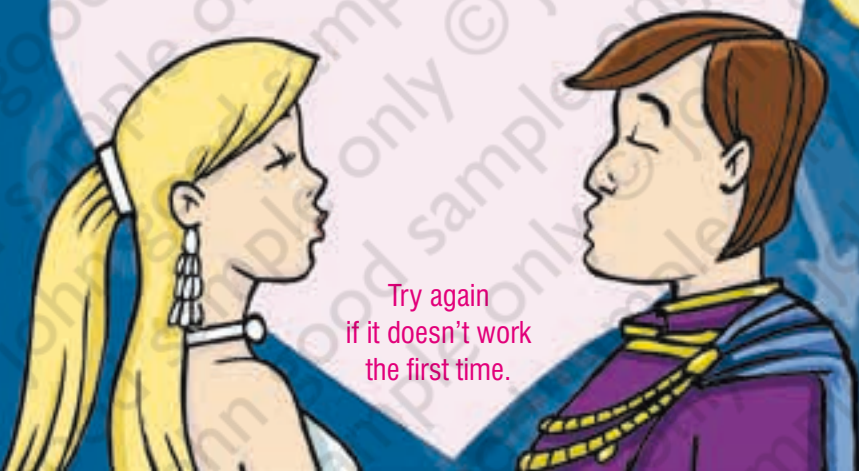
FIRST KISS

Or just an illusion?

Relax your eyes and stare at the space between Cinderella and the Prince.

Slowly bring the page towards your face and see them share their first kiss!

Try again if it doesn't work the first time.



BUTTONS' CODEBUSTER!

Crack the code and work out the secret message from Buttons!

A		J		S	
B		K		T	
C		L		U	
D		M		V	
E		N		W	
F		O		X	
G		P		Y	
H		Q		Z	
I		R			

Secret message:



There are 6 mice, 2 magic wands and 1 glass slipper hidden on these pages. Can you find them?

SPY!

HAVING A BALL

Everyone is having a lovely time at the Prince's ball, but there are lots of things hiding in the picture! See how many of these you can find before the clock strikes midnight...



Slippers

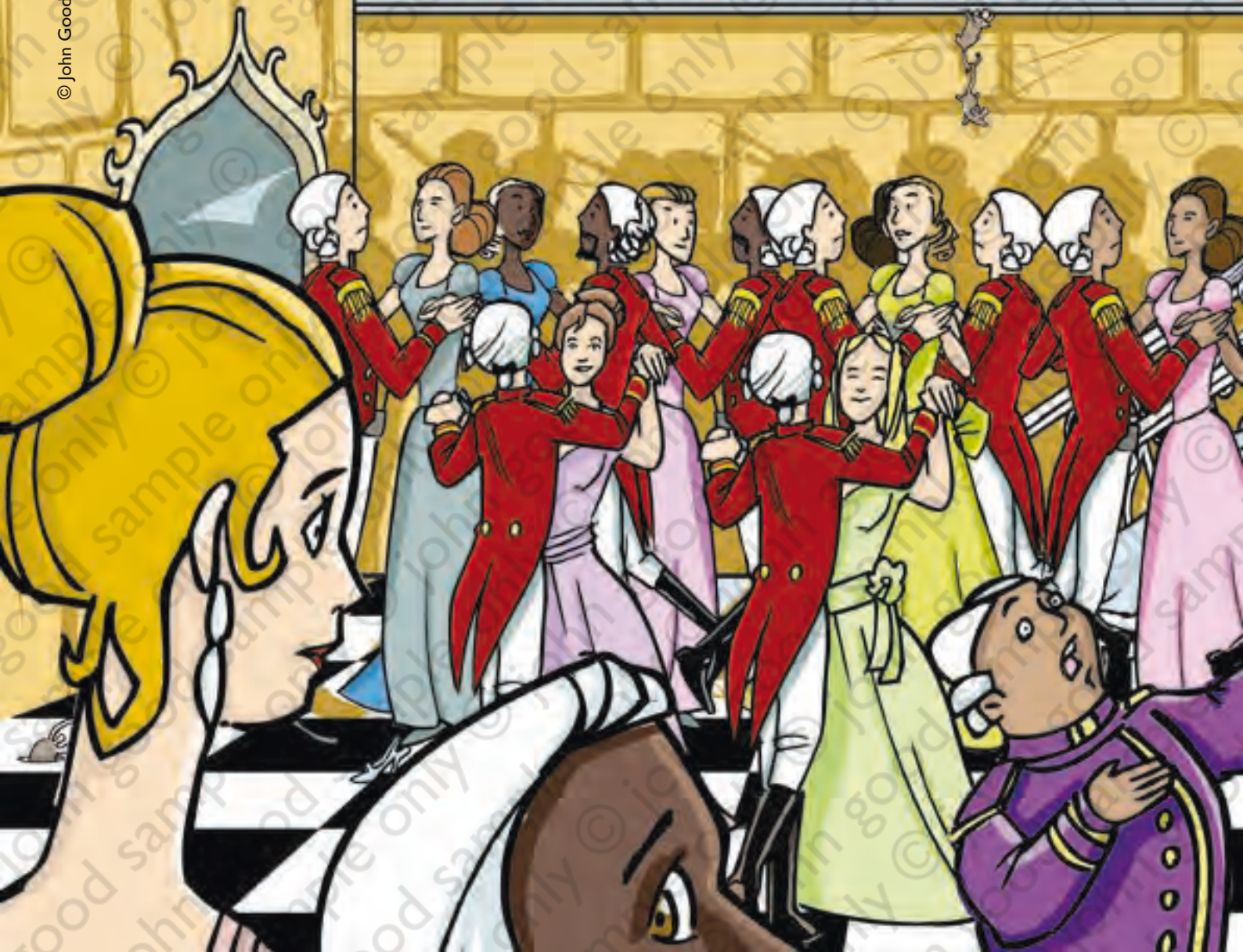
Mice

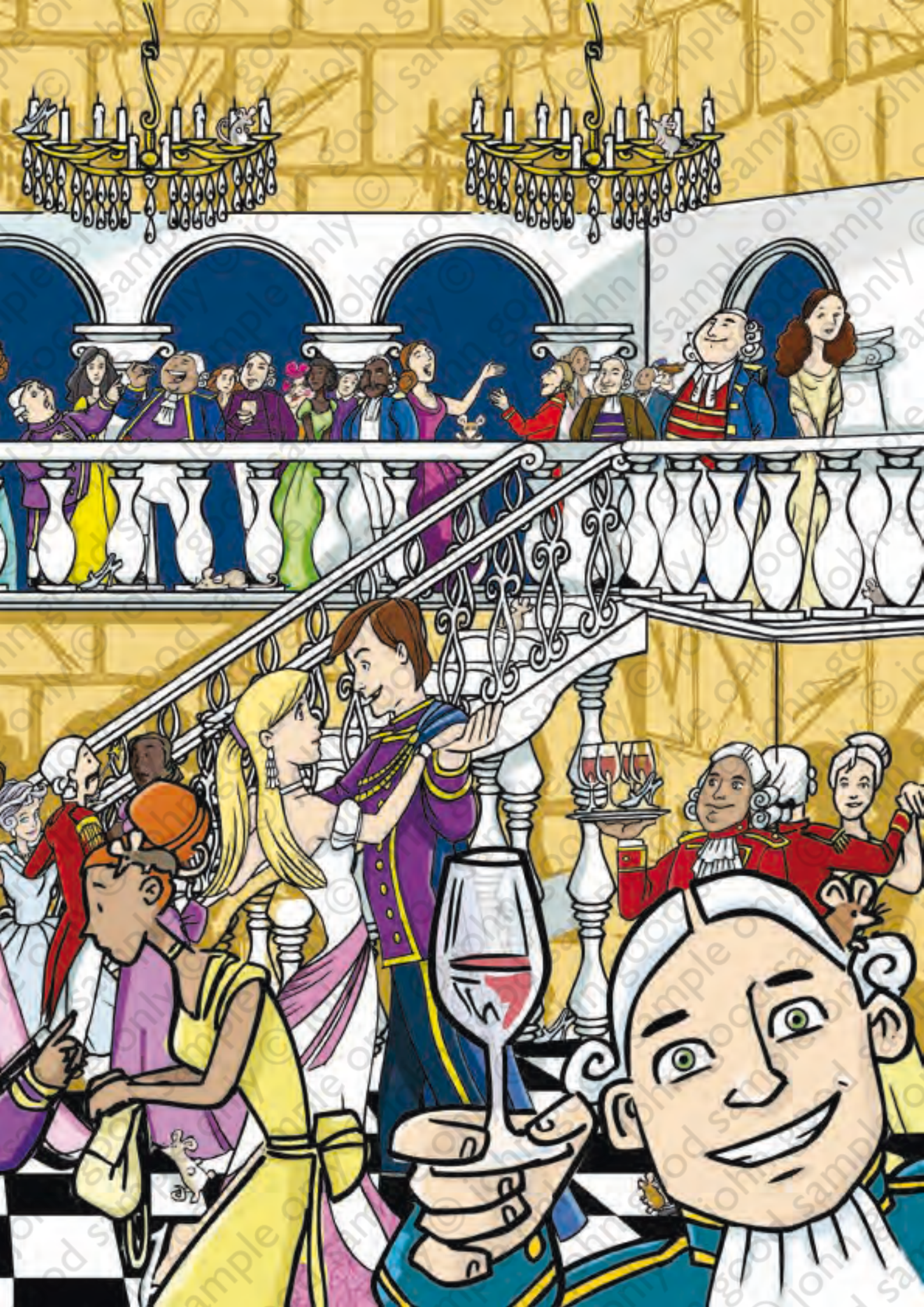
Buttons

Fairy
Godmother

The Ugly
Sisters

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WRITE YOUR OWN CINDERELLA STORY

Here's your chance to tell your very own version of the Cinderella story. Make it as sensible or as silly as you like.

A beautiful girl named Cinderella lived with two sisters, who are as ugly as...



A a bulldog chewing a wasp



B a troll on a bad hair day



C a bulldog chewing a troll on a bad hair day

One day, they receive an invitation to go to the castle for the Prince's...



A ball



B rock concert



C lecture on astrophysics

While her sisters head off to the castle, Cinders is forced to stay home and...



A clean the grate



B clean her plate



C pretend she has a date

Suddenly, her Fairy Godmother appears and sprinkles...



A magic dust



B hundreds and thousands



C fungal foot powder

Next, she gives Cinderella a pair of glass slippers and turns a pumpkin into...



A a beautiful coach



B tasty pumpkin soup



C a one-way street

Cinderella arrives at the castle, where the Prince asks her for...



A a dance



B help with his homework



C change for a tenner

Cinderella runs away just as the clock strikes...



A midnight



B the ugly sisters



C for shorter hours

To track her down, the Prince uses...



A a leftover slipper



B a tracker dog



C CCTV footage

Eventually, the Prince finds Cinderella and they...



A live happily ever after



B give the ugly sisters a makeover



C open a cleaning business

THE END

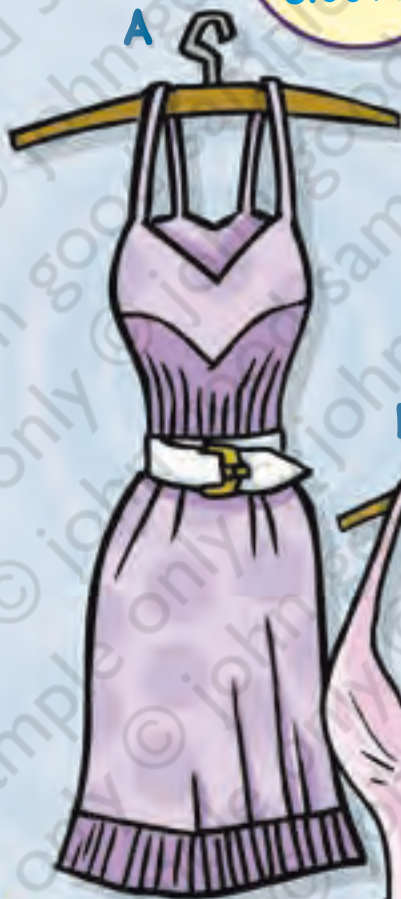
CINDERS' DRESSES

Buttons is choosing a dress for Cinderella to wear to the ball. Can you work out which dress it is from the clues below?

It isn't the longest one

It doesn't have a belt

It doesn't have sleeves



TURN BACK TIME

Clumsy Buttons has knocked over the clock at the ball. Can you help him put it back together and find out what the time is?

(Here's a hint: you'll need to look closely at all the jagged edges and draw the four shapes back in!)



BEAT THE CLOCK!

The following words appear twice in this square; cross them out and you'll find a hidden word. (Here's a hint: it's where you hang a clock!)

HOURS MINUTES
SECONDS TIME PAST

S	E	C	O	N	D	S
E	E	P	A	L	R	P
T	E	C	A	V	A	H
U	M	W	O	S	L	O
N	I	H	T	N	T	U
I	T	I	M	E	D	R
M	I	N	U	T	E	S



MAKE ME UP!

The ugly sister needs all the help she can get with her make-up. Can you choose some colours for her?



THE DANCE

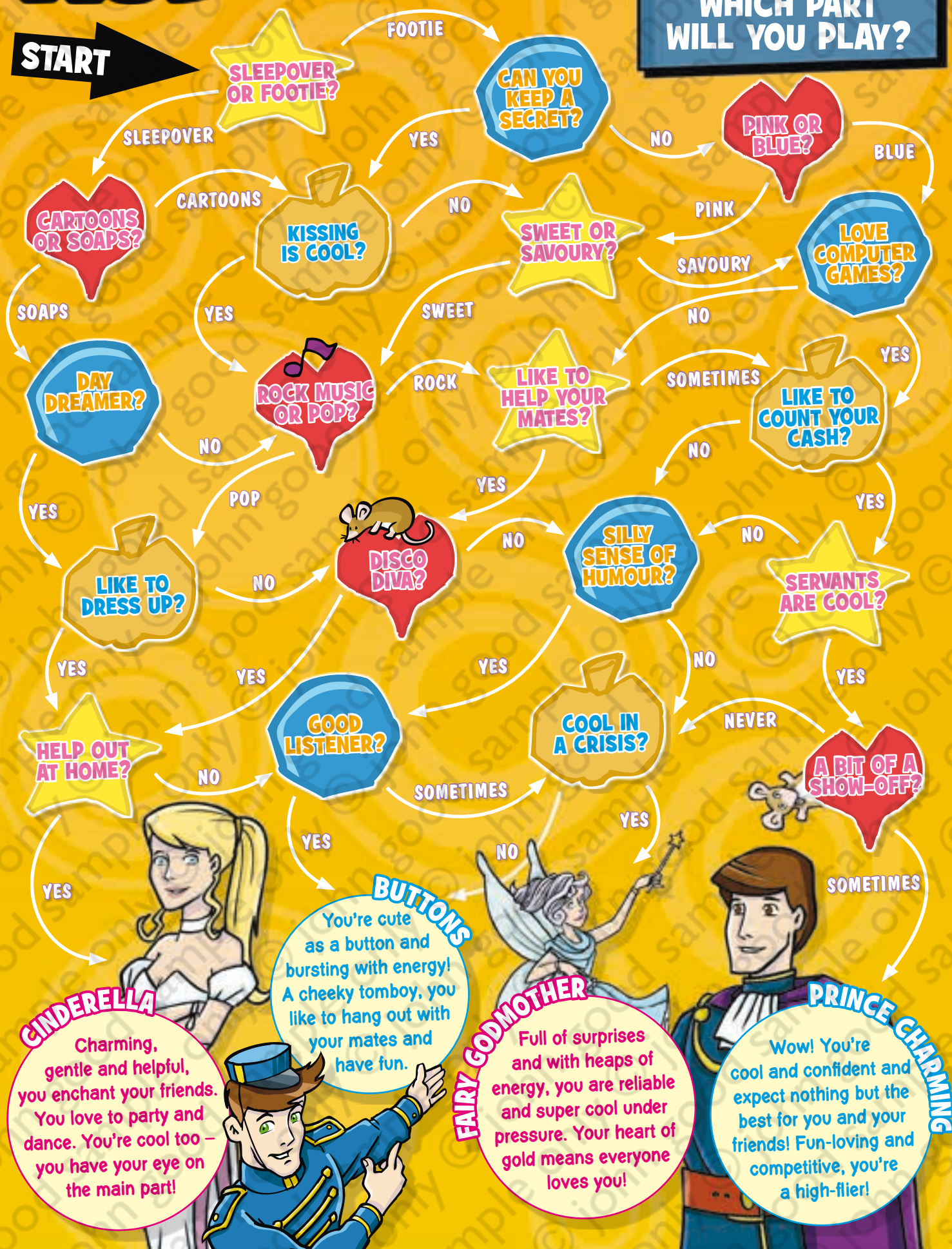
Add some
magical colours
to this scene.





WHICH PART WILL YOU PLAY?

START



HAVING A BALL

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Slippers

Mice

Buttons

Fairy
Godmother

The Ugly
Sisters



KING OF THE CASTLE

Make this funky sign and stick to your bedroom door to let everyone know if you're in or out!



Instructions

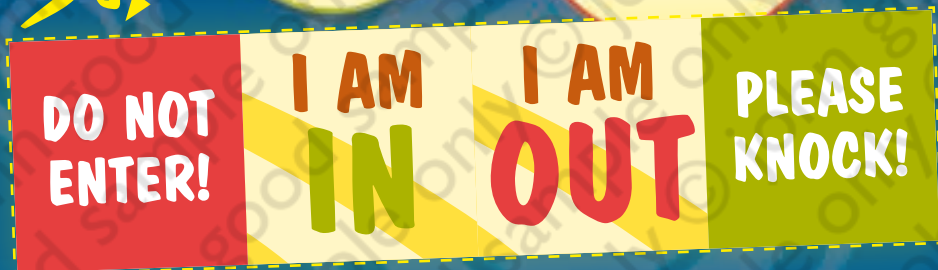
1 Cut out this page and glue it onto thin card.

2 Cut your door sign, badge and tab along the (colour) dotted lines.

3 Fold the sign in half and very carefully cut along the dotted lines in the middle. (Ask an adult to help you with this.)

4 Stick the badge onto the sign. Draw in a picture or add your own photo!

5 Write your name on the door sign and stick it on your door.



Finished Sign



DOUBLE TROUBLE!

The Fairy Godmother meant to change Cinderella's rags into a beautiful gown, but accidentally created a whole new Cinderella instead! Can you find the twelve differences between them?



ANSWERS

GREETINGS!

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Konichiwa = Japanese
Witaj = Polish
Bonjour = French
Buon Giorno = Italian
Namaste = Hindi
Al Salaam A'Alykum = Arabic
Zdraveite = Russian

WHERE'S MY WAND?



PANTOMANIA!

Ego Smoother = Mother Goose
Net Paper = Peter Pan
Wit When So = Snow White
And Dial = Aladdin

BUTTONS' CODEBUSTER!

Answer:

HAVE FUN AT THE PANTO

HAVING A BALL

There are five slippers, 14 mice,
 one Buttons, one Fairy
 Godmother and two Ugly Sisters!

DOT TO DOT



TURN BACK TIME



BEAT THE CLOCK!



Answer: WALL

CINDERS' DRESSES

Answer: B

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