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## 1 The Spell

Once upon a time, a handsome prince lived in a castle. The prince loved parties, but he only invited the most beautiful people in the land.

One evening, the prince had a wonderful party. Outside, the wind was terrible. Suddenly, there was a loud knock at the door. A poor old woman wanted to come in from the storm. She held up a rose to the prince.

The prince laughed loudly and threw her rose on the floor.

Then, in a cloud of gold light, the old woman became a beautiful enchantress.

“You are ugly inside,” she said to the prince. “Now you will be ugly outside, too.” She put a spell on him and his castle.



The prince changed into a terrible beast. His staff changed into a clock, a candlestick, and a teapot.

“Before the last petal falls from this rose,” she said, “you must learn how to love. If another person learns to love *you*, then you can be a prince again.”

There was a village near the castle, and the enchantress put a spell on the people there, too. They forgot about the castle and the prince.



A girl called Belle lived in the village. She was kind and intelligent, and dreamed of a life outside of the village. She wanted to travel and see the world, but every day was the same.

The villagers didn't like her. "She's strange," they said. "She's always reading books."