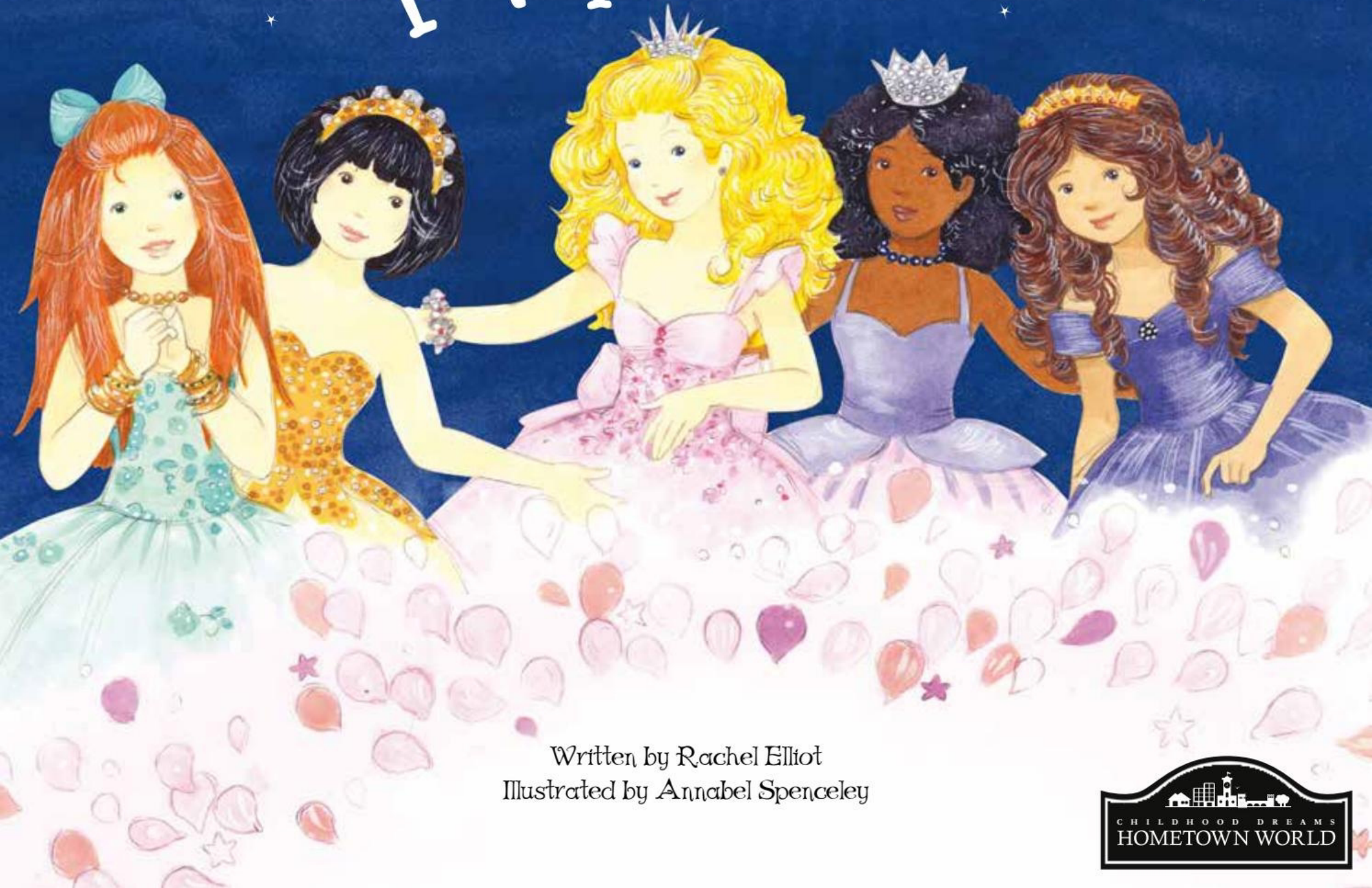
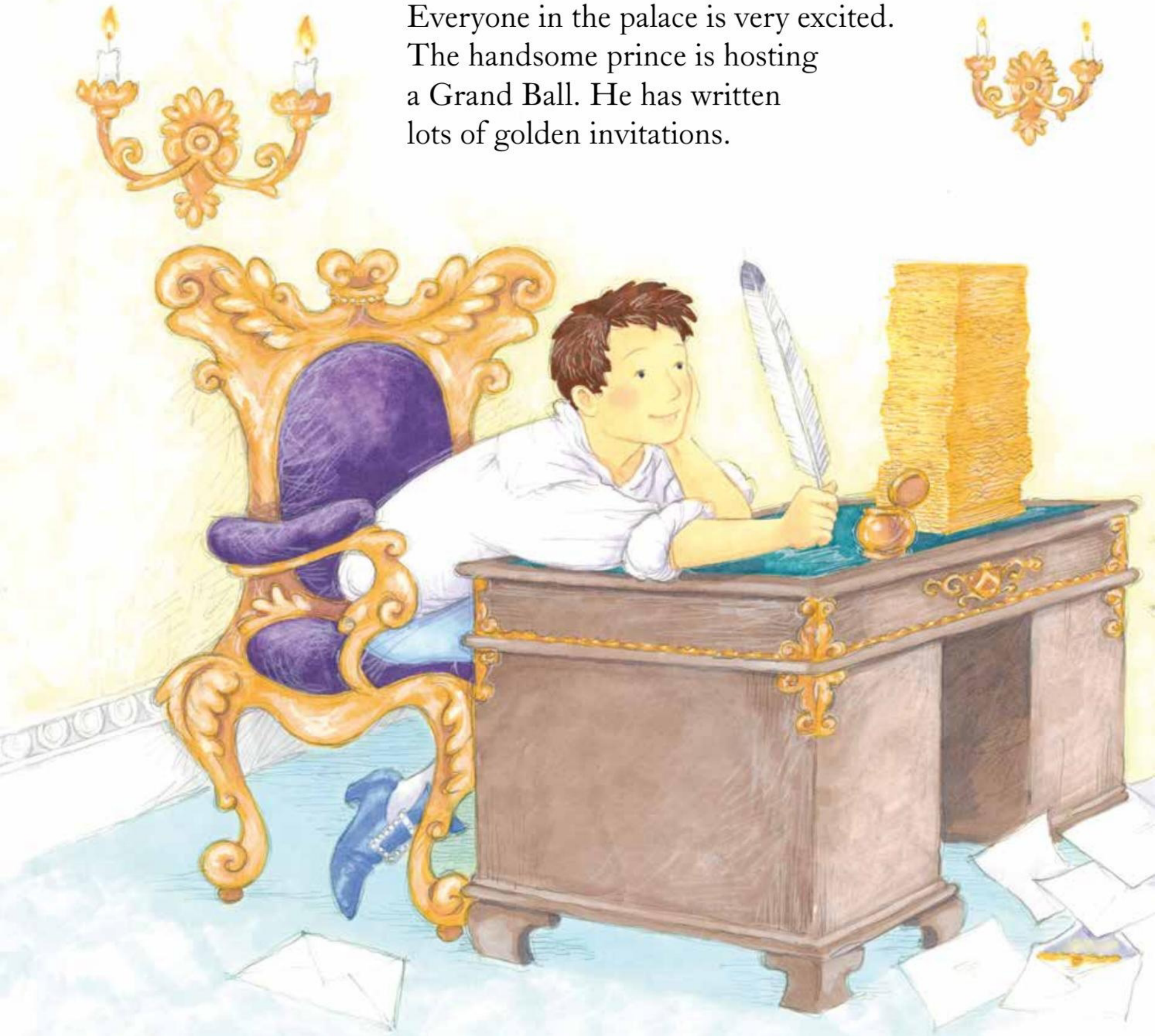


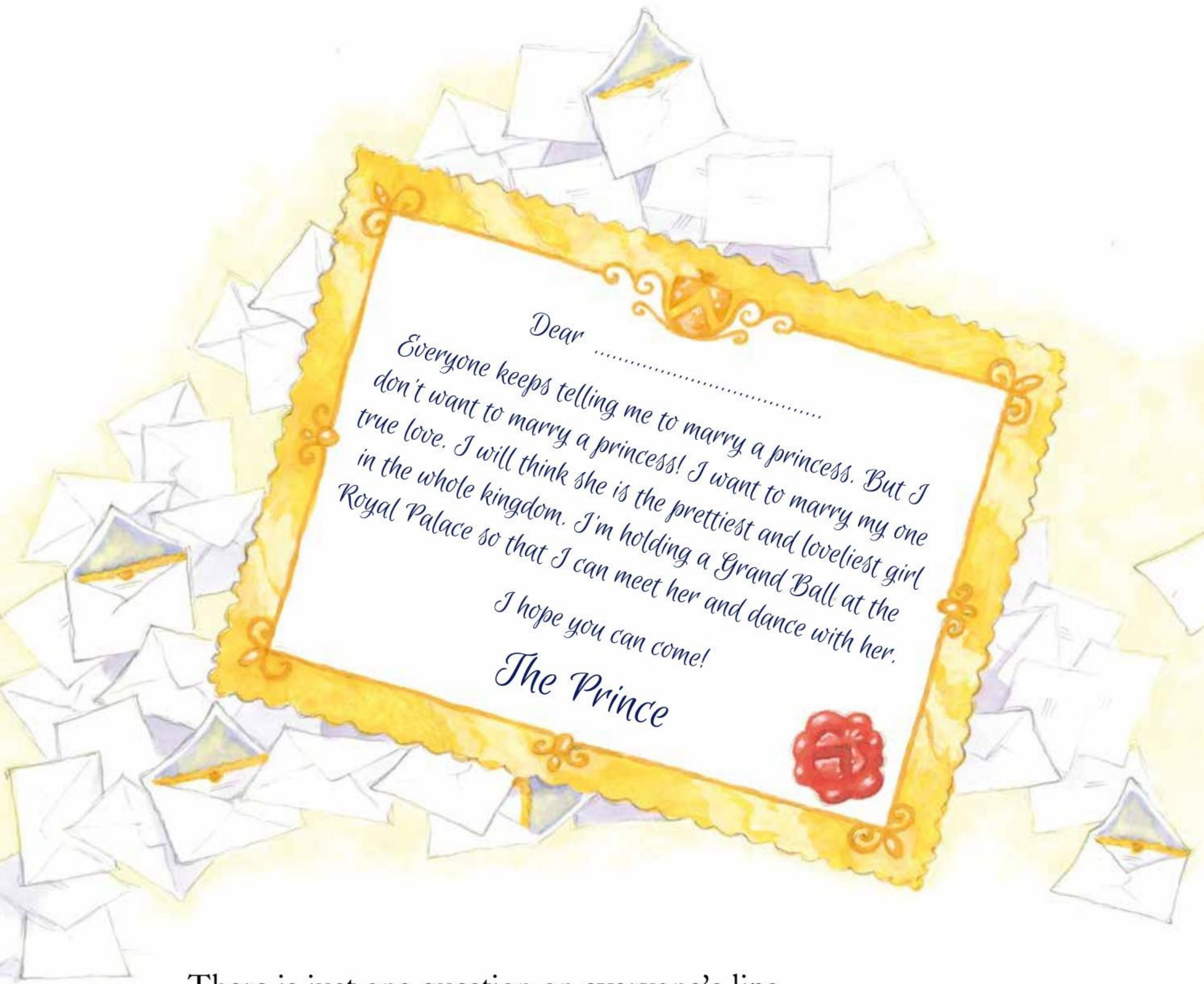
Who is the
Prettiest
Princess?



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Everyone in the palace is very excited.
The handsome prince is hosting
a Grand Ball. He has written
lots of golden invitations.





Dear

Everyone keeps telling me to marry a princess. But I don't want to marry a princess! I want to marry my one true love. I will think she is the prettiest and loveliest girl in the whole kingdom. I'm holding a Grand Ball at the Royal Palace so that I can meet her and dance with her.

I hope you can come!

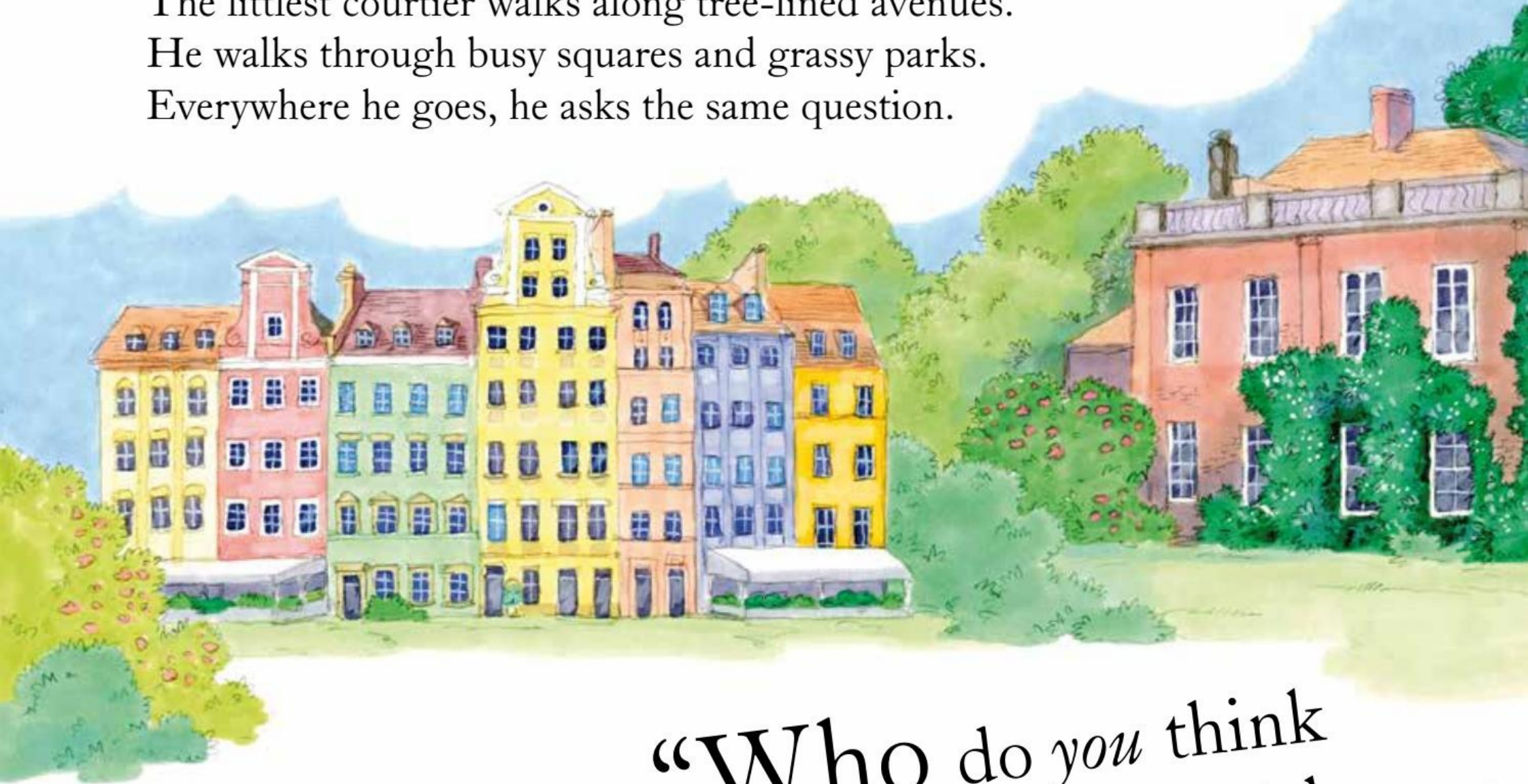
The Prince



There is just one question on everyone's lips...

Who is the prince going to choose?

The handsome prince sends his littlest courtier to deliver invitations to all the girls in the royal kingdom. The littlest courtier walks along tree-lined avenues. He walks through busy squares and grassy parks. Everywhere he goes, he asks the same question.



“Who do you think is the loveliest girl in the kingdom?”





The littlest courtier
asks the children visiting
the museum.

“Holly has the
sweetest
smile,” says a little girl.

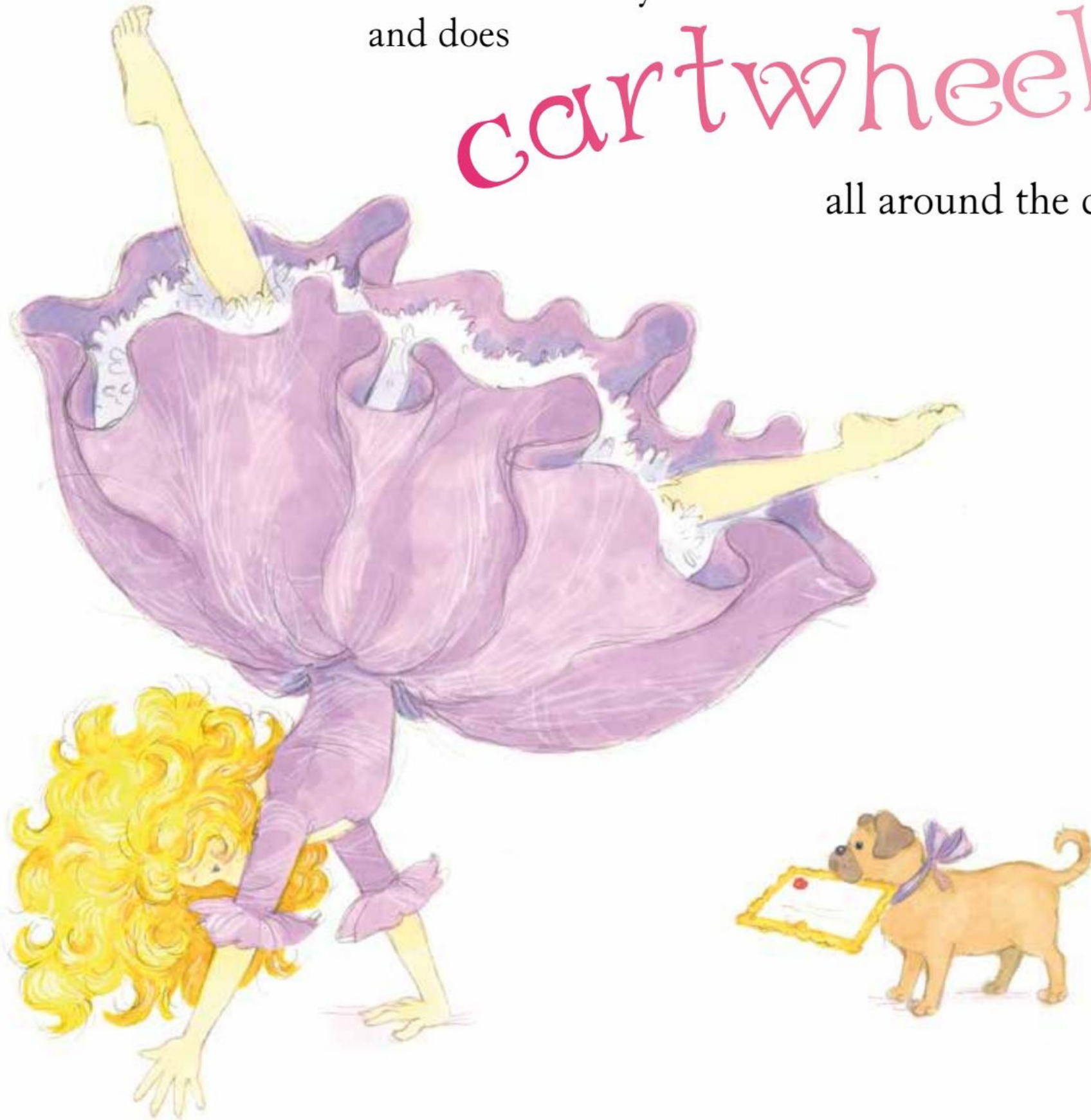
Holly is full of fun.
She lives in a big castle.
She has tumbling
golden curls and big
blue eyes, and she loves
dressing up best of all.



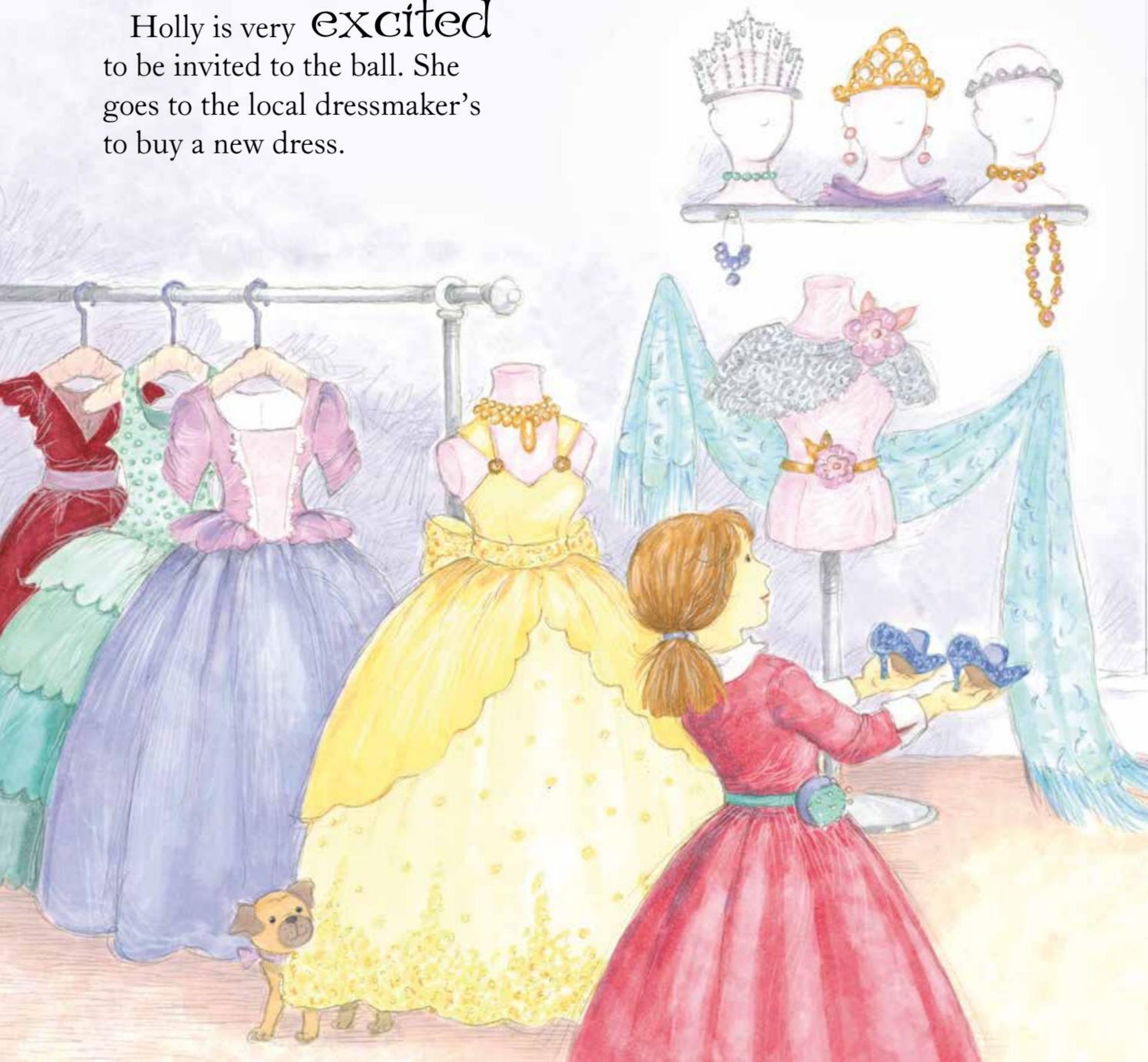
When the littlest courtier
gives her the golden invitation,
she smiles sweetly
and does

cartwheels

all around the castle!



Holly is very **excited** to be invited to the ball. She goes to the local dressmaker's to buy a new dress.

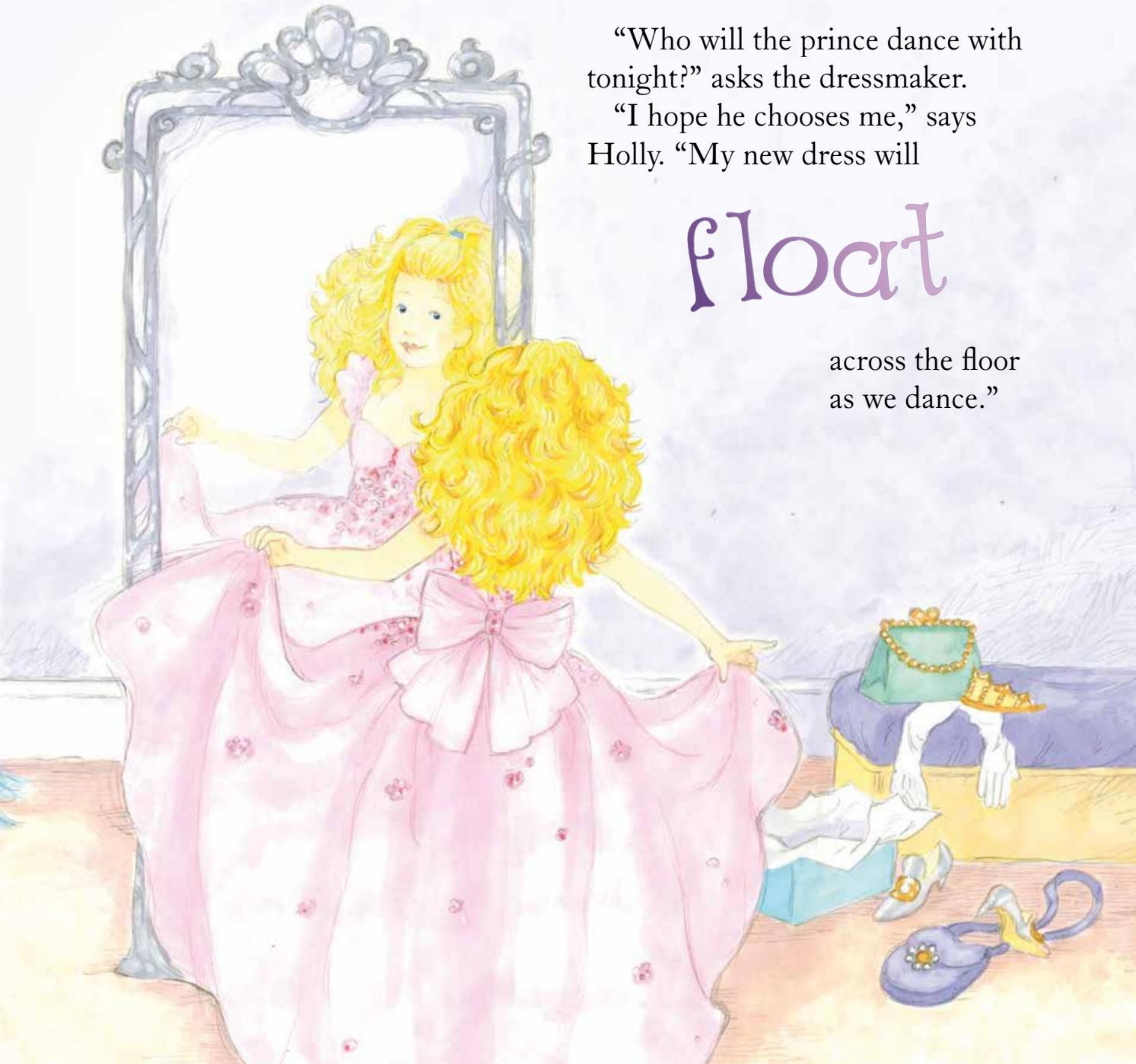


“Who will the prince dance with tonight?” asks the dressmaker.

“I hope he chooses me,” says Holly. “My new dress will

float

across the floor
as we dance.”



The littlest courtier meets an old gardener in the park.

“Who do you think is the loveliest girl in the kingdom?” he asks.

“Rani has the kindest eyes,” says the old gardener.



Rani is very graceful. She lives in a **grand** house near the park. She has thick brown ringlets and sparkling hazel eyes, and she loves dancing best of all.



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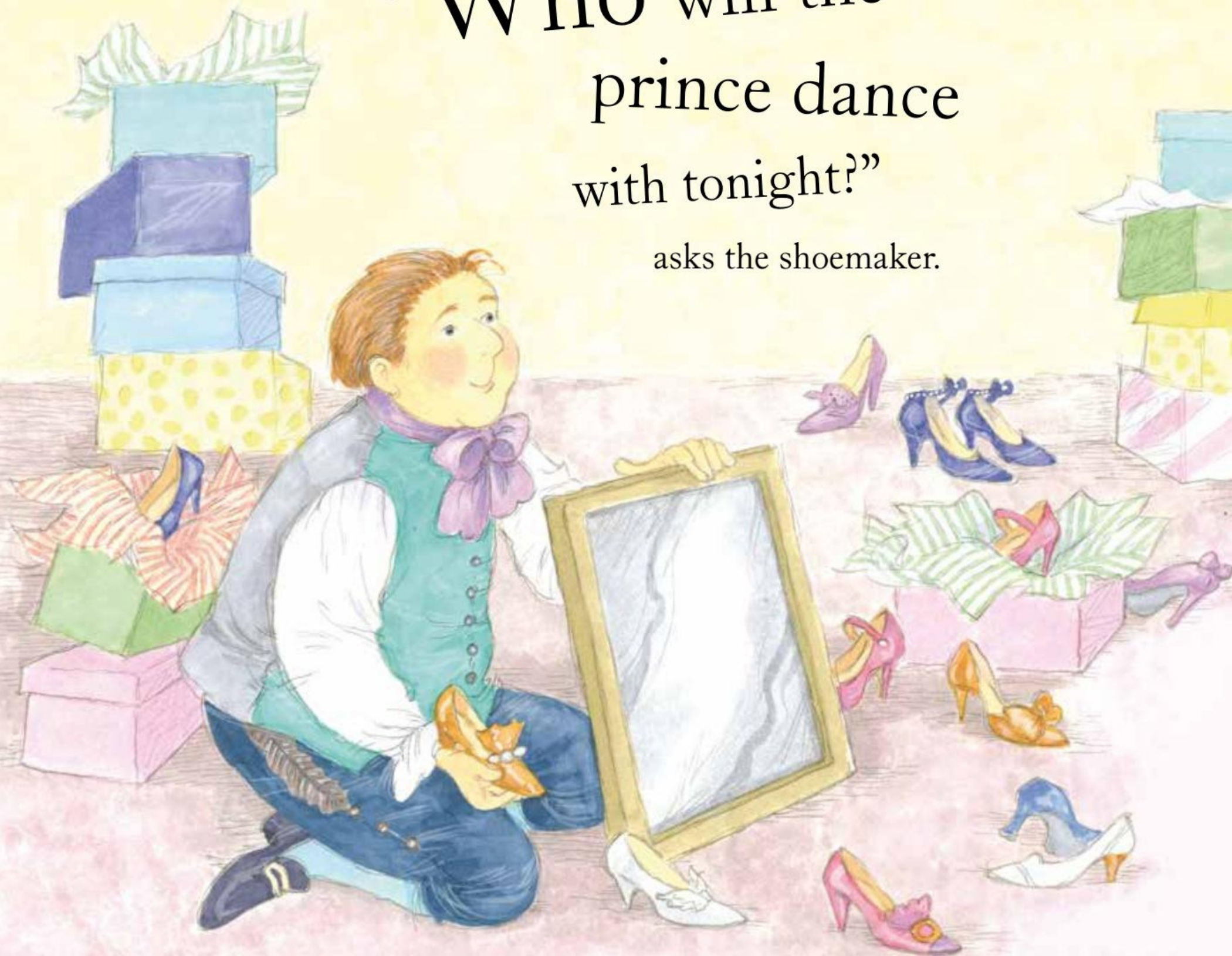
The littlest courtier rings the clanging doorbell and gives Rani the invitation. Her eyes twinkle with delight.

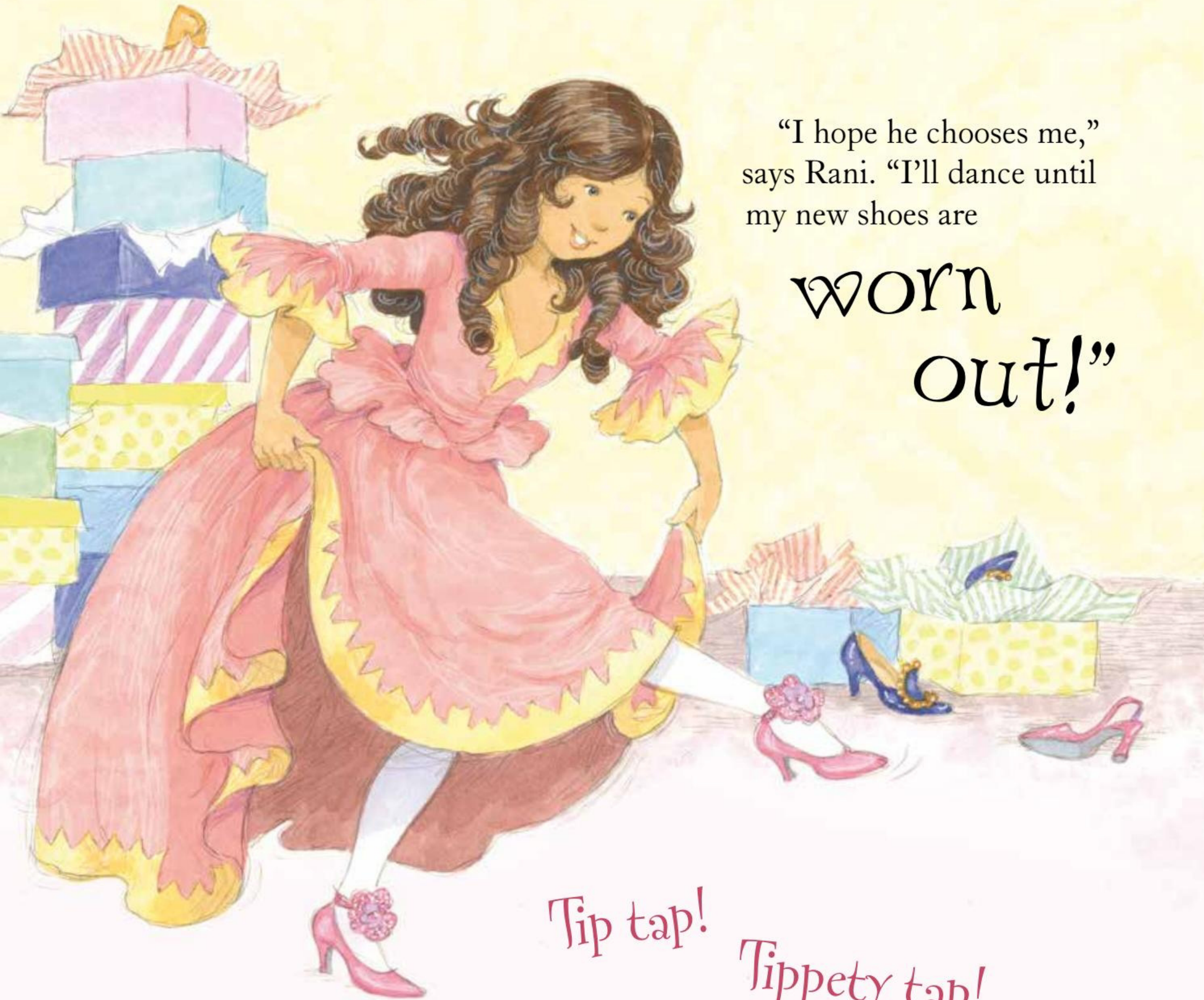


Rani can't wait for the ball to start! She goes to the local shoe shop to buy a new pair of dancing shoes.

“Who will the prince dance with tonight?”

asks the shoemaker.





“I hope he chooses me,”
says Rani. “I’ll dance until
my new shoes are

**worn
out!”**

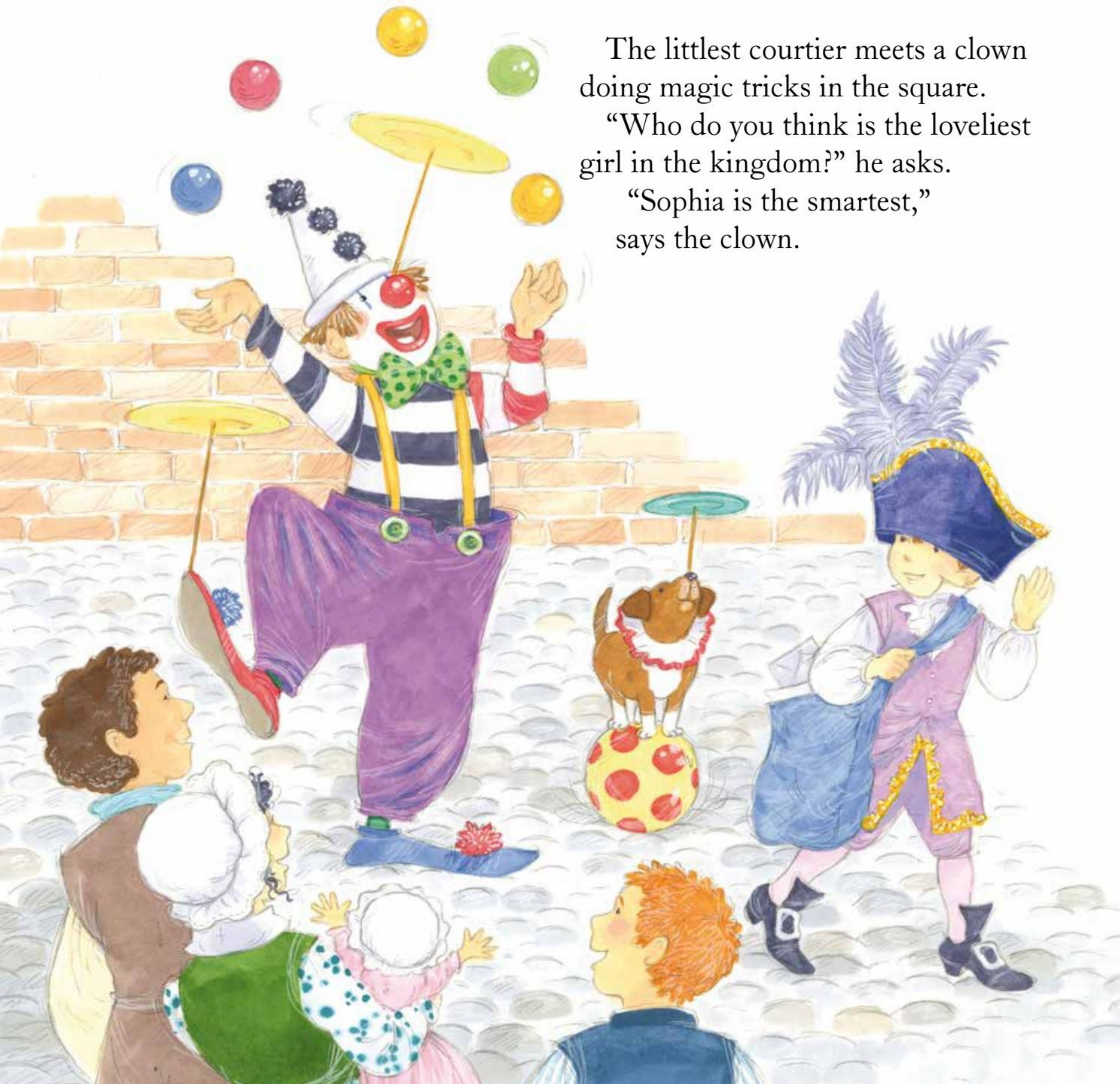
Tip tap!

Tippety tap!

The littlest courtier meets a clown doing magic tricks in the square.

“Who do you think is the loveliest girl in the kingdom?” he asks.

“Sophia is the smartest,” says the clown.



Sophia is very gentle. She lives in a house at the top of the hill, and she loves **sequins** best of all.



✧ She has a ✧
shiny black bob and
✧ **glimmering**
brown eyes.



Sophia giggles in excitement as the littlest courtier gives her the golden invitation.

Sophia goes to the jeweller's and buys a sequinned headband.

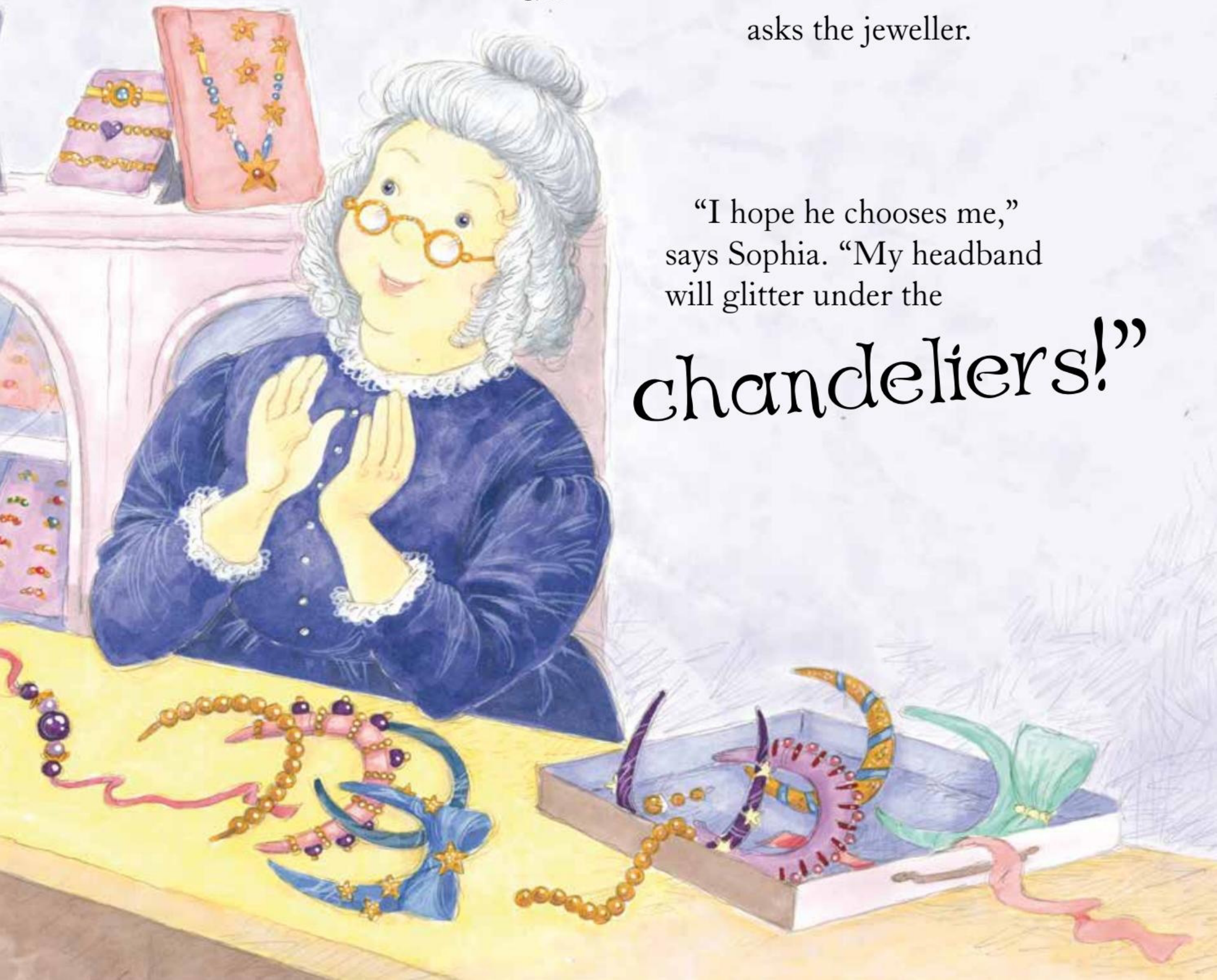
It sparkles **gold** and silver.



“Who will the prince
dance with tonight?”
asks the jeweller.

“I hope he chooses me,”
says Sophia. “My headband
will glitter under the

chandeliers!”

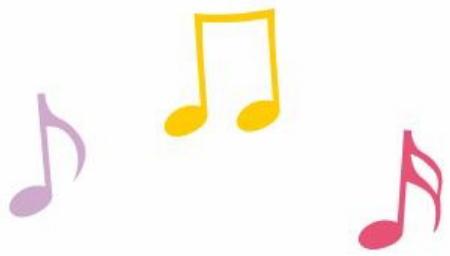


The courtier meets a chimney sweep outside a manor house.


“Who do you think is the loveliest girl in the kingdom?” he asks.

“Chloe has the most enchanting voice,” says the chimney sweep.





Chloe lives in a pretty cottage
near the river, and she loves
MUSIC best of all.



She has big **bouncy** curls
and deep brown eyes. When the
littlest courtier gives Chloe her
invitation, she sings happily.

The littlest courtier runs around the kingdom all day long. From north to south, from east to west, along the high street, down the lanes and everywhere in between, he makes sure that every girl is invited.





The littlest courtier delivers his last invitation just as the sun is beginning to set. Feeling tired but content, he turns and walks back to the palace.

The sun sets and the moon and stars start to glimmer.
Lots of girls arrive outside the Royal Palace.

The street is filled with the sound of laughter.

Dresses are rustling.

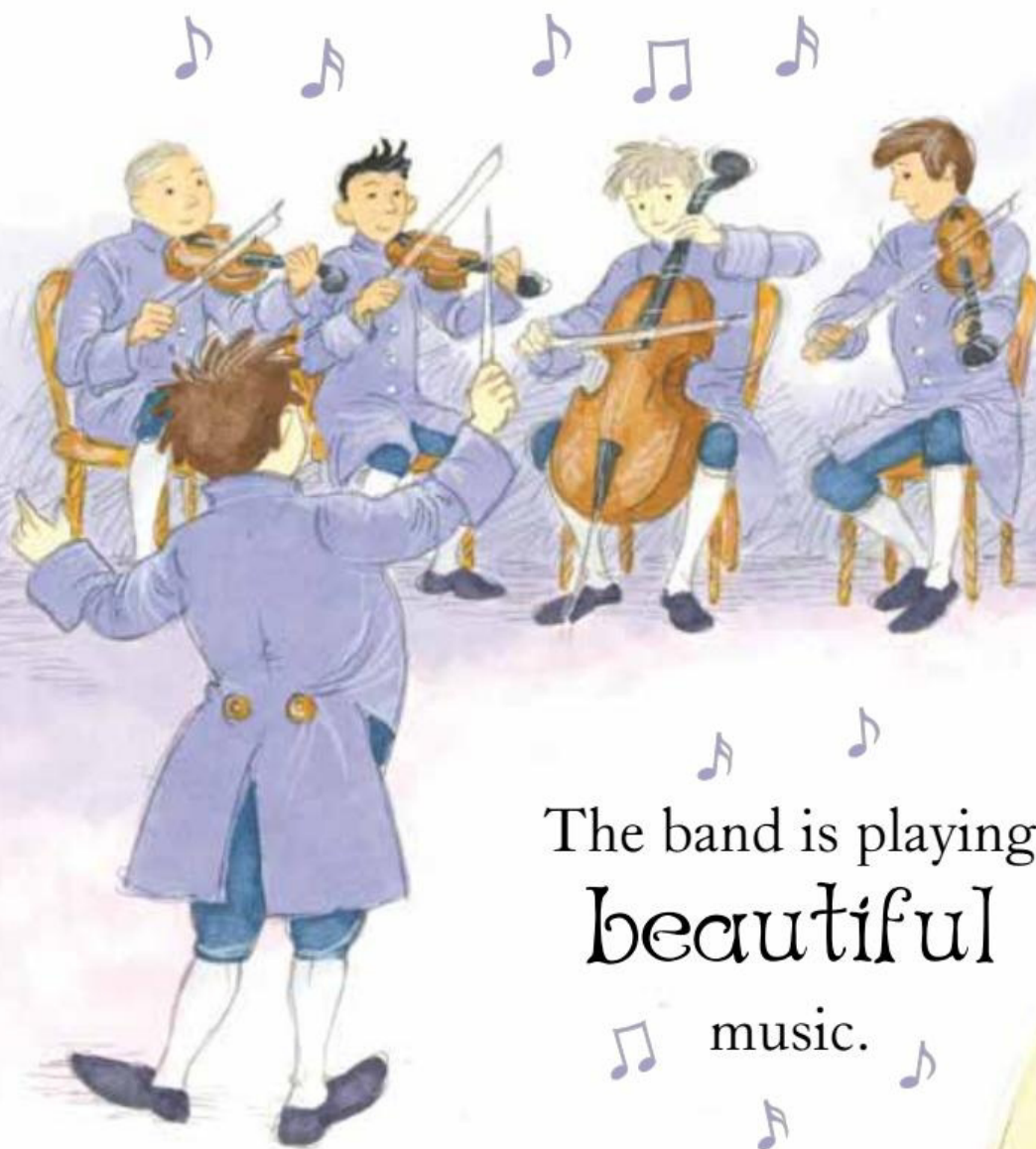
Sequins are sparkling.





It's time for the ball to
start!

Inside the Royal Palace there is a spotless,
shiny dance floor.



The band is playing
beautiful
music.

The chandeliers are
shimmering
in the candlelight.



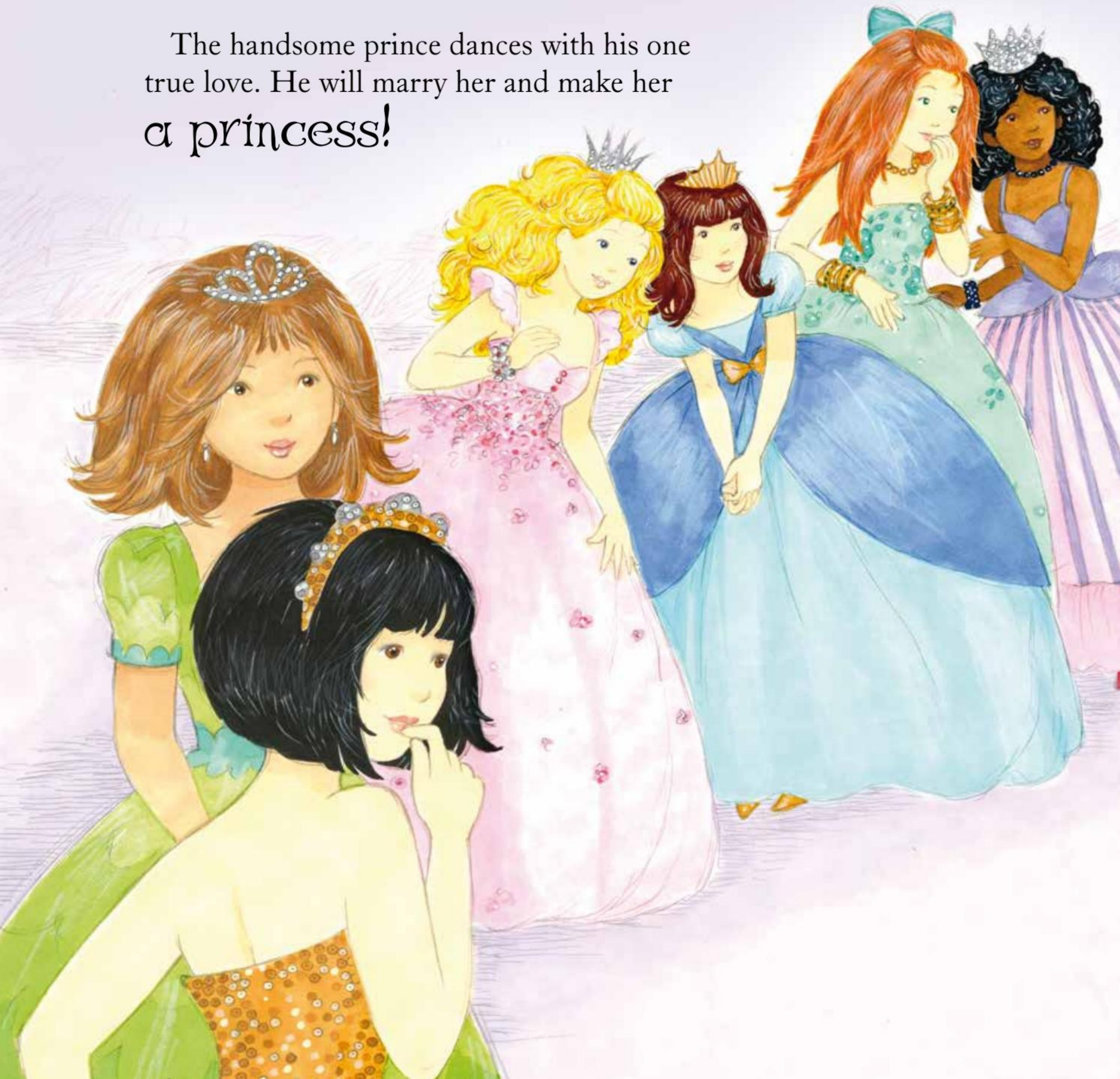
The handsome prince sits on his **golden** throne, watching his guests arrive. Everyone is very excited! They are all wondering one thing...

Who will he choose?



The prince walks through the crowd, talking to each of his guests in turn. Finally, he holds out his hand to one of the girls. “You are the sweetest and loveliest girl in the whole kingdom,” he says.

The handsome prince dances with his one true love. He will marry her and make her a princess!



But WHO IS his
chosen princess?





It's YOU!

