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**GRIMM'S  
FAIRY TALES**

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The Seven Major Fairies of the Kingdom

## **Sleeping Beauty**

Once upon a time a king and queen ruled a kingdom of many wonders. The royal couple was happy. But they'd have been much happier if they had a child.

They almost gave up hope of ever being parents when at last the queen gave birth to a baby girl. The king was so thrilled that he decreed the royal christening would take place in the castle to be followed by a great royal feast. The entire court and the seven major fairies of the kingdom were invited to attend.

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The big day arrived. The castle was filled with its finest treasures. The grand dining hall was sparkling and all the castle servants were dressed in their best outfits.

After the christening in the chapel, everyone came into the dining hall and took their seats at the guest banquet tables.

“Look under your napkins. I have prepared a special gift for each of you,” the king announced to the seven fairies.

The fairies all lifted their napkins. “How magnificent!” cried out one of the fairies. Indeed, for each of them had received a golden case. Inside each case were a knife, a fork, and a spoon, all made of diamonds and gold.

“I will treasure this gift for ever,” the seventh and youngest fairy murmured.

“Where is my gift?” came a grumbling voice from the entrance way. Everyone turned. Standing in the entrance was an old, ugly-looking woman.

“Who is that?” the king asked.

“She’s an old fairy,” one of the fairies replied.



A Grumbling Voice from the Entrance