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Once upon a time in a land far away, a king and queen held a party for their beautiful baby daughter, Aurora.



The guests of honour were five fairies, who each gave the baby magical gifts.

I give her the gift of imagination!  
**POOF!**



I give her the gift of cleverness!  
**POOF!**



I give her the gift of music!  
**POOF!**



I give her the gift of dance!  
**POOF!**



The last fairy was just about to give her gift to the baby when...

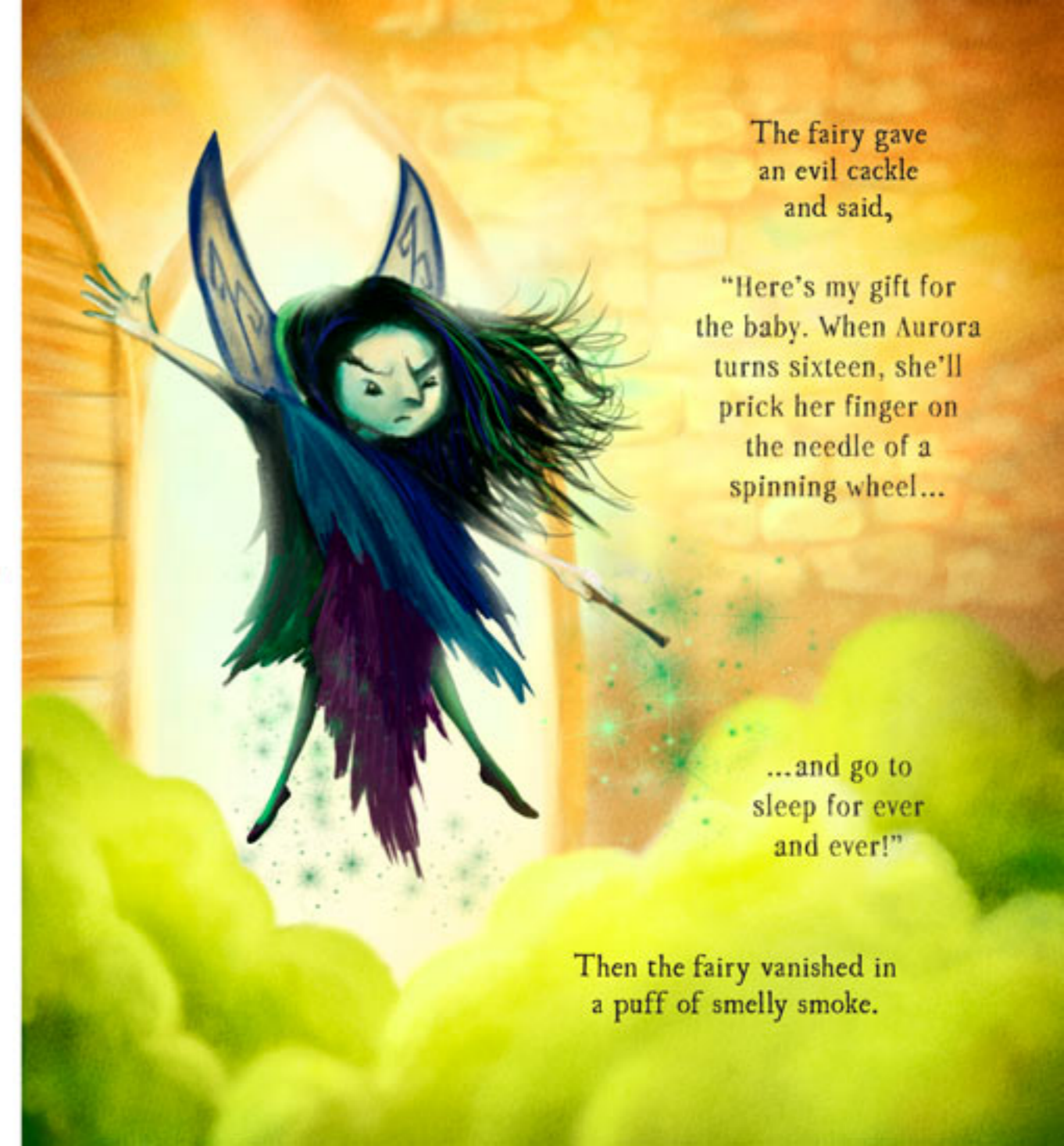




...“STOP!”

An evil fairy appeared,  
looking very cross.

“I see you didn’t  
invite me!”  
she shrieked.



The fairy gave  
an evil cackle  
and said,

“Here’s my gift for  
the baby. When Aurora  
turns sixteen, she’ll  
prick her finger on  
the needle of a  
spinning wheel...

...and go to  
sleep for ever  
and ever!”

Then the fairy vanished in  
a puff of smelly smoke.

The last fairy still  
had her gift to give.

“I can’t stop the curse,”  
she said...



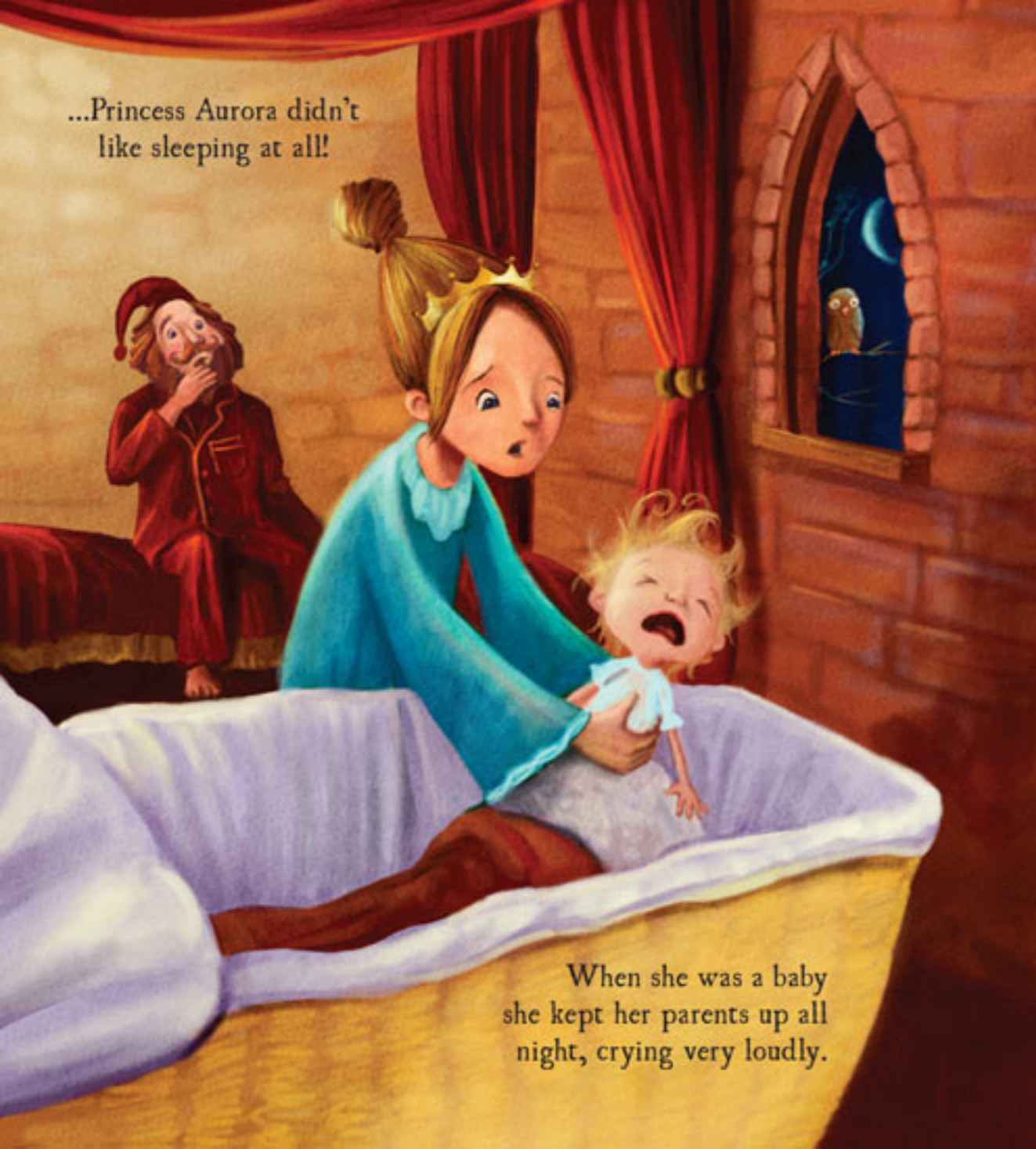
...“but I can change it  
so that the princess falls  
asleep for a hundred  
years instead. She will  
be awoken by a kiss  
from a prince.”

The king and queen immediately banned all spinning  
wheels from the kingdom to try to avoid the curse.



They didn’t want their daughter to  
sleep for a hundred years, but in fact...

...Princess Aurora didn't  
like sleeping at all!



When she was a baby  
she kept her parents up all  
night, crying very loudly.

As she got older,  
Aurora just  
didn't want to  
go to sleep.



When her mum  
and dad told her  
to go to bed,  
she ignored them!

