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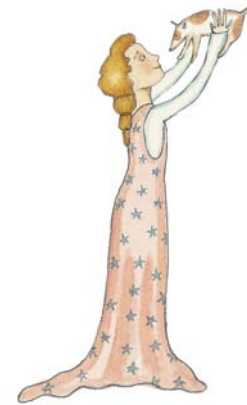
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Chapter One



There once lived a king and queen
who had all they could ever wish for
except the one thing they wanted most,
a baby of their own.





When they had nearly given up hope the queen gave birth to a baby girl. To celebrate their good luck, they gave their daughter the most wonderful christening.

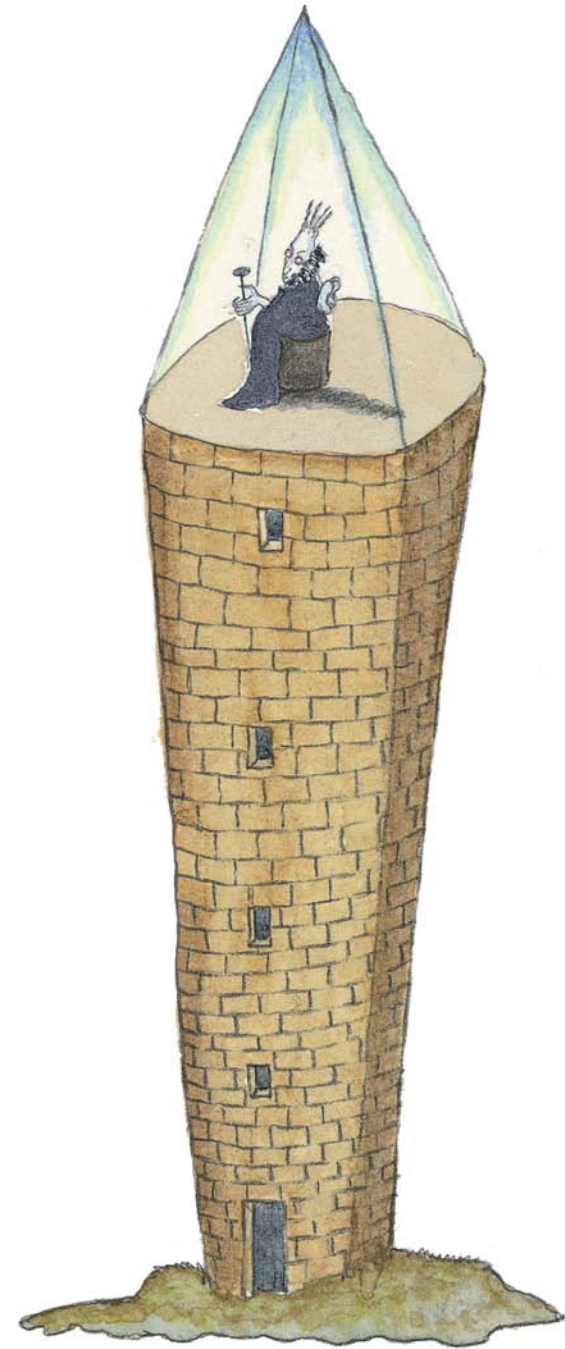
They wanted the very best for their baby, so they invited the seven good fairies of the kingdom to be godmothers.

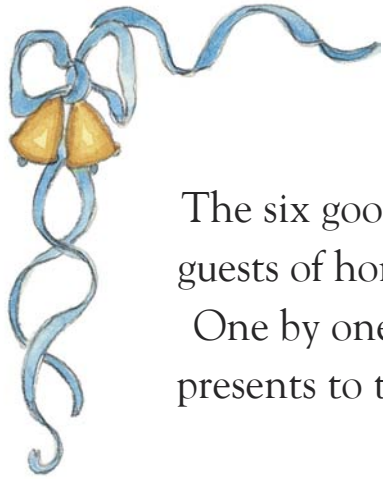


Seven invitations were written but only six handed out, for the seventh fairy could not be found.



She had fallen out with her sisters, locked herself away in a tower, and turned her good magic into bad. When the king heard this, he tore up her invitation.





The six good fairies were the guests of honour at the party. One by one they gave their presents to the baby princess:

Beauty,



Happiness,



Laughter,



Wisdom,

