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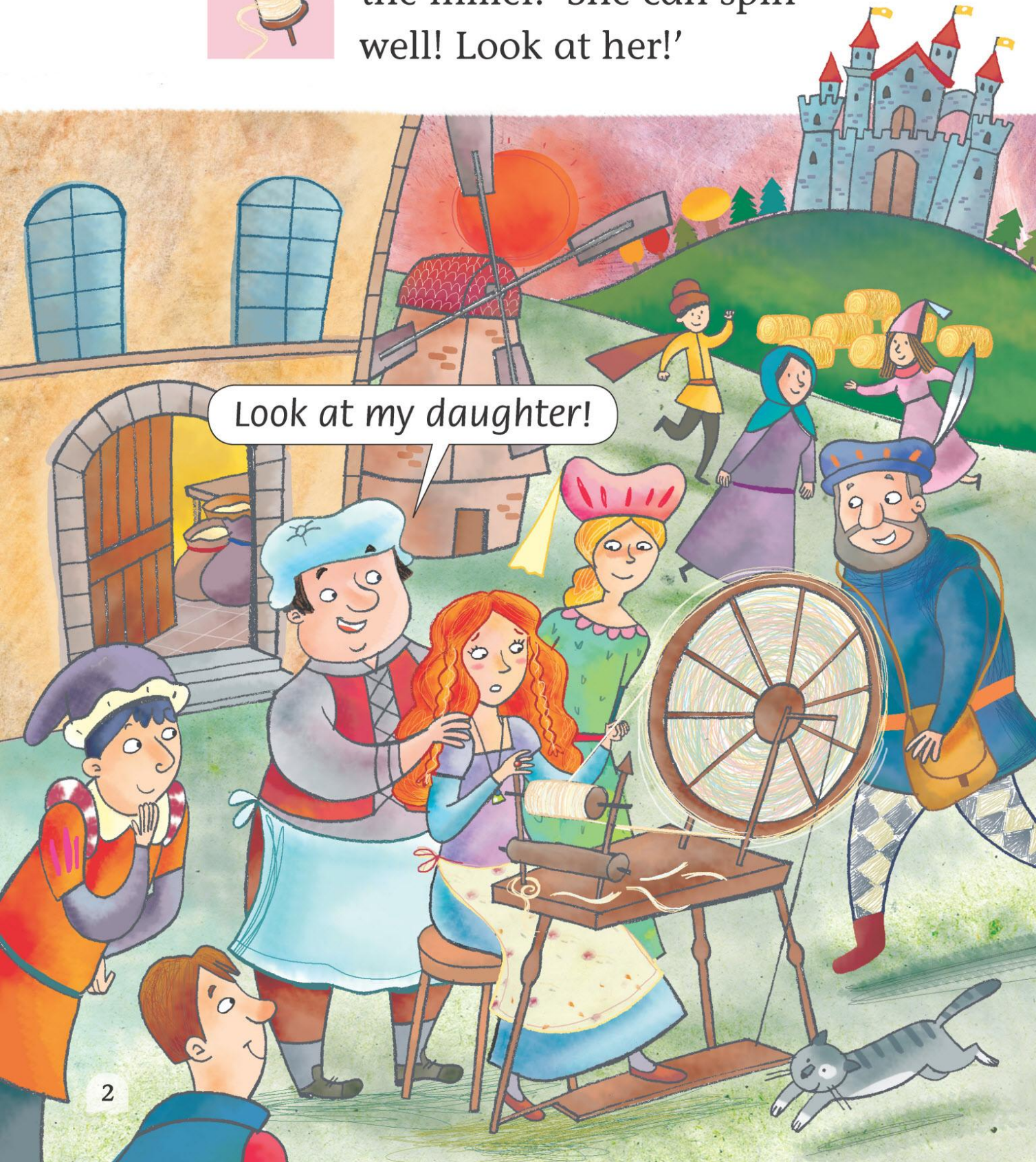
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‘Look at my daughter!’ says the miller. ‘She can spin well! Look at her!’





‘Look at my daughter!’ says the miller. ‘She can spin well! Look at her!’

‘Look at her!’ says the miller. ‘She can spin straw into gold!’

‘Oh!’ says the king. ‘Can she? Then she can come to my castle.’





The king takes her to his castle.

‘Now!’ says the king. ‘Here is a room! Here is some straw! Spin it into gold! Do it tonight – or die!’







I can help you.

‘I can’t do it,’ says the girl.

‘Sh!’ says a little man. ‘Give me your necklace. And I can help you.’

She gives him her necklace. And he spins. He spins all the straw into gold.





It is morning. The king comes.

‘Good!’ he says. ‘Good!’

‘Now here is a bigger room!’  
says the king. ‘And here is  
some more straw. Spin it into  
gold. Do it – or die!’







'I can't do it,' says the girl.

'Sh!' says the little man. 'Give me your ring. And I can help you.'

She gives him her ring. And he spins. He spins all the straw into gold.



It is morning. The king comes.

‘Good!’ he says. ‘Good!’

‘Here’s the biggest room!’ says the king. ‘And here is much more straw. Spin it all into gold. Do it – and you can be queen.’







What can I give you?

‘I can’t do it,’ says the girl.

‘Sh!’ says the little man.

‘I can help you. But you must give me something.’

‘What can I give you?’ she says.

‘Your baby!’ says the little man. ‘When you are queen.’

Then he spins. He spins all the straw into gold.







It is morning. The king comes.

‘Good!’ he says. ‘Very good! Now you can be queen!’

Now the miller’s daughter is queen.  
And the people love her.



One day the queen has a baby.  
It is a beautiful baby girl. And  
the queen is very happy.

But the little man comes back.

‘What do you want?’ she says.

‘You know what I want,’ he says.

‘The baby! Give her to me now.’







‘Oh no!’ says the queen. ‘Please don’t take my baby!’

‘Sh!’ says the little man. ‘All right. But tell me my name. I give you three days.’



The next night the little man comes back.

‘Is your name Tom?’ she says.

‘No!’ says the little man.

‘Is it Harry? Is it Barry? Is it Jack? Is it John? Is it Sam? Is it Dom? Is it Bob? Is it Rob?’

‘No!’ he says. ‘No!’



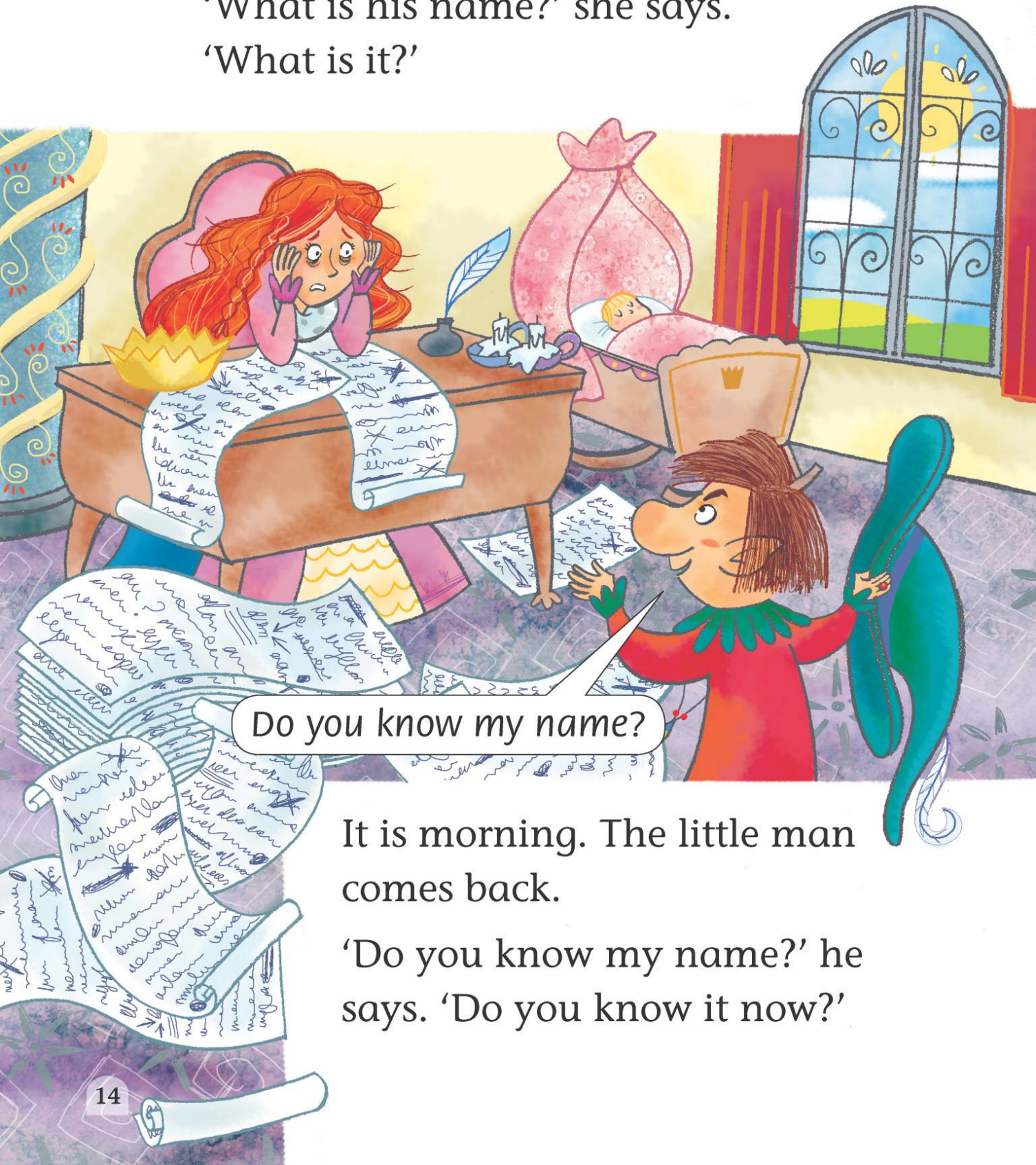
Is your name Tom?



The queen cannot sleep.

‘What is his name?’ she says.

‘What is it?’



Do you know my name?

It is morning. The little man comes back.

‘Do you know my name?’ he says. ‘Do you know it now?’





‘Is your name Bigfoot?’ she says.

‘No!’ says the little man.

‘Is it Redface? Is it Greenshoe? Is it Longnose? Is it Eyesblue?’

‘No!’ says the little man. ‘No! No! No! Tell me my name tomorrow. Or give me the baby.’





The queen cannot sleep.

‘What is his name?’ she says.

‘What is it?’

She is hot. She cannot sleep. The night is cold. The moon is white.

‘His name,’ she says. ‘What is it?’



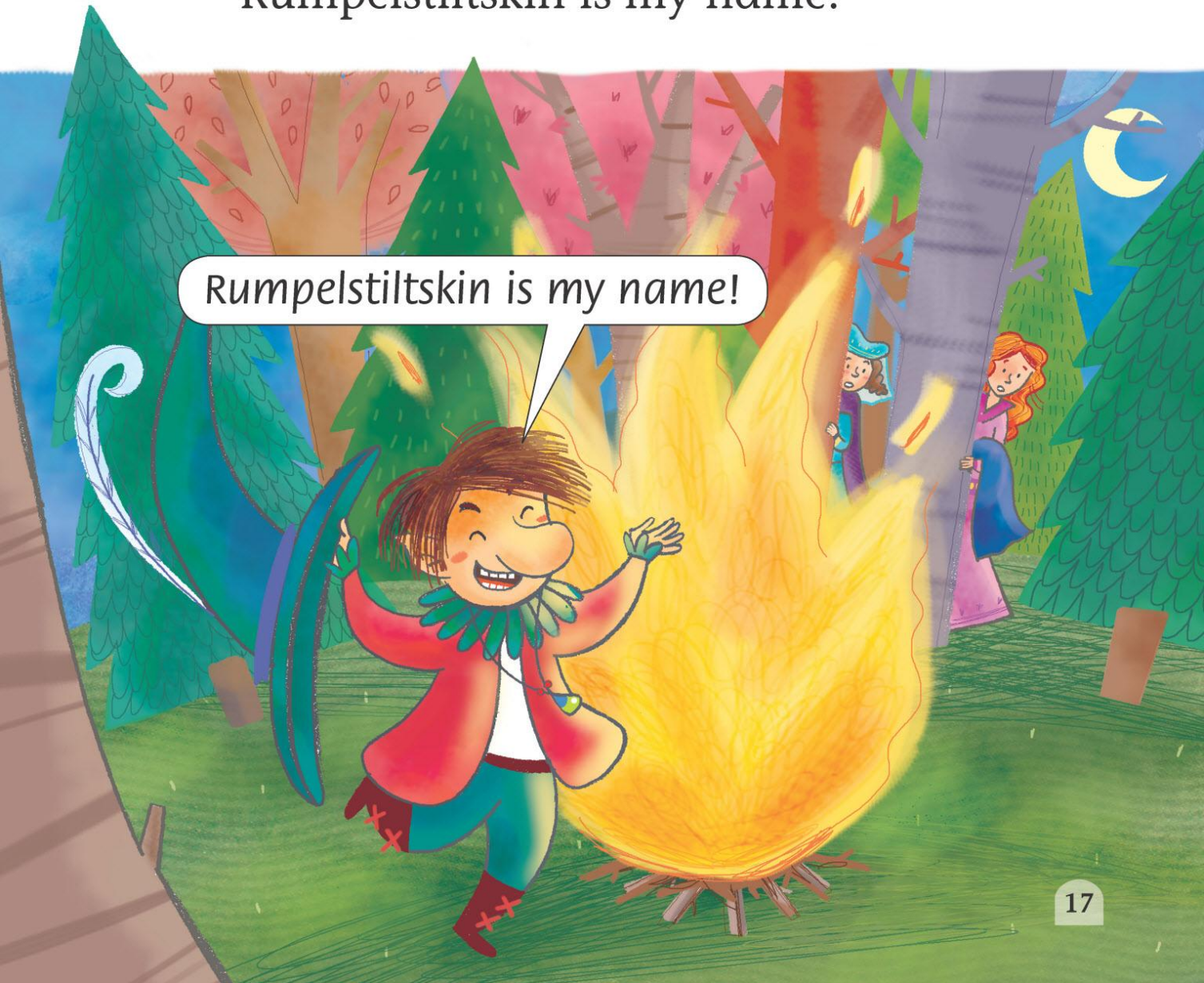
They see something.

‘What is it?’ says the queen.

‘A light! A fire!’ says her friend.

It is the little man. He dances and  
he sings.

‘I am the best one at my game!  
Rumpelstiltskin is my name!’







It is morning. The little man comes back.

‘Do you know my name? Do you know it now?’ he says.

‘Is your name Gragglebaggle?’ she says.

‘No. It is not.’

‘Is it Hamleybamley?’

‘No!’ says the little man. ‘No! It is not!’



Is your name Gragglebaggle?





Then is your name ... Rumpelstiltskin?

‘Then is your name ... Rumpelstiltskin?’

The little man is red. Red!

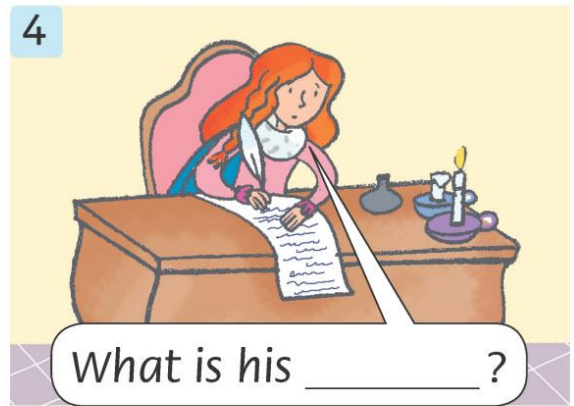
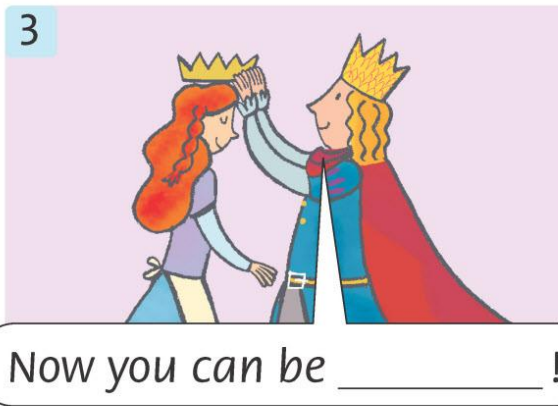
Then ... puff! He goes ... PUFF! And he never comes back.





# Exercises

1 What do they say? Write the words.



2 Circle the correct words.

- 1 The miller says, 'My daughter can spin / dance well.'
- 2 The king says, 'Do it tonight – or die / go!'
- 3 The girl gives the little man her necklace / baby.
- 4 Then the girl gives the little man her ring / castle.
- 5 The moon is red / white.
- 6 The little man says, 'Hamleybamley / Rumpelstiltskin is my name!'



### 3 Write the words.

girl ~~mill~~er name straw fire castle

- 1 The girl is the daughter of a   miller  .
- 2 The king takes the girl to his                     .
- 3 Rumpelstiltskin spins                      into gold.
- 4 The queen has a beautiful baby                     .
- 5 The queen and her friend see a                     .
- 6 The queen says, 'Is your                      Rumpelstiltskin?'

### 4 Answer the questions. Write *Yes* or *No*.

- 1 Can Rumpelstiltskin spin straw into gold?   Yes.
- 2 Is Rumpelstiltskin big?
- 3 Does the queen give Rumpelstiltskin her ring and necklace?
- 4 Does Rumpelstiltskin want the queen's baby?
- 5 Does Rumpelstiltskin say, 'Tell me your name?'
- 6 Can Rumpelstiltskin sing and dance?
- 7 Does the queen give Rumpelstiltskin her baby?
- 8 Is Rumpelstiltskin blue at the end of the story?
- 9 Is he red?



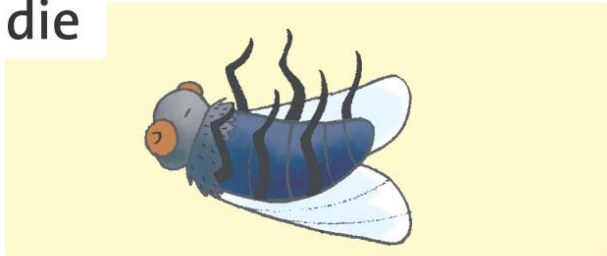


# Picture Dictionary

baby



die



castle



fire



come back



game



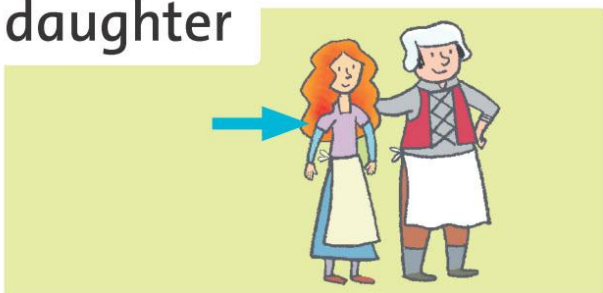
dance



gold



daughter



king

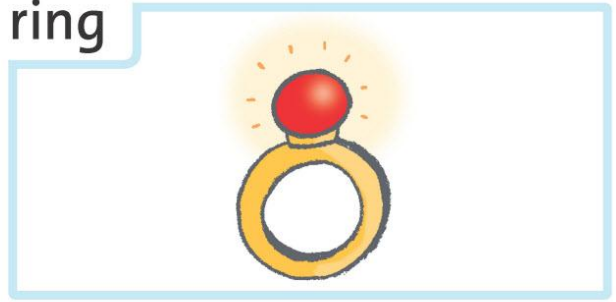




light



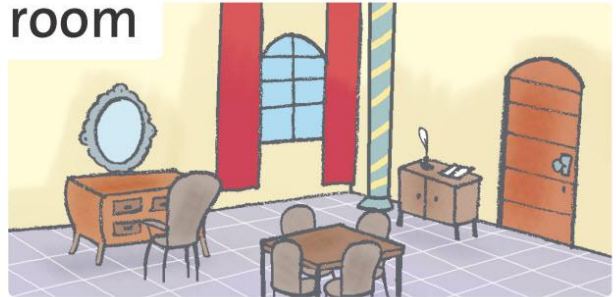
ring



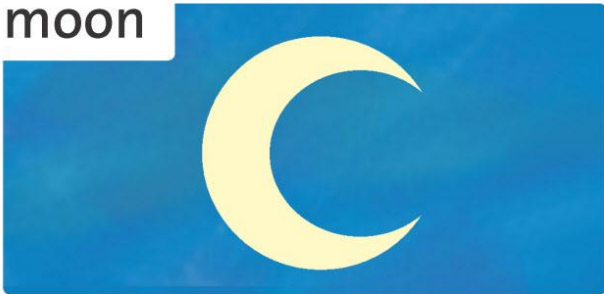
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room



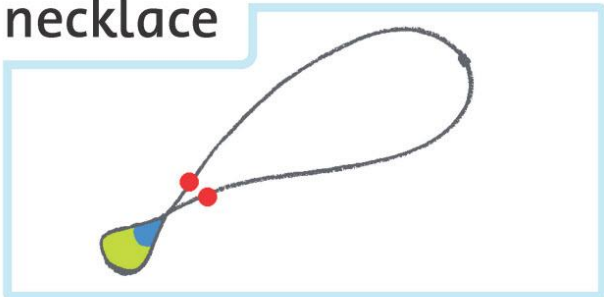
moon



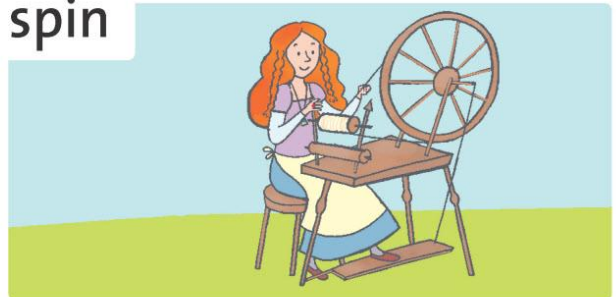
sing



necklace



spin



queen



straw





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