



Time went by. At last, the princess was sixteen years old. She was a beautiful girl – happy, strong, good, and kind. Everybody loved her.

One day she was alone, so she began to look around the castle. It was a very big castle and the princess went into lots of different rooms.

She came to an old tower, and saw some strange little stairs.

‘What’s up there?’ she thought.

Slowly the young princess went up the stairs. Then she came to a door. She opened it, and saw a little old woman and a strange wheel. ‘Hello,’ said the princess. ‘What are you doing? And what is that strange wheel?’



‘It’s a spinning wheel, my dear,’ answered the old woman. ‘Would you like to see it? Come closer and look ...’