

**NARRATOR**

When the Baker reached the castle, it was the Princess who greeted his news.  
The story unfolds.

*(FANFARE; STEWARD ENTERS)*

**STEWARD**

Excuse me, Madame. This small man insists on seeing you.

*(BAKER ENTERS. NARRATOR EXITS)*

**BAKER**

*(Kneels, kisses CINDERELLA'S HEM)*

Princess, I've come to report the appearance of a Giant in the land.

**CINDERELLA**

Where did you see a Giant?

**BAKER**

Well, I didn't exactly see it.

**STEWARD**

Then how do you know there is a Giant in the land?

**BAKER**

Our house was destroyed and there are footprints —

**STEWARD**

That could have been caused by any number of things. I will show you to the door.

**CINDERELLA**

Wait.

**BAKER**

A nearby household was visited by a Giant not long ago... descending from a beanstalk —

**CINDERELLA**

Yes, I remember.

**STEWARD**

That Giant was slain. Now come along —

**BAKER**

*(Apologetic)*

Wait, please. We have a young child. Princess, our child was very difficult to come by. His safety is of great importance to me.

**STEWARD**

Are we entirely through now?

**BAKER**

Yes.

**CINDERELLA**

I will take this news up with the Prince when he returns. Thank you.

*(BAKER and STEWARD EXIT. CINDERELLA, BAKER and BAKER'S WIFE freeze)*