



# THE IRISH CINDERLAD

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## SUMMARY

What is Cinderella was a boy and the prince was actually a princess? In this Irish folktale, a young man finds himself with a mean stepmother and sister so he runs away to become a herder. While he's gone he meets a magic bull. What will happen when he later meets a giant? What about a dragon? A princess?

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## Questions:

1. How would you feel if you got a new stepmother and stepsisters? What if they were nice? What if they weren't?
2. How do you think he felt when they made fun of his feet? How would you feel if people made fun of you for being different in a way you can't change?
3. How do you think Becan felt when he saw the bull? Was he afraid? Is it right to be afraid of someone or dislike someone because of what people say, before you even know them?
4. How would it feel if you were hungry and someone gave you food?
5. How do you think the boy felt when he heard his family talking about hurting the bull? How do you think when he ran away? When the bull died?
6. When he went off on his own, what do you think he was thinking about? How do you think he was feeling? What about when he found a job?
7. Sitting in the field, how do you think he felt about the giant that he'd heard lived nearby? How do you think he felt when the giant caught him?
8. How do you think Becan felt when the giant tried to eat him? How do you think the giant felt when the cow tail went around his neck? When Becan took his boots?
9. Why does Becan go help the princess? Why don't you think anyone else helped her? How did they feel when they couldn't help? How do you think she feels before he gets there? What about after he says he'll help her?
10. How do you think Becan felt when he saw the dragon? It said his hand trembled- was he afraid? Can you be brave without being afraid?
11. How do you think he felt when he saw his stepsisters? How do you think the princess felt when he rode away?
12. How do you think Becan felt when he knew he was going to be a prince? How do you think the princess felt when she finally found Becan?