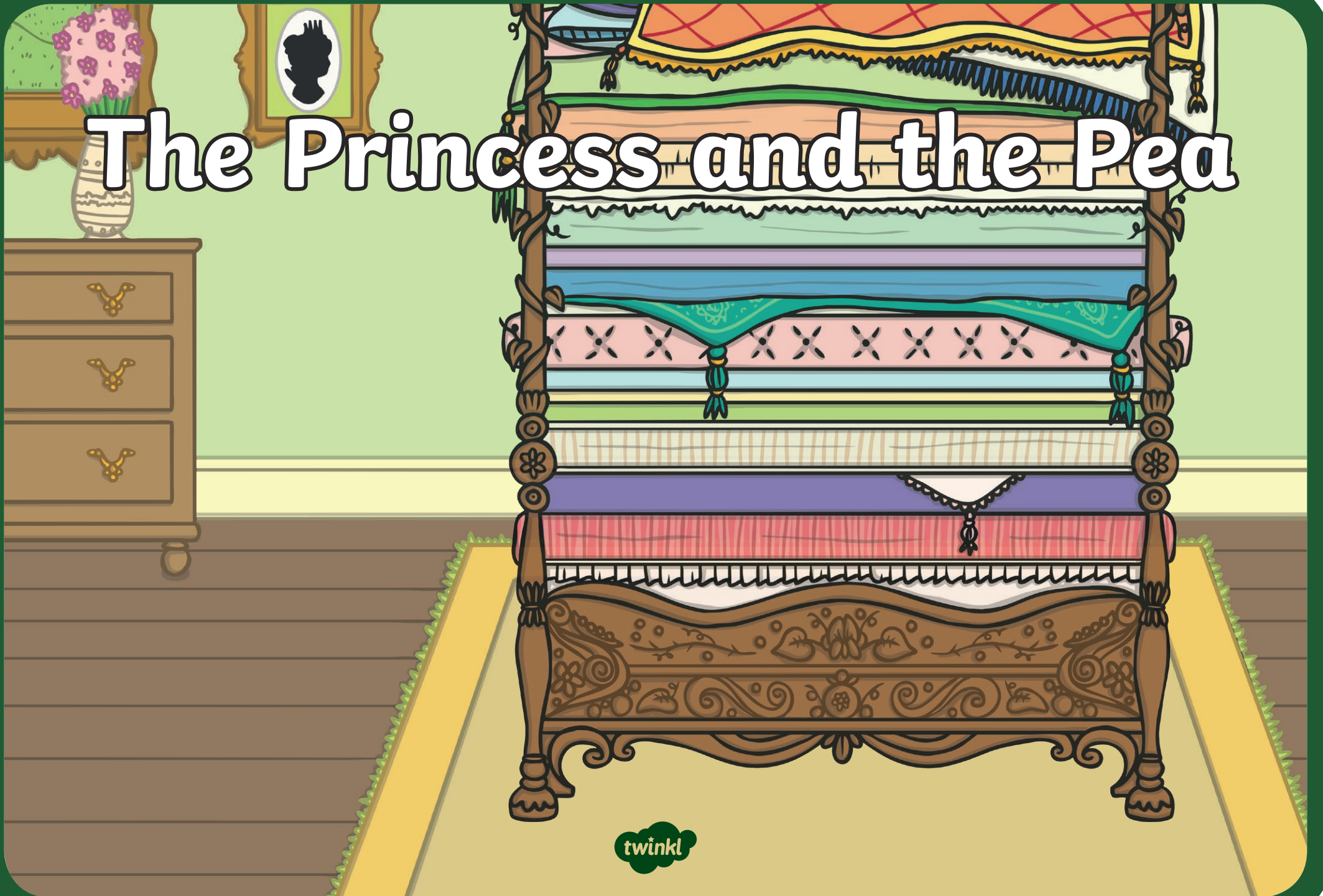


# The Princess and the Pea



Once upon a time, there lived a prince. He wanted to marry a princess but she needed to be a true princess.

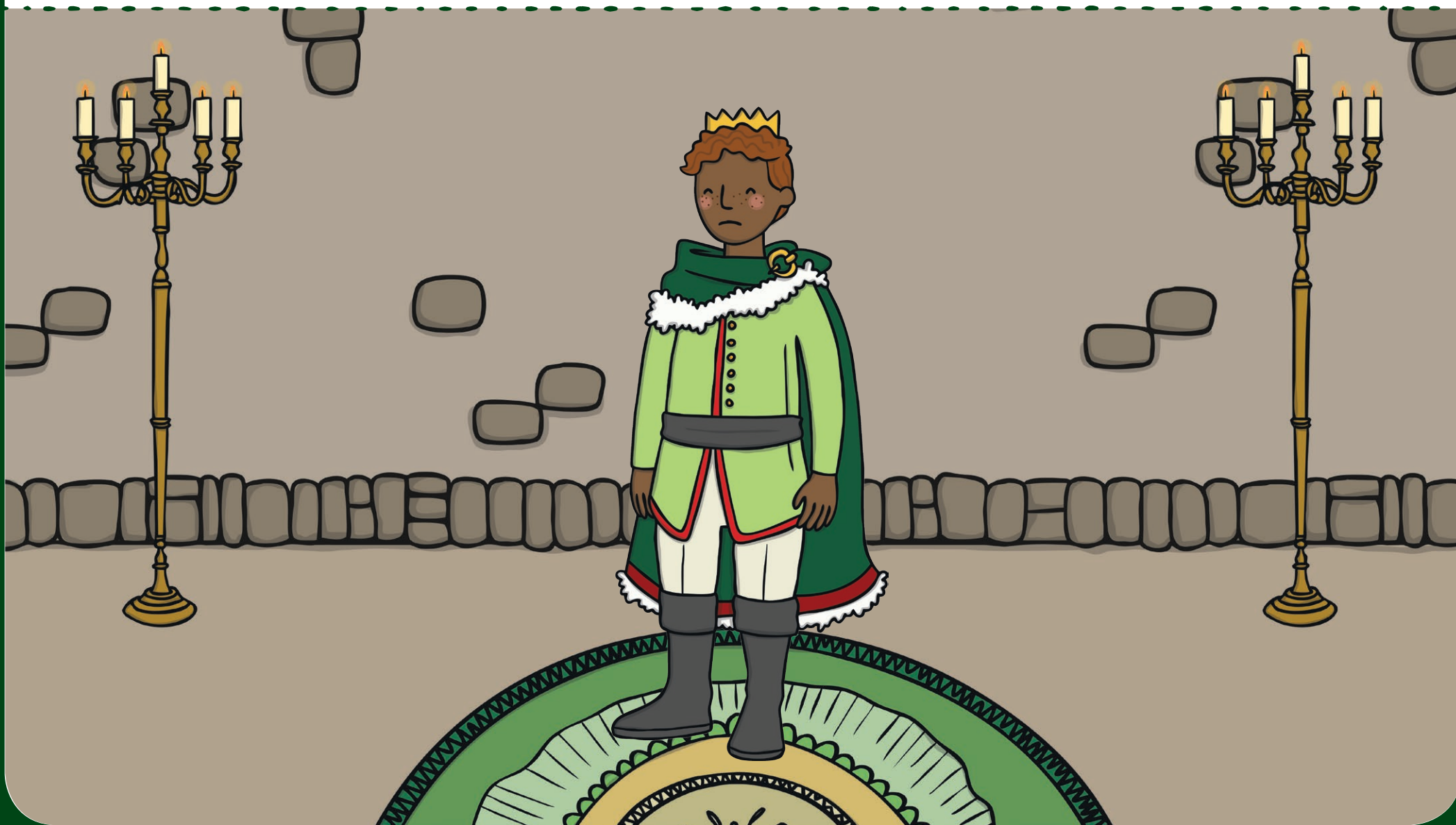




He travelled far and wide but he couldn't find a true princess.



The prince returned to the castle, feeling sad.





One night, there was a big storm.



That night, a very wet princess knocked on the castle door. "I am a princess. Please can I come in to get dry?" she asked.



The queen answered the door. "We shall find out if she is a true princess," she thought.





The queen put twenty mattresses and quilts on the princess' bed and hid a pea underneath them.





That night, the princess slept in the bed.



In the morning, the queen asked the princess if she had slept well. "Oh no!" said the princess. "I didn't sleep well because the bed was very uncomfortable."





They knew that she must be a true princess because she had felt the pea through twenty mattresses and quilts!



The prince and princess got married.





The pea was put in the royal museum.

