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The Overthinking Girl

Once upon a time, a farmer and his wife had one daughter, and she was courted by a gentleman. Every evening he used to come and see her, and stop to supper at the farmhouse, and the daughter used to be sent down into the cellar to draw the bread for supper.



So one evening she had gone down to draw the bread, and she happened to look up at the ceiling while she was drawing, and she saw a mallet stuck in one of the beams. It must have been there a long, long time, but somehow or other she had never noticed it before, and she began thinking.

And she thought it was very dangerous to have that mallet there, for she said to herself: "Suppose him and I was to be married, and we were to have a son, and he was to grow up to be a man, and come down into the cellar to draw the bread, like as I'm doing now, and the mallet was to fall on his head and kill him, what a dreadful thing it would be!" And she put down the candle and the jug, and sat herself down and began a-crying. Well, they began to wonder upstairs how it was that she was so long drawing the bread, and her mother went down to see her.

1. How many characters are there in this story?
2. Who is joining the family for the supper?
3. Where was the bread kept in the home?
4. What did she see?
5. Can you explain what did she think in the cellar?
6. What do you think about "Overthinking"?

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