

Is This A Fairytale?

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WRITER'S NOTE:

The "Blank" is where the each actor can come up with the name for their own character.

There is no restriction on who can play each character. It is open for all. Currently, all of the characters are they/them pronouns. At the start, when everyone has their own characters, they should adapt the pronouns to their own pronouns.

They can come up the Kingdom name collectively. The crazier it is the better!

CHARACTERS:

Princess

Knight 1

Knight 2

Knight 3

Dragon

Witch

Jesters (to be divided by several actors. How the line is divided is up to you.)

JESTER (ALL):

Hello! My name is Jester Blank (repeat for each actor to introduce their chosen Jester name).

JESTER:

We are going to tell you a fairytale.

But first, let's read the fairytales out already there and see what they are like!

(All picks up a book and starts reading)

Once upon a time...

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This one is about a princess who wanted a knight to come and save her.

EWWWWWWW.

This one is about a princess who needed a true love's kiss to save her.

EWWWWWWW.

This one is about a princess who wanted to find a prince to marry her.

EWWWWWWW!

Wait, hold up, hold up! What is wrong with that? Some princesses want to marry a prince. Some don't and that's okay. I mean, one day I want to get married!

But it's straight away, without even getting to know the Prince!

What if the Prince is not a nice person?

Oh. Yeah! I never thought about that before!

EWWWWWWW.

Why are all the fairytales the same? They all end the same way.

I feel like this doesn't represent all Princesses well at all. I mean, what if the Princess wants to marry another Princess?

What if the Prince wants to marry another Prince?

What if the Princess doesn't need a Knight and can fight for themselves?

What if the Princess is a they? Like, I mean you can be a prince or a princess. But what if you don't feel like a princess or a prince? Do we need a new term for that? Like... erm... Princette?

Should we invent a new fairytale?

Should we invent the BEST FAIRYTALE EVER?

Wait... Look! There! We have a princess up in this tower.

It's the like in the books!

Do we need to tell her she doesn't need a knight to save her if she doesn't want to?

That maybe she doesn't need saving at all?

Does that mean we can change the story?

We could come up with a different ending!

(All Jesters agrees with each other!)

Right! Are we all ready?

Let's do this!

Let's start with the Princess!

Hey Princess!

HEY PRINCESS!

PRINCESS!

PRINCESS!

(Throw something soft at the tower and the Princess emerges from the tower)

JESTER ALL:

There's the Princess! Hi there! We are the Jesters Blank!

I am Jester Blank (Repeat for each JESTER)

JESTER:

What's your name?

PRINCESS:

My name is Princess Blank Blank of the Kingdom of Blank.

JESTER (ALL):

Hello Princess Blank Blank! (Bows)

PRINCESS:

Nice to meet you all! So you are all Jesters?

JESTER:

Yes! We are! The finest comedians in all the Kingdom!

PRINCESS:

Oh? In that case, can you please make me laugh, or smile? Please?

JESTER:

Of course, that is our job! And we are very good at this!

(All the Jesters spend a while to trying to make the Princess laugh. Each Jester tries a new thing!)

PRINCESS:

(Sighs) As I thought so. Nothing can make me smile or laugh.

JESTER:

What was that about?

That was weird.

This never happened before.

We have always made people laugh!

Princess Blank, would you like to come down to talk to us?

PRINCESS:

I won't... I mean, I can't come down.

JESTER:

Oh? Why not?

PRINCESS:

Erm... uhm... *(thinks)* Yes! I got it! Because a Great Big Dragon is keeping me in here! I am trapped in the tower! Ahhhhhhh! *(Attempts to fake faint melodramatically)*

JESTER:

Oh no!

Gasp!

A Dragon is very scary!

They can destroy towns in mere minutes!

They like to eat people for dinner!

We need help in defeating the Great Big Dragon!

Maybe we do need a Knight after all...

Why can't we defeat the Dragon?

I mean, we are trying to change the story?

Hmmm... that's true...

Wait... Look! Speak of the devil! The knights are arriving!

Let's hide and watch what happens first and then we can do something!

HURRY UP!

(The Jesters hide quite badly so they are clearly visible but they think they are hiding very well)