**Is This A Fairytale?**
**Bea Webster**

*Jester is preparing to tell the audience a fairytale. For inspiration, Jester looks at the stories that have come before, but decides to invent a new narrative and ending. In this speech, Jester gets ready to tell their story.*

**JESTER:** Hello! My name is Jester Blank. We are going to tell you a fairytale. But first, let's read the fairy tales already out there and see what they are like!

*(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.

EWWWWWW.

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

EWWWWWW.

This one is about a Princess who wanted 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!

EWWWWWW.

Why are all 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 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 should come up with a different ending!

*(All Jesters agree with each other!)*

Right! Are we all ready?

Let's do this!

Let's start with the Princess!

Hey Princess!

HEY PRINCESS!

PRINCESS!

PRINCESS!