**THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA**

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| THE NARRATORTHE PRINCETHE QUEENTHE GIRLTHE PRINCESSTHE SERVANT | ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………… |

PROPS

A pea, mattresses.

**Music: Greensleeves attributed to Henry VIII, King of England**

**(When the actors are ready, music off and stagelights on.)**

THE SCRIPT

NARRATOR

This story is from Sweden.

Once upon a time there was a prince. The prince was sad because he didn’t have a princess.

**SCENE I: THE PALACE**

**BACKDROP: A palace**

PRINCE

I’m so sad.

QUEEN

Why are you sad, my son?

PRINCE

I am sad because I can’t find a princess.

QUEEN

Let’s go for a walk.

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**SCENE II: THE PALACE GARDENS**

**BACKDROP: the palace gardens**

**(The prince and the queen are walking in the garden and they see a beautiful girl.)**

GIRL

Hello. What’s your name?

THE PRINCE

Is she a real princess?

THE QUEEN

No, she isn’t.

THE PRINCE

I’m so sad.

THE QUEEN

I have a fantastic idea. Let’s have a party and invite lots of princesses.

THE PRINCE

Awesome!

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**SCENE III: THE PALACE BALLROOM**

**BACKDROP: The palace ballroom**

**MUSIC: Greensleeves.**

**(The Prince and the Queen watch everybody dancing.**

**The music stops and everyone freezes.)**

THE PRINCE

Is she a real princess?

THE QUEEN

No, she isn’t.

THE PRINCE

I’m so sad.

**(The music plays and everyone dances.**

**The music stops and everyone freezes.)**

THE PRINCE

Is she a real princess?

THE QUEEN

No, she isn’t.

THE PRINCE

I’m so sad.

**(The music plays and everyone dances.**

**The music stops and everyone freezes.)**

THE PRINCE

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THE QUEEN

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**SCENE IV: A rainy night**

**BACKDROP: The dining hall of the palace**

**Sounds: the rain (not too loud)**

**(A girl comes to the palace door and knocks. She is invited into the palace. The girl, the queen and the prince sit down to dinner.)**

PRINCE

Is she a real princess?

QUEEN

I don’t know.

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**SCENE V: A bedroom**

**BACKDROP: A bedroom in the palace.**

**(The queen and the servant are in the bedroom.)**

SERVANT

A pea, Your Majesty.

QUEEN

Thank you.

**(The Queen puts the pea under the mattress.)**

**Enter the princess.**

**(The princess lies down on the mattress.)**

QUEEN

Goodnight, girl.

PRINCESS

Goodnight, Your Majesty.

**Exit the Queen.**

**(The next morning.)**

QUEEN

Did you sleep well, my dear?

PRINCESS

No, I didn’t. There was a pea in my bed.

PRINCE

Is she a real princess?

QUEEN

Yes, she is!

**THE END**