

THE PRINCESS AND THE PEA

THE CAST

THE NARRATOR
THE PRINCE
THE QUEEN
THE GIRL
THE PRINCESS
THE 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.

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?

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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!

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.)**

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THE PRINCE
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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.

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.

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(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