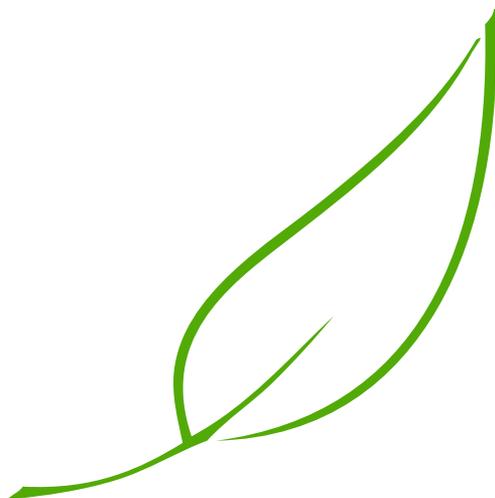


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### CAST OF CHARACTERS

(6 total)

Molly, Princess Lovely, The King, a juggler, a magician, and Cecil

*(The script may be performed with as few as three people if the shorter roles are doubled.)*

*(The setting is Molly's bedroom. She sits at her desk and tries to write.)*

**MOLLY:** *(shouting off)* I am Mom! I am working! Really! I'm almost done! *(to herself)* I am so sick and tired of spending every Sunday night at this desk doing my writing assignment for Monday morning. How does Mrs. Clinton expect us to come up with a whole new idea every week? I wish that just once I was in charge. I wish I had the power. *(shouting off)* Yeh, Mom! I'm almost finished. *(to herself)* As soon as I come up with the first word. Okay ... here goes. "Once upon a time ..." Now that is really clever. How do I come up with these things? *(slams her fist down)* Darn it! This isn't working. I wish I could just get away from school and homework and live in a castle that ... *(begins to write)* "When Princess Lovely came out onto her lovely balcony on that lovely morning..."

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** *(“flowing” into the area)* Oh what a lovely morning!

**MOLLY:** she said ...

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** The sky is lovely! The trees are lovely! And most lovely of all ... is me.

**MOLLY:** She really was a babe. She called for her Daddy, the King.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Oh, Daddy the King!

**MOLLY:** *(as Daddy the King enters)* Daddy the King was not lovely, but he was okay.

**KING:** Yes, my lovely young daughter?

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**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Daddy, I am so totally bored. I mean, after all, you have given me everything ... a lovely castle, lovely gowns, and lovely facial treatments. But I lack adventure! I want a sense of purpose!

**KING:** You mean a job?

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Bite your lovely tongue, Daddy! Let us not get carried away! No, I want some excitement in my life!

**MOLLY:** The King thought a moment ...

**KING:** I'm thinking. I'm thinking.

**MOLLY:** Then he said ...

**KING:** I'm still thinking...

**MOLLY:** He SAID!

**KING:** I've got it! We shall have a contest! Whoever can make your life interesting shall get half my kingdom!

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Half!?

**MOLLY:** ... shouted the Princess.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** What about me?

**KING:** Okay, make it a third.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Tenth.

**KING:** Done.

**MOLLY:** So the word went out far and wide ... whoever could entertain Princess Lovely would get a tenth of the King's fortune.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** We may settle for just a horse. After all, I'm in line to inherit everything.

**MOLLY:** And the very next morning a juggler showed up on Princess Lovely's balcony.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Who are you?

**JUGGLER:** I'm a juggler.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Charming. So juggle something.

**MOLLY:** (*as the juggler juggles*) The juggler juggled pots and juggled pans and juggled rusty old tin cans, he juggled dogs and cats and even juggled baseball bats, he juggled cold, he juggled hot, until the Princess shouted ...

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Stop! You seem to juggle pretty fine, but I really cannot stand that rhyme. Off with his head!

**JUGGLER:** Ouch! (*and he exits*)

**MOLLY:** Princess Lovely was not someone to mess with. She cried out ...

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Father!

**KING:** Yes, my lovely daughter?

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Bring me another!

**MOLLY:** And so he did ...

**KING:** Presenting ... A Magician!

**MOLLY:** And like magic, a magician appeared!

**MAGICIAN:** Princess Lovely! I will enchant you with the most amazing prestidigitation you have ever witnessed!

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Fine. Now get to the magic.

**MAGICIAN:** Behold! A rabbit!

**MOLLY:** Said the magician as he pulled a rabbit from his left ear.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Bet that hurt.

**MAGICIAN:** Abracadabra!

**MOLLY:** Said the magician, and the all the trees in the kingdom started to dance with small twinkling lights!

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Now that is really cool.

**MAGICIAN:** Presto-Gizmo!

**MOLLY:** Said the magician and diamonds began to fall from the skies!

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** (*running around trying to catch the diamonds*) Somebody get me a bucket!

**MOLLY:** But the Princess soon became bored ...

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Okay, so much for diamonds. Besides, I think I got one down my back. Off with his head!

**MOLLY:** But before the magician could disappear ... he disappeared! (*he disappears*)

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** Doesn't make sense, but at least he's gone.

**KING:** My dear ...

**MOLLY:** Said the King.

**KING:** It seems like nothing pleases you. And no one dare approach the castle for fear of losing their head.

**PRINCESS LOVELY:** You've got a point, dad. You know, maybe I need to get out more. Take a ride. Slay a dragon or something.



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