

Playstage

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I'm in a fairy tale.....get me out of here!



The reality show to end all reality shows!



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CAST (in order of appearance)**TICK****TOCK****JACK****GIANT****SECURITY GUARDS (non-speaking)****HUMPTY DUMPTY****CINDERELLA****GOLDILOCKS****LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD****WOLF****PRINCE****PIED PIPER****RAPUNZEL****UGLY DUCKLING****LITTLE BO PEEP****HANSEL****GRETEL****1ST PIG****2ND PIG****3RD PIG****1ST BILLY GOAT****2ND BILLY GOAT****3RD BILLY GOAT****GINGERBREAD MAN****FOX****SNOW WHITE**

25 speaking parts. 2 non-speaking.

Running time approximately 35 - 40 minutes.

I'M A FAIRY TALE CHARACTER...GET ME OUT OF HERE!

The stage is set with two tables. One is upstage right. One is upstage left. These should be slightly angled towards each other. Each table should have four chairs behind it, facing the audience. There are bells on each table. (Hand bells or buzzers) Signs are placed either behind or in front of the tables to label the teams - "Has Beens" and "Wannabees". For the "Head to Head", the "Has Beens" table should be placed (with chairs) at Centre Stage.

(Enter TICK and TOCK)

TICK and TOCK *(together, waving)*

Hello everybody!

TICK

I'm TICK

TOCK

And I'm TOCK.

TICK

And we're here to welcome you to...

TOCK

I'm in a Fairy Tale...

TICK and TOCK *(Together shouting)*

Get me out of here!

TICK

This is the show where disgruntled characters from your favourite fairy tales...

TOCK

And some you hated...

TICK

Get the chance for a new start...

TOCK

To relaunch their career...

TICK

Or in some cases to have a career at all.

TOCK

They'll be split into two teams... The "Has Beens"

TICK

Those are the ones who were once at the top of the fairy tale business but are now almost forgotten...

TOCK

And the “Wannabees” ...who never quite made it in the first place.

TICK

We’ll put them through their paces...

TOCK

And you decide the winner.

TICK

So, without further ado...

TOCK

Let’s meet our first contestant... and captain of the “Has Beens”...

TICK

Jack from “Jack and the Beanstalk”!

(Enter JACK, carrying beanstalk branches (SEE PRODUCTION NOTES) and nervously looking round.)

TOCK

Well, hello Jack my old mate... and what are you doing here?

JACK

Well... You remember how I pinched the Giant’s gold and ran away with it?

TICK

Yes, of course.

JACK

Well, I’ve not had a minute’s peace since...

GIANT *(offstage - loudly)*

Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum... I’m going to eat him, every crumb...

TOCK

Who on earth’s that?

JACK

It’s him... he’s followed me even here.

(Enter GIANT)

GIANT

Fo, Fum, oh heck... I'm gonna ring his scrawny neck...

(JACK tries to hide behind TICK.)

TICK

Can we help you sir?

GIANT

Yes. You can help me by holding him still while I give him a good kicking...

TOCK *(shouting)*

Security! Security!

(SECURITY GUARDS rush on and bundle the GIANT off stage.)

GIANT *(offstage, shouting)*

Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum, when you least expect, that is when I'll come!

(JACK takes his seat)

TICK

Now let's meet our next contestant... and captain of the "Wannabees"...

TOCK

HUMPTY DUMPTY!

(Enter HUMPTY DUMPTY, walking very carefully, as if in pain.)

TICK

Now then HUMPTY... You don't mind if I call you that do you? Or would you prefer Mr Dumpty?

HUMPTY

No, Humpty's OK.

TICK

So what brings you to this neck of the woods?

HUMPTY

Well, I got fed up with falling off walls...

TOCK

I see.

HUMPTY

Yes, when you get to my age, it's no fun at all.

TICK

I imagine so.

HUMPTY

It's all very well to talk about being put back together again...

TOCK

By all the King's horses and all the King's men...

HUMPTY

Quite... but after a while the pieces don't fit like they used to.

TICK

So you're looking for a new start?

HUMPTY

Yes, please.

TOCK

Well, you've come to the right place... Please take a seat.

(HUMPTY takes his seat)

TICK

OK... So let's meet the rest of the teams... starting with the "Has Beens".

(Each contestant enters in turn, on hearing their name)

TOCK

Let's welcome... Cinderella... GOLDILOCKSlocks... and Little RED Riding Hood.

TICK

Can each of you tell us why you're here?

CINDERS

Well - Prince Charming turned out not to be quite so charming after all... He had some terrible habits... when he was eating... when he was sleeping... you won't believe the snoring... and the constant wittering on about how charming he was... I just had to get out.

TOCK

I see... And what about you Goldilocks? I thought you got away from those bad bears?

GOLDILOCKS

Yes, Tock, but a life on the run is no fun...always looking over your shoulder...never able to give your real name... always waiting for the knock on the door or someone to shout out...

"Who ate all the porridge then?"

TICK

And what about you, Little Red Riding Hood?

RED

I find I'm being constantly teased... about my dress sense, my fondness for walking in the woods, not visiting my grandma enough... The list is endless... Oh, yes and apparently there's a certain kind of Wolf who actually likes dressing up and...

(Enter Big Bad WOLF, with a woman's dress on)

WOLF

Please come home Hoody darling... I promise you can wear grandma's dress the next time.

RED

You see what I'm up against?

WOLF

Come on... You know you like telling me about my big teeth, my big eyes, my big ears... and there's plenty more where they came from.

(Enter PRINCE, pushing the others aside to get to CINDERELLA)

PRINCE

Please come home Cinders... I promise to use a fork from now on... and I'll use a handkerchief... and I'll cut the snoring... and I'll try not to remind you how lucky you are...

CINDERS

Why can't you just leave me alone?

PRINCE

But I'm a Prince... I could have married any woman I wanted... but I chose you... Please come home.

TOCK *(Shouting)*

Security!

(SECURITY GUARDS rush on and bundle PRINCE and WOLF off stage.)

PRINCE *(Offstage, shouting)*

You can have new glass slippers every week, Cinderella!

WOLF *(Offstage, shouting)*

You can visit your grandma whenever you want, Red!

TICK

Please be seated ladies.

(CINDERELLA, GOLDILOCKS and LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD take their seats)

TOCK

And now let's meet the rest of the Wannabees team...

(Each contestant enters in turn, on hearing their name)

TICK

Let's welcome... The Pied Piper of Hamelin... Rapunzel... and The Ugly Duckling!

TOCK

Piper...tell us why you're here.

PIPER

Well, I find I can't get work anymore because they say I'm a danger to children.

TICK

Well they have a point..

PIPER

All I did was play my pipe... It's not my fault that the children followed me.