



A STORY ABOUT SEARCHING FOR TRUTH

CHARACTERS:

- Fairy
- Princess
- Prince
- Janosik (Robin Hood)
- Janosik's wife
- Batman
- Female singer
- Male singer
- Internet users (6 people)

SCENE 1

- Song nr. 1 (e.g. Abba – I have a dream)
- On Zoom everybody introduces themselves and says why they like the internet/TV

SCENE 2

Fairy (played recorded voice)

Far far away, over the mountains, over the forests, over eight emails.... There was a world where all the stories – good and bad – joined into one. The world was full of endless possibilities – alongside dangers of course.

(walks onto the stage)

All right, all right! Of course I can talk in person. How are you? It's me, fairy Gertruda! Dear children, big and small, I'm going to tell you a story about searching for truth. You may already know this story – or at least the moral of this story. Let's find out.

Shall we meet the characters of the story? Here they are: a prince, a princess.... Who else could there be...? A singer, OK.... let's have a superhero too... Batman! What? It's not from a Polish story? So, here he is: Janosik, the Polish Robin Hood. Let's start with introducing ourselves.

(the characters introduce themselves)

Wait a minute.... Is it really them? How do I know that they're not lying?

SCENE 3

(the sound of a phone ringing)

JANOSIK: Morning!

PRINCESS: Who are you?

JANOSIK: Bank representative. Do you need money?

PRINCESS: Well... I can always do with some money.

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JANOSIK: So, here I am – here is your chance! I can help you! I've got a great loan offer. The only thing you need to do is to give me your personal details and you can get a bank loan with great conditions. I just need your ID number and your date of birth and as soon as you agree we can proceed. Is three thousand PLN enough?

PRINCESS: Hang on a minute... You want to arrange credit for me by phone! I've heard about these kinds of telephone frauds!

JANOSIK: OK, OK..... I'm only joking. I only wanted to talk.

PRINCESS: Where have you got my phone number from?

JANOSIK: I had to fight a dragon to get your phone number, my dear Princess.

PRINCESS: What dragon?

JANOSIK: A big green one! Breathing fire!

PRINCESS: But dragons don't exist!

JANOSIK: How do you know? This one doesn't exist anymore because I've killed it.

PRINCESS: OK, stop telling tales. What is this all about?

JANOSIK: I found your phone number on the internet www.medicaladvice.pl and I thought you'd like to talk. I'm Janosik by the way.

PRINCESS: Yeah, whatever next...

JANOSIK: Don't you believe me?

PRINCESS: I'd have to see you. Shall we make a video call?

JANOSIK: Fine, just starting it off. (video call) What can you say now?

PRINCESS: I didn't know that Janosik could really exist. Great!

SCENE 4

FAIRY: So they started to talk with each other. Our Princess decided it was good she had left her phone number on medicaladvice.pl – she was asking about something not that important really – she only wanted some medical advice about her backache. So thanks to that, instead of a doctor a real Janosik has rung her! He lives in the Tatra mountains, he helps people. Almost like a real doctor! The Princess frequently confided in Janosik about her happy and sad life events, about her struggles... She talked to him about everything... Let's go back to her. Since we've met her, now we should introduce you to a Prince. Here he is! The Prince loved the internet. He spent all day in front of the computer screen. He was looking at funny pictures, memes, funny videos, for example with cats; he was reading about various events, and as a rule he was clicking on whatever popped onto his screen. One day on one of the Facebook groups the Prince clicked on

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a link to what seemed like an interesting article... But it wasn't the article, it was a virus! No, not that virus! Different virus and different webpage. Gross webpage! (everybody covers eyes, plays being shocked and embarrassed)

PRINCE: I don't want this webpage! I only wanted to read about a reliable slimming method and earn some money from it. I'll put a photo on this page and ask for advice, what should I do now?

FIRST INTERNET USER: Oh man! What are you posting!

SECOND INTERNET USER: Are crazy or what!?

THIRD INTERNET USER: He isn't stupid. He posted it on purpose.

FOURTH INTERNET USER: Racist!

FIFTH INTERNET USER: Pervert!

SIXTH INTERNET USER: Fool!

PRINCE: I only...

INTERNET USERS: Be quiet!

FAIRY: Nobody wanted to listen to the Prince. He was only looking for help. In fact, by mistake he opened a link but he didn't do it intentionally.... A wave of

SERVICE USERS: HATE.

FAIRY: Everyday he was receiving lots of abusive messages, even threats! Some internet users wanted to stand on his side, but most of them were too scared to react differently from the majority. So the poor Price was hurt badly; he was feeling more and more down.

One day his post with all the abusive comments was noticed by an amazing woman, who only wrote a short post asking people to leave him alone... She wanted to post some more, but... on that very day Janosik got into trouble!

SCENE 5

(video call)

JANOSIK: Princess! Help! I need your help!

PRINCESS: What's the matter?

JANOSIK: Bad people are forcing me to repay my debts. If I don't manage, they'll take away my house! I won't be able to help other people!

PRINCESS: Oh no! Janosik, what can I do for you?

JANOSIK: Not much. I just need a small loan.

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PRINCESS: How much?

JANOSIK: 10 000 PLN!

PRINCESS: It's all I have!

JANOSIK: I'll repay you in three days, with some extras – I am the JANOSIK!

PRINCESS: Fine. What do I have to do?

JANOSIK: First I need all your personal details to fill in the required form the people gave me. (The Princess gives all the details). Now, just your bank card number. Can you give it to me?

PRINCESS: Wait a second, I'll have to find it.

JANOSIK'S WIFE: Janusz, what are you doing?

JANOSIK: Be quiet! Don't disturb me!

PRINCESS: I'm back. But, I can't help you any more, because...

JANOSIK: But I need it now, otherwise I'll lose my house! As soon as you give me your login and password to your bank account I'll sort it all out myself...

PRINCESS: Perhaps I won't...

JANOSIK: Please.

SCENE 6

FAIRY: So, the poor Princess believed the charming Janosik. Who could resist him? Janosik didn't wait too long – he transferred all the Princess's money into another bank account and... has disappeared. There wasn't any contact with him. At last the Princess managed to connect with his internet account...

(video call)

PRINCESS: Hello... Hello! Is anybody there? Janosik? Where are you?

JANOSIK'S WIFE: Hello. What do you want? It's Stefania.

PRINCESS: How can that be? It's Janosik's account.

JANOSIK'S WIFE: There is no Janosik. How can I help you?

PRINCESS: Janosik... He made me give him all my personal details and stole my money.

JANOSIK'S WIFE: But Janosik doesn't exist.

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PRINCESS: I saw him with with my own eyes! I talked with him...

JANOSIK'S WIFE: What... Janusz, come here! Is it him?

PRINCESS: Yes! Janosik, who is this woman? Why is she calling you Janusz?

JANOSIK'S WIFE: Because he is Janusz! He sits all days in front of his computer and we don't have much contact with him. What have you done again?

PRINCESS: You told me you were somebody else. Why did you pretend you were Janosik?

JANOSIK: Everybody wants to be Janosik... Take away from the rich and give to the poor.

PRINCESS: But it's me who is poor!

JANOSIK'S WIFE: Oh, you! Old man! You!

PRINCESS: Look, he wants to escape...

JANOSIK'S WIFE: He is running away!

SCENE 7

FAIRY: So, Janusz who pretended to be Janosik ran away from home. The Princess is left all alone, shocked, disappointed and... with no money left. It seemed like the foolish Princess's money will be lost forever... but all stories must have a happy end. This one too... Just watch.

(Janosik is running onto the stage)

JANOSIK: Everybody has their noses to the computer screens, nobody will get me here!

(Batman lifts his head)

BATMAN: Is it really?

JANOSIK: Oh, no! It's Batman!

(they chase each other, running around from one side to the other)

JANOSIK: I'm tired. I give up...

(the Princess walks in)

PRINCESS: How could you cheat me like that? I believed you. You told me you were somebody else...

(Janosik has noticed the Princess)

JANOSIK: Hehehe! It's the man who I sent the link to the horrible site, and with a virus.

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BATMAN: Oh dear! We've got another charge. Phishing for data! You won't leave the prison soon...

PRINCESS: Are you going to take him to your cave?

BATMAN: What are you talking about?

PRINCESS: The Batman has got his own cave.

BATMAN: (laughing)

PRINCESS: Are you really Batman?

BATMAN: Are you joking? Krzysiek - a police officer. We'll charge Janusz and we'll get your money back through the court. Sometimes I just like to watch Batman films...

PRINCESS: How come you are so strong?

BATMAN: Because I don't sit constantly in front of the computer screen. I take exercise, I go out. I use the computer only when I really need it.

PRINCESS: Do you think you could help this poor boy?

ALL: The Prince!

BATMAN: It's a shame that both of you weren't more careful... But, of course – we'll make sure the bad stuff will be removed from the internet. We'll contact the people posting abusive comments. But you can help the most.

PRINCESS: Me?

BATMAN: Yes, you.

FAIRY: Suddenly the Princess understood that you can not only be a real princess in a virtual world, behind the computer screen, but also... in a real life, with a real person – with the Prince, who was called Henio. She invited him for a walk. At first Maciek was struggling without the computer and his phone – it seemed he was addicted to them – but soon he understood that only being present with a real person can give you real happiness... What about the phone and the internet? Both started being much more careful. They avoided giving away their personal details, answering unknown phone numbers... Remember – on the internet, like in a story, everybody can become somebody else. Stories should stay as stories. But you, just stay yourself in REAL LIFE!

SCENE 8

On Zoom, or a collage of recordings – people talk about their favourite ways of spending free time.

SONG

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