

Create your own Upside-Down Fairy Tale Character!

Marie Basting's Writing Challenge - Chorlton Book Festival 2020

Princess BMX is an upside-down fairy tale adventure that challenges everything you thought you knew about fairy tales. A princess who rides a BMX, a muscly fairy godfather who loves to eat squirrel and a tiny, grumpy unicorn with bucked teeth are just some of the ways the author mixes things up. Can you come up with a character that challenges the norms of the fairy tale? Use the character card format to tell us more about them.

Draw your character in the box at the top of the page – then fill in the details:

- **Name:** what is your character called?
- **Lives:** where does your character live? Princess BMX is from the magical Kingdom of Biscotti!
- **Power/ talent:** does your character have a special talent or power? Princess BMX is rather good at – yes you guessed it – BMX! Perhaps your character is magic like the squirrel munching Godfather or good at chess like Bertie the posh-paws prince!
- **Weakness:** what is your character afraid of? What might their enemies use against them?
- **EVILometer:** friend or foe? Where does your character score on the EVILometer!
- **What else can you tell us about your character?**

Story Opening

So, you have your character, now it's time to introduce us to them! Taking inspiration from Marie's reading, write the opening to a story where your character is going to a party. Show us where they live (story setting), reveal a little bit about their personality (e.g. are they always in trouble like Ava?) and tell us who they live with (secondary characters). Now you have the story opening, setting and cast, you can take your character wherever you like!



An upside-down fairy tale adventure!

Trust me, the fairy tales have it so wrong. Dingy towers and wicked step-mums are the least of my worries: it's the boredom that will kill me. Honestly, apart from the endless supply of cupcakes, being a princess is pretty rubbish. I used to think about locking myself in a tower and throwing away the key. Thank the good goblin I discovered BMX. If it wasn't for BMX, nothing would have changed ...

*Enchanted meets BMX in this brilliantly funny adventure for ages 7+.
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