



## BE BRAVE BE BOLD Melodrama

### Part One: Who is Knocking?

**Scene Summary:** Sir Meekly, Lady Grin-a-vere, Sir Prance-a-lot discuss the Foundation and Corner Stone of the Kingdom as a threat looms and they receive bad news. A castle like setting; music softly in background.

#### Characters:

Sir Meekly  
Lady Grin-a-vere  
Knight Prance-a-lot  
Herald with Trumpet & Proclamation  
Fair Lady in Waiting

**To Begin:** [*Lady Grin-a-vere is on stage standing in front of the castle, looking into the distance. Fair Lady in Waiting walks onto stage giggling and with a frivolous attitude/spirit.*]

#### MUSIC UP

**Fair Lady:** Lady Grin-a-vere why are you gazing into the distance?

**Lady Grin:** I am looking for the King. He has traveled far and I am expecting his return at anytime.

**Fair Lady:** Lady Grin-a-vere, has anyone seen the “not-so-brave” *wantabe* knight this morning? [*Giggles ....lots of giggles*]

**Lady Grin:** Nay. I have not seen him.

**Fair Lady:** [*Giggles continue*] Nay and most likely you shall not. He tends to be the “**INVISIBLE**” knight these days. [*Giggles as she leaves the stage*]

**Lady Grin:** [*Standing still and looking into the distance as though she sees something or someone in the distance.*]

**Sir Meek:** [*Spoken softly and in a whisper as he is peaking out from inside the castle walls*] Hey, hey, Lady Grin-a-vere!

**Lady Grin:** [*Looking around*] Did I hear someone? [*Looks back into distance.*]

**Sir Meek:** [*Throws pebbles*] Hey.

**Lady Grin:** Sir Meekly, is that you?

**Sir Meek:** Yae Lady Grin-a-vere, ‘tis I.

**Lady Grin:** Come into the light that you may be seen.

**Sir Meek:** [ *Meekly comes into the light...dressed as a knight*]

**Lady Grin:** What are you afraid of?

**Sir Meek:** I am afraid. There are “forces” at work Lady Grin-a-vere. You see this foundation, this cornerstone in the castle?

**Lady Grin:** Yae that I do, Sir Meekly.

**Sir Meek:** I fear that the enemy, the old dragon himself, has come to seek and destroy the very foundation of the castle and of the kingdom.

**Lady Grin:** May this not be so Sir Meek. For here in the Kingdom all is peaceful and well. The Foundation cannot be shaken.

**Knight Prance-a-lot:** Good morning your most fairest of fair Lady Grin-a-vere. You are looking a a a a quite Fair this morning .....Did you not notice that my Knightly duds are looking rather “polished” and “bright” this morning as though refined in the **finest fire of the village blacksmithy** in the kingdom.

**Sir Meek:** Yeah.....the term HALF BAKED does come to mind.

**Lady Grin:** Good morning Sir Prance-a-lot. I was just discussing the foundation of the castle and the threat to the kingdom with Sir Meek.

**Knight Prance:** Oh, I have often heard these stories of “trouble” in the Kingdom. But do not despair me-lady. The Knights of the Not so Round Table—[ *pointing at table*] have all the power needed to defend the Kingdom.

[*Obnoxious trumpet sounds and a herald arrives with message in hand*]

**Herald:** Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye. [*Sounds trumpet again*]  
Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye.

**Knight Prance:** We hear you already .....what is it?

**Herald:** [ *Starts to sound trumpet but Sir Meek grabs it from the Herald*].

[ *Herald unrolls scroll and reads:*]

By Proclamation ! From henceforth all Knights and ladies of the not so round table will be subject to HEAVY taxation.

[ *Pause*]

AND TO A NEW RULER.  
Be at the not so round table TOMORROW TO pay up!

**Lady Grin:** Who so dares to issue such a proclamation!

**Herald:** The seal is unknown your ladyship.

**Lady Grin:** Oh if only, if only **The King** would return quickly !!

**Knight Prance:** [ *Not quite so confidently as before*].  
Never fear your ladyship; for the Knights will prevail.

**Sir Meek:** [ *Runs into the castle*].

**Lady Grin:** Where are you going, Sir Meekly ?

**Knight Prance:** Uh, I have to go check on something, too! [ *Runs off stage*].

**Lady Grin:** Taxation ! NEW RULER !  
HOW CAN THIS BE ?  
WHAT CAN WE DO ?

{*SMOKE RISES FROM THE BUSHES.....and loud sounds...lights flash.*}

**Lady Grin:** SOMEONE must get a message to the people!  
THEY ARE ALL IN DANGER. WHO WILL GO ?

**Narrator:** Boys and Girls.....  
Who is this NEW RULER who dares to issue such a proclamation?  
Will the King return in time?  
Tune in next week when we hear Sir Meekly say.....

**Sir Meek:** Hurry let's hide in the dungeon. I hear they make great "stakes" and  
"chops" and there might be a "3 musketeer" down there ?

Music up.