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**SLEEPING
BEAUTY**

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from the fairy tale by the Brothers Grimm

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Social Narrative for:

Sleeping Beauty

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I'm going to see a play called *Sleeping Beauty* at Barter's Smith Theatre! This play is about Princess Aurora. A curse was put upon Aurora when she was a baby, and this play tells the story about how that curse turns into a blessing. You may have seen the Disney movie *Sleeping Beauty*, but this play is different from it in some ways.



Seeing a play is like seeing a movie. The play will be performed by people right in front of me on stage. They are called actors, and the people they are playing are called characters.



Once arriving at the theatre, I will go into the lobby where I will get my tickets. If I am early, I can wait in the lobby or lounge where there will be toys. Other people will also be waiting for the show to begin.



Next, I'll enter the theatre and choose a seat for the show. I'll sit in a seat and wait for the show to start. Other people will be doing the same thing. We will all wait together for the performance to begin.



Just before the performance begins, some of the actors will come out to talk about things we use in the play that help us tell the story, like props, costumes, lights, and sound.



If at any point during the show I have a question or want to leave, I will ask for help quietly. There will be ushers who can help me, too. An usher is someone in a tan vest who works at the theatre.



If anything ever gets too loud I can put on my ear protection or cover my ears with my hands.



I'll know the performance is about to begin when the lights dim around me and someone on stage makes an announcement. After the announcement the lights will change again and I'll know the play is about to start.



The play starts with King Demetrius holding his baby daughter, the Princess Aurora. She is crying, and he cannot get her to stop. His wife, Queen Miranda, is able to calm the baby down by telling her the story of how was born.



Miranda explains that she and Demetrius tried to have a child for years, but were not able to. Miranda visits Lady Tegan, the Royal Sage, who has magical powers. Tegan cannot help Miranda, but she sends her to the most powerful Sage of all, the spider-like Carabosse.



Carabosse agrees to help Miranda on one condition: she, Carabosse, will be the honored guest at christening of the child. Miranda agrees, and Carabosse pricks Miranda's finger on the spindle of her spinning wheel to make her wish come true. *Carabosse and her henchmen may seem scary, but the actors are safe and it is all pretend.*



It is time for Aurora's christening, but when Carabosse arrives for the ceremony she is shunned by Demetrius. He reveals that when he was young he fell in love with Carabosse's daughter, Fiona, and wanted to marry her. Carabosse would not allow their marriage and turned into a dragon to battle Demetrius. Fiona stepped between them, and Carabosse accidentally killed her.



Since Carabosse is not welcomed at the christening, she places a curse on Princess Aurora. Before the sun sets on Aurora's sixteenth birthday, she will prick her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel and die.



Tegan is able to alter the curse so that Aurora would not die but sleep until awakened by true love's kiss. Still fearful for their daughter's life, Demetrius and Miranda allow Tegan to take Aurora and raise her as her own, changing her name to Brier Rose.



Many years pass. We meet Prince Michael and his squire, Jack. Michael has a list of tasks he needs to complete as part of his responsibilities as a prince, which includes falling in love with a damsel.



Michael stumbles upon Rose in the woods. She has climbed to the top of a tree, and Michael thinks she is a damsel in distress that needs to be rescued. He climbs up to help her, but admits he is afraid of heights. Rose helps Michael climb back down to the ground.



Rose accompanies Michael to the Spider's Glade, since that is a task on his list. Carabosse spies on them and realizes that Rose is actually the Princess Aurora. She creates a plan to get Rose to return to the castle so the curse can be completed.



Michael takes Rose home and admits he would like to kiss her. Rose would also like to kiss Michael, but she promised her Aunt Tegan that she wouldn't kiss anyone until she turns sixteen. Michael promises to return tomorrow to kiss her on her sixteenth birthday.



In the meantime, Carabosse has tricked Tegan into bringing Rose back to the castle. Once they arrive at the castle, Rose pricks her finger on the spindle of a spinning wheel and falls into a deep sleep.



Tegan finds Michael and tells him about the curse on Rose—only true love's kiss will break the curse, and they only have until the sun sets that night. Michael proclaims his love for Rose and sets off to rescue her.



Carabosse creates a Wall of Thorns that Michael must battle. He is able to cut down the wall and continue on to rescue Rose. *Even though the characters fight, the actors are safe and it is all pretend.*



Michael arrives at the castle and kisses Rose, waking her from her sleep.



Carabosse then transforms into a dragon and fights Michael. Just as Michael is about to kill Carabosse, Rose stops him. *Even though the characters fight, the actors are safe and it is all pretend.*



Carabosse confesses that her world is a lonely one and Rose welcomes her into their family.



Rose and Michael marry and when their daughter is born, Carabosse is made her godmother.



The play is about 45 minutes long. If at any point during the show I think something is funny I can laugh. If I ever think the actors did a good job I can clap. I'll know the play is over because people around me will start clapping their hands, and I can clap too if I want. Then the lights will come all the way back up, and I can leave the theatre.

CHARACTERS IN *SLEEPING BEAUTY*

Here are the names and photos of the characters you'll see in *Sleeping Beauty*!

ROSE



PRINCE MICHAEL



CARABOSSE



TEGAN



JACK



KING DEMETRIUS



QUEEN MIRANDA



GUARD



HENCHMEN/WALL OF THORNS/DAGON

