

## Characters

- Roger (E)** - Single parent
- Tooth Fairy (E)** - The Tooth Fairy (**in a typical fairy outfit with wings & a wand**)
- Elise (E)** - Roger's daughter.

## Scene 1 - Bedroom

**(The bedroom has a bed and chair. At rise, Elise is tucked away under the covers of a bed. Roger sits on or near the bed and looks at Elise.)**

**Elise:** Daddy?

**Roger:** Yes, sweetheart.

**Elise:** Have you still got it?

**Roger:** Got what?

**Elise:** C'mon, daddy! Stop kidding.

**Roger:** Well, let me see.

**(Roger pats his hand around his pockets as if looking for something.)**

**Roger:** Oh no! I can't seem to find it.

**Elise:** Daddy!

**Roger:** **(Stops at his shirt pocket)** Wait a minute. **(Reaches into the pocket and pulls out a small envelope)** Here it is!

**Elise:** Can I see it again?

**(Roger opens the envelope and lets Elise look inside.)**

**Roger:** There it is - one golden tooth.

**Elise:** Daddy! It's not golden. It's just a normal tooth.

**Roger:** Did it hurt coming out?

**Elise:** Nope. Just popped out!

**(Roger closes the envelope and puts it back into his pocket)**

**Roger:** All safe and sound.

**Elise:** But aren't you going to put it under my pillow?

**Roger:** Why would I do a thing like that? Don't you remember the story of the princess and the pea? If I put it under your pillow you might not get a single wink of sleep.

**Elise:** But if you don't put it under my pillow the Tooth Fairy won't come in the night and leave me money for it.

**Roger:** You mean this little tooth is worth some money? Maybe I should save it to help pay for a new car. Got any more teeth in there?

**Elise:** Daddy! Only the Tooth Fairy can turn a tooth into money and it's only for me.

**Roger:** So you've cornered the market on the tooth exchange, have you?

**Elise:** C'mon, Daddy! Put my tooth under my pillow so I can get some sleep.

**Roger:** Well, I guess I'm not getting anything out of this deal. **(Puts the envelope under Elise's pillow)** There you go. Is my princess going to be able to sleep?

**Elise:** I am perfectly fine.

**Roger:** Good. Now you get some sleep so that you can wake up to your small fortune in the morning.

**(Roger tucks in Elise and gets up to leave the room)**

**Elise:** Daddy?

**Roger:** Yea, sweetie?

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**Elise:** Do you still miss mommy?

**Roger:** **(Goes back to Elise)** Of course I do. Every day.

**Elise:** Me too.

**Roger:** Do you remember what I told you?

**Elise:** That she will always live on in here. **(Points to her heart)**

**Roger:** That's right. She lives right here. **(Points to his heart)** Now get some sleep.

**Elise:** Will you stay with me just for a little while until I can get to sleep?

**Roger:** What about the Tooth Fairy?

**Elise:** Oh, she's got all night. She'll wait for you.

**Roger:** OK. **(Kisses Elise)**

**(Roger sits in a chair near the bed, leans back, and gradually falls asleep. After a few moments, the Tooth Fairy arrives. She spreads a magic powder throughout the room. She walks over to Elise and looks at her.)**

**Tooth Fairy:** **(to Elise)** There you are, my dear, fast asleep. **(Looks at Roger)** And who is this fine specimen of a human being next to you? **(Starts to reach out to Roger but stops herself)** We can look but we can't touch. **(Turns to Elise)** Let's see what you have for me, my young friend.

**(Tooth Fairy reaches under Elise's pillow. Elise makes some sounds which makes Tooth Fairy cautious. Eventually she pulls out the envelope and retrieves the tooth. She waves her wand over the envelope, checks it, and then returns the envelope under the pillow. She puts the tooth in a container then puts it into her bag.)**

**Tooth Fairy:** There you go! I'd stay and chat but I have a busy schedule to keep. **(Looks at Roger and sighs)** Maybe I will see you again. **(She gets up to leave but stops herself)** Maybe I could... I mean just one little one. What could it hurt? **(Pause)** But it's against the rules. **(Pause)** How could it possibly hurt? **(Pause)** Rules, rules, rules! **(Pause)** Oh, well. Sometimes you have to live on the edge!

**(Tooth Fairy kisses Roger on the cheek and then gets ready to leave. She hears Roger start to wake and freezes.)**

**Roger:** Wha, what's going on here? **(Sees Tooth Fairy)** Who are you? **(Tooth Fairy doesn't move)** Well? What are you doing in my house?

**Tooth Fairy:** You can see me?

**Roger:** Of course I can see you. You look like a tree ornament or something from a bad cartoon.

**(Tooth Fairy turns to Roger, reaches into her bag, and desperately throws magic dust at him several times. Roger wipes himself off.)**

**Roger:** What are you doing?

**Tooth Fairy:** It's my magic dust. It is supposed to keep people asleep so I can do my work.

**Roger:** Work? What work? Are you some kind of badly dressed cat burglar?

**(Tooth Fairy takes her wand and raps Roger on the head with it.)**

**Roger:** Ow! What are you doing? You're a terrible thief.

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**Tooth Fairy:** **(Stares at the wand)** I don't understand. You're not supposed to be awake. The magic dust? The magic wand? Nothing is working. What could have happened? Am I losing my powers?

**Roger:** You are clearly losing your mind!

**Tooth Fairy:** **(Gasps)** Of course! The kiss! A kiss breaks all spells. **(To Roger)** The moment I kissed you all the magical energy dissipated. Poof! Like a dust cloud in the desert.

**Roger:** Wait! You kissed me?

**Tooth Fairy:** I know it's against protocol but it was just an innocent little kiss.

**Roger:** What kind of strange burglar are you and how did you get in here?

**Tooth Fairy:** Why I flew of course. How do you expect me to visit so many children?

**Roger:** You rob little children?

**Tooth Fairy:** Of course not, silly. I bring them gifts.

**Roger:** Hold on! You're the... oh no, that's ridiculous.

**(Tooth Fairy reaches into her bag, pulls out the container with the tooth and shows it to Roger. Roger stares at the tooth, looks at Elise, and then looks at Tooth Fairy.)**

**Roger:** You! You're the Tooth Fairy?

**Tooth Fairy:** That's me! **(Puts tooth away)**

**Roger:** But you're not real!

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh yeah? **(Pinches Roger's cheek)** Believe me now?

**Roger:** But I'm the one who leaves some money under her pillow. You're just some story we tell our children.

**Tooth Fairy:** Exactly! You get to believe what you want and she gets to believe what she wants.

**Roger:** Then it's all just a big lie?

**Tooth Fairy:** It's part of learning to find hope. It's about seeking the best possibilities. You can't have hope without imagination and you can't have integrity if you don't think such a thing is possible.

**Roger:** That's all just part of the set up for our fall into disillusionment.

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh my! You sound like someone who has suffered.

**Roger:** **(Softly)** Yes.

**Tooth Fairy:** And I am here to tell you that you should believe!

**Roger:** Believe in what?

**Tooth Fairy:** The future! The Land of What-Ifs! The love of those still with you! **(Glances at Elise)** Believe in magic!

**Roger:** Oh, I don't know. How can there be magic when love ends?

**Tooth Fairy:** But love never ends. It changes form, it may ebb and flow like a mighty ocean, it may be as soft as a whisper or as loud as a roar, but it is always there.

**Roger:** **(Stares at Tooth Fairy)** You are an amazing person.

**Tooth Fairy:**           **(Blushing)** Well, I'm a fairy, but...

**Roger:**                    Maybe it's right here.

**Tooth Fairy:**            What's here?

**Roger:**                    The love you speak about.

**Tooth Fairy:**            Well, of course it is! It's all around us. It's in the air and in the trees and in the sunshine and blowing in the breeze. It's... **(Notices Roger staring at her)**

**Roger:**                    No. I mean what if it's right here!

**Tooth Fairy:**            Oh, you mean right *here* here?

**Roger:**                    Sometimes love is right in front of you and you just don't see it. Wouldn't you agree?

**Tooth Fairy:**            Uh, well. Yes. I suppose so but...

**Roger:**                    But, what? If magic happens, shouldn't we embrace it?

**Tooth Fairy:**            But... I can't!

**Roger:**                    You can't love?

**Tooth Fairy:**            Of course I can but I can't... not with you.

**Roger:**                    Why not?

**Tooth Fairy:**            **(Looks around)** It's against the rules.

**Roger:**                    What would happen to you?

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**Tooth Fairy:**            I would lose my wings and my wand. I would become...

**Roger:**                    A mere mortal?

**Tooth Fairy:**            Yes.

**Roger:** (moves in to hold Tooth Fairy) But then we could be together.

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh, no. I wouldn't know how to be a human.

**Roger:** I think you know better than most. You are kind and loving. You are great with kids. You know more about kindness than most.

**Tooth Fairy:** I only know about love and dreams.

**Roger:** Tell me, really. What more do we need to know than that? But, forgive me. I was being selfish. If you don't keep hope alive for all those young children and their little teeth, who else will?

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh, but I'm not the only one.

**Roger:** You're not? I always thought it was a solo gig. You know, like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny.

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh, well. Those two only have to work one day out of the year. Us tooth fairies are on the job all year long all across the world. We've got a small army of tooth traders out there.

**Roger:** So maybe they won't miss one?

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh! I don't know. It's never been done before. (starts to pace) This is very unusual. I just don't know. How did I get in this mess?

**Roger:** You kissed me.

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh yes. That's right. I guess it is partly my fault. (Walks up to Roger) Maybe I should kiss you again and see what happens. (They kiss) oh, my. That is magic.

**Roger:** (Waits) Well?

**Tooth Fairy:** (Still thinking) Well, what?

**Roger:** You and me? (Looks at Elise) You could help me bring up this beautiful young lady. We could help spread your words of love and compassion... together.

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh, that does sound lovely but... I can't.

**Roger:** I don't understand.



**Tooth Fairy:** Don't you see? It would set a bad precedent. What if all the fairies decide to quit and settle down? Who would fill all those children with hope and wonder? Who would collect the teeth? Who would listen to the wishes we whisper in the wind? Who would hide colored eggs in the grass? Who would help fill all the presents at Christmas?

**Roger:** I thought those were elves.

**Tooth Fairy:** Elves with wings. You don't think they take the bus to the North Pole do you?

**Roger:** I never thought about it.

**Tooth Fairy:** It could lead to the end of magic?

**Roger:** But it might lead to the beginning of love!

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh, you are indeed a fine human and I would be lucky to spend my mortal days with you but it just can't be done.

**Roger:** Afraid you might actually love being a mere human?

**Tooth Fairy:** Oh you silly mortal! You can't have hope if there is nothing to hope for. It is my job to whisper the possibilities into your ear. That is what I love. That is what I am meant to do. As wonderful as it might be to stay here with you I could never be happy because I would not fulfill my purpose.

**Roger:** I understand.

**Tooth Fairy:** **(Hugs Roger)** oh you are a good man and your daughter is lucky to have you. I will come visit when I can and I will whisper in your ear when you stand in the breeze and I will smile at you when the rainbow appears. **(She pulls away)** I must go. There are always more teeth to collect.

**Roger:** Goodbye! I won't forget you.

**(Tooth Fairy exits with a typical fairy flourish. Roger looks in her direction then hears Elise stirring. He goes to Elise.)**

**Elise:** Daddy?

**Roger:** Yes?

**Elise:** I just had this really weird dream. The Tooth Fairy came to take my tooth but then she was talking to somebody.

**Roger:** Maybe she came to get your tooth. Let's see... **(Reaches under the pillow and grabs the envelope then opens it)** Look here! A small fortune!

**Elise:** Oh daddy, it's only a dollar.

**Roger:** All great empires began with a dollar and a dream. Now get yourself back to sleep so you can start having some lucky dreams.

**Elise:** How will I know which dreams are lucky?

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**Roger:** Oh, that's easy. Just listen to the whispers in the wind. Now you get some sleep. Good night!

**Elise:** Good night, daddy! **(Roger starts to leave but she stops him)** Daddy!

**Roger:** Yea?

**Elise:** I think I have another loose tooth.

**Roger:** **(Smiles)** That's good fortune indeed! Goodnight sweetheart!

**Curtain**