

## **“Once Upon a Mattress” Character Descriptions**

**Queen Aggravain** – the loud, talkative woman who is trying to keep her son, Dauntless, from getting married.

**King Sextimus** – a kind, expressive, and playful man who is mute; he likes to chase girls through the corridors of the castle.

**Prince Dauntless** – a handsome, young prince who desperately wants to get married, but is prevented by his mother's strict tests that she gives to all potential candidates.

**Princess Winnifred** – an outspoken, strong, and optimistic princess who must go through the queen's unfair tests.

**Lady Larken** – a beautiful woman who wants to marry Sir Harry; she tries to flee after an argument with him, but is convinced by Winnifred to reunite with Sir Harry.

**Sir Harry** – the macho, romantic knight who leaves the kingdom to search for a princess for Prince Dauntless; no one can marry until Dauntless has found a suitable bride.

**Jester** – an energetic and peppy man who is the King's right-hand man and assists him with every endeavor.

**Minstrel** – he becomes smitten with Lady Larken and tries to persuade her to flee to Normandy with him; he and the Jester also join forces to stop the Queen's plans.

**Wizard** – the egotistical, ex-performer who directly serves the Queen.

**Nightengale** – a royal pet that sings a lullaby to put Winnifred to sleep.

**There are many other characters including Ladies-in-Waiting, Knights, Soldiers, and Servants.**