Narrator: We are presenting a reader’s theater from the fantasy novel *Far Far Away* by Tom McNeal. This story is filled with “strange whisperings,” missing children, and Prince Cakes that have special powers. Four students head to the bakery after school because this is the day the baker makes Prince Cakes. Ginger is read by _______, Marjory is read by __________, Maddy is read by ________, Jeremy is read by ________, Mr. Blix is read by __________ and I am ________________, your narrator. There is a story behind the Prince Cakes. Some villagers had grown to believe that whatever living thing was looked upon during the first bite of the Prince Cake would steal one’s heart. It was said that this enchantment was so steadfast it could be reversed only by the touch of a salted tear upon the parted lips of the spellbound.

**Maddy Saxon:** What if the first thing you saw was a donkey?

**Marjory:** Or Mr. Finnifrock

**Ginger:** I like that salted tear upon the parted lips of the spellbound detail. So do you think it’s true?

**Jeremy:** Depends who you ask

**Blix:** (enthusiastically) Is it not a great day to be alive?

**Ginger:** If you say so. So, how’s life in Blixville?

**Blix:** Yes, yes, all is well in Blixville. And is this not Jeremy Johnson Johnson? You use to come in frequently. Do you remember it?

**Jeremy:** Not really

**Blix:** Yes! Your dear mother used to bring you in the bakery all tucked away in your little carriage. You were a great burrower! Sometimes she had to dig through the covers to find you.

**Ginger:** I’ll bet you were just the cutest little mole-creature.

**Blix:** So, my dear children, how may I help you?

**Ginger:** Well that’s the problem. I don’t see any Prince Cakes.
**Blix:** (laughs) No you don’t, because by nine o’clock this morning the Prince Cakes were all sold out.

**Ginger:** You sold them all?

**Blix:** Yes, yes. Almost all.

**Ginger:** But you kept a few slices back for your most special customers?

**Blix:** Yes, yes, my dear girl. For my most special customers (looking around) and they may be in yet.

**Ginger:** You’re a funny man. There is just one little thing.

**Blix:** I see I see. There is just one little thing.

**Ginger:** We’re a little low on cash reserves.

**Blix:** Oh well now… This is really too bad. Too bad indeed.

**Ginger:** Of course we could write you four IOUs. Or one big We- Owe-You.

**Blix:** I like that! One big We- Owe-You! Sit, please sit. My last four slices of Prince Cakes will be yours. With Coffee?

**All:** (nods)

**Narrator:** They eat their cakes and discuss the baker who seems to live a boring life. They decide they should investigate what goes on after he leaves the bakery. They are in for the surprise of their lives! Read *Far Far Away* by Tom McNeal to see what really goes on after Mr. Blix leaves the bakery.

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