

Booktalk!



Thea Stilton The Cloud Castle Script

For this Book Talk you will need:

- 5 actors (Paulina, Colette, Pamela, Will, Ariette)
- Paulina: orange turtle neck, jeans, hiking boots, black braided wig, grey mouse ears
- Colette: pink jacket, blue turtle neck, pink skirt, blue pants, blonde wig, brown mouse ears
- Pamela: red shirt, necklace, green pants, curly brown wig, brown mouse ears
- Will: brown jacket, green pants, khaki or beige shirt, orange boots, grey mouse ears
- Ariette: long purple gown, long red wig, fairy wings, yellow flower hair clip
- Additional props: repelling gear for each of the mice (helmet, black belt, rope, hiking boots), window cut out of cardboard and mounted on top of table (window should be large enough for mouse characters to climb through), blue fabric on either side of window (on side facing audience), chair, copy of *Thea Stilton: The Cloud Castle*

Ariette: *(standing up and continuing to sniffle & dab her eyes after Paulina, Colette, Pamela & Will finish climbing through the window)* I am happy to see you, strangers.

Will: *(gently)* We heard your cries, and we couldn't ignore them.

Colette: *(taking a step toward Ariette)* Yes, we want to help you.

Ariette: *(nodding)* You were very courageous to climb all the way up here. *(bowing gracefully)* I should introduce myself. My name is Ariette and I am a Weaver Fairy.

Pamela: *(pausing to think)* A Weaver Fairy? Does that mean you make clouds?

Ariette: Yes. *(drooping slightly)* At least I used to be able to make clouds. *(sighing & sitting down on chair)*

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Will: Why can't you now? What happened? Maybe we can help.

Ariette: Thank you, you are truly kind. But I don't know your names.

Will: Of course! I'm sorry. My name is Will Mystery and I'm a researcher.

Colette: And we're Colette, Pam and Paulina (*motioning to each as she mentions their names*). We're colleagues of Will's, and we're students of the famous Thea Stilton, from Mouseford Academy.

Ariette: I'm afraid I've never heard of her or the academy.

Paulina: It's located in the real world. Very far from here.

Ariette: (*her eyes lighting up*) I know of the real world. Please tell me, what do you research?

Will: We study the worlds of fantasy, and solve mysteries there.

Ariette: (*smiling faintly*) And that is why you are here in the Land of Clouds?

Colette: (*nodding*) We know that the Weaver Fairies have stopped making clouds. We're here to find out what happened.

Ariette: (*her smile disappearing*) That is why I've been locked up in this tower... It is believed that the reason the Weaver Fairies don't weave anymore is that they no longer dream... (*pausing momentarily*) They say that I disturbed the sleep of my fairy friends by telling them about the World Below.

Paulina: The World Below?

Ariette: That is what all Cloud Fairies call the world that exists below the sky – the real world, as you call it.

Pamela: (*looking confused*) What did you tell the other fairies about the real – (*hesitating*) I mean, the World Below – that stopped them from dreaming?

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Ariette: I told them nothing that would disturb their dreams. I only told them about the many wonders of your world. But I broke our rule – that Weaver Fairies may never know about the World Below, since it distracts us from our tasks – and, as my punishment, I've been imprisoned in this tower.

Paulina: (*frowning*) But if you are not the reason why the Weaver Fairies are not dreaming, then what is?

Ariette: I am not sure. But I think I know of a way to find out: I am the only fairy who can see the dreams of the other weavers. If I manage to find out what is really disturbing them, I'll also find out what created this situation. But, to do that, I have to get out of here! (*turning to audience and holding up a copy of Thea Stilton: The Cloud Castle*) Can Will and the others help me get out of this tower and save the Land of Clouds? Find out by reading *Thea Stilton: The Cloud Castle* – it's at your Scholastic Book Fair!

