

E13 - The Beast and the Prince

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[00:01] Nana

This is bad.

[00:02] Nana

*The depths of their consciousnesses will
connect through Strelizia and merge!*

SIGN "This is a story of a monster"

[00:14] Zero Two (002)

That room was the entirety of my world.

[00:18] Zero Two (002)

*A closed world that would never
touch what lay outside the windows.*

[00:24] Hiro (016)

That place was the entirety of my world.

[00:28] Hiro (016)

*The Garden, a closed world
where only children lived.*

[00:33] Zero Two (002)

*But that day, I went outside
for the first time.*

[00:37] Zero Two (002)

To this day, I haven't forgotten.

[00:40] Hiro (016)

To this day, I'd forgotten all about...

[00:42] Zero Two (002)

How vast the sky up above was.

[00:44] Hiro (016)

How warm the hand I held was.

[00:47] Both

And the promise we made.

SIGN "This is a story forgotten"

[00:54] Zero Two (002)

Who am I?

[00:57] Zero Two (002)

*Back then, that question
never even crossed my mind.*

[01:02] Zero Two (002)

*I was trapped in that room for
as far back as I can remember.*

[01:07] Zero Two (002)

*I felt like I had even older memories,
but I soon forgot them.*

[01:15] Zero Two (002)

I didn't know what this was, either.

[01:18] Zero Two (002)

*Probably a stand-in for
what you'd call a mother.*

[01:26] Zero Two (002)

*One day, for the first and only time,
she brought me something that wasn't food.*

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[01:49] Zero Two (002)

It was a picture book.

[01:52] Zero Two (002)

*As I turned the pages, its bright
colors jumped out at me,*

[01:55] Zero Two (002)

as did various shapes.

[01:58] Zero Two (002)

*It had words, too, but I
couldn't understand them.*

[02:04] Zero Two (002)

*And after that day,
she never showed up again.*

[02:10] Zero Two (002)

*Anyway, this book was
my first "pretty thing."*

[02:15] Zero Two (002)

The outside world surely had many more.

[02:19] Zero Two (002)

*That's what I innocently
believed in that moment.*

[02:24] Zero Two (002)

It turns out that I was half-right

[02:28] Zero Two (002)

and half-wrong.

[02:33] Hiro (016)

Who am I?

[02:36] Hiro (016)

*Back then, that question was
all I ever had on my mind.*

[02:41] Hiro (016)

I was in the Garden for as far

back as I can remember.

[02:45] Hiro (016)

We lived there to become parasites who would fight for Papa and the others.

[02:51] Hiro (016)

All of us children were referred to by our code numbers.

[02:55] Hiro (016)

The lower the number, the higher the child's potential as parasite.

[02:59] Hiro (016)

The double-digits up to 099,

[03:02] Hiro (016)

the teens in particular, were given special treatment.

[03:06] Hiro (016)

I was one of them, and I was told I was special, unlike everyone else.

[03:20] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Are you crying?

[03:23] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Am I a weirdo?

[03:26] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

I mean, I'm not like everyone else.

[03:31] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

They've all stopped smiling.

[03:35] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

They don't get mad or cry anymore, either.

[03:38] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

But I still shed tears.

[03:42] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

I wanna be like everyone else, too!

[03:45] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

What should I do?

[03:47] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Should I get more injections?

[03:53] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Our codes are in the teens, so we were different from the others to begin with.

[03:58] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

I don't want that.

[04:00] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Being different is scary.

[04:11] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Hey, want me to give you a name?

[04:15] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

A name?

[04:16] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Yeah, I gave myself one.

[04:21] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

A unique name like the people
in books have, and not a number.

[04:27] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

My name is Hiro.

[04:30] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Hiro?

[04:31] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Well? You'll feel better if you're
like me and have a name, right?

[04:35] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I'll give you one!

[04:39] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Okay...

[04:40] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Your name will be...

[04:45] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Ichigo!

[04:46] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

I-Ichigo?

[04:48] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Yeah.

[04:49] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Because that's how your code
is read. 015, for Ichigo.

[04:54] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

That's my name?

[04:58] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Yeah. What do you think?

[05:03] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Having a name can make you feel
like it's okay to be different.

[05:08] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Really?

[05:10] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Yeah, because it's a unique
name that exists for you alone.

[05:15] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

For me alone?

[05:16] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Yep. Ichigo.

[05:21] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Can you give the others names, too?

[05:23] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Huh? Sure.

[05:25] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Then let's get everyone in on this, uh...

[05:29] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Hiro!

[05:30] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

You can give everyone names!

[05:34] Hiro (016)

It was just a game.

[05:37] Hiro (016)

I gave many children names.

[05:40] Hiro (016)

Samii, Junna, Nakku,

[05:43] Hiro (016)

Toshi, Sakuto, Shinya,

[05:46] Hiro (016)

and... Mitsuru.

[05:50] Hiro (016)

A name is but one way to refer to a person.

[05:53] Hiro (016)

*But just having one made us feel
our anxieties fading away.*

[05:57] (Flashback) Guard

What are you doing?

[05:59] (Flashback) Guard

You're not allowed to change your
designation without permission.

[06:06] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

What's so bad about giving ourselves names?

[06:10] (Flashback) Woman

That's...

[06:11] (Flashback) Guard

One of the teen codes, huh?

[06:16] (Flashback) Guard

Anyway, don't go doing things as you please.

[06:25] Hiro (016)

The adults never answered my questions,

[06:29] Hiro (016)

and the other children never asked any.

[06:36] Hiro (016)

*Children were gradually disappearing
from the Garden at regular intervals.*

[06:41] Hiro (016)

The adults never told us where they went.

[06:46] Hiro (016)

*Meanwhile, I was designated
a special research subject,*

[06:51] Hiro (016)

*and I underwent tests at
the Lab all by myself.*

[06:56] Hiro (016)

If I did well, I was given a reward.

[07:00] Hiro (016)

*But even then, there was still
no one who'd answer my questions.*

[07:09] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Horns?

[07:17] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

Marvelous.

[07:19] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

She's leagues better than
all of our past specimens.

[07:22] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

I can't believe she has
developed such a human form.

[07:34] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

Oh!

[07:36] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

Look! How amazing!

[07:38] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

You're an amazing child!

[07:47] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Who's that girl with the horns?

[07:50] (Flashback) Woman

Another question?

[07:53] (Flashback) Woman

Return to your room.

That's not for you to know.

[08:00] Hiro (016)

*That was the first time I'd
seen a child with red horns.*

[08:05] Hiro (016)

*And now there was another thing
I wanted to know more about.*

[08:08] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Oh, I know.

[08:10] Hiro (016)

*If nobody would answer me,
I could just go find out for myself.*

[08:18] (Flashback) Guard

You there. The lobby isn't that way.

[08:22] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I guess it wouldn't be that easy after all.

[08:25] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I don't see any back doors, either.

[08:29] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I never knew it was so difficult
to look for something by myself.

[08:37] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

That's her!

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[09:15] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Wow.

[09:16] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Wow!

[09:19] Hiro (016)

*For some reason, it made
me really, really happy.*

[09:26] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Mitsuru!

[09:30] (Flashback) Mitsuru (326)

H-Hiro...

[09:32] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Are you going to the Lab?

[09:34] (Flashback) Mitsuru (326)

Yeah.

[09:36] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

What's the matter?

[09:39] (Flashback) Mitsuru (326)

I'm going to get an injection.

[09:42] (Flashback) Mitsuru (326)

If I don't, I won't be able to stay.

[09:46] Hiro (016)

*All the children there knew what it
meant to get an Elixir Injection.*

[09:53] Hiro (016)

*While you could expect a drastic
improvement in your aptitude scores,*

[09:57] Hiro (016)

it had an incredibly low success rate.

[10:00] Hiro (016)

And if it failed, you wouldn't come back.

[10:03] (Flashback) Mitsuru (326)

I want to become a parasite with you.

[10:07] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Huh? With me?

[10:09] (Flashback) Mitsuru (326)

If I come back alive, will you pilot with me?

[10:15] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Of course!

[10:27] (Flashback) Guard

Again?

[10:28] (Flashback) Woman

It's 494 this time.

[10:30] (Flashback) Guard

It was 367 before that.

[10:32] (Flashback) Woman

We just spoke yesterday.

[10:34] (Flashback) Guard B

Papa threw them away.

[10:37] (Flashback) Woman

Will I be next?

[10:40] (Flashback) Woman

I'm scared!

[10:43] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

We gotta do something.

[10:45] (Flashback) Goro (056)

But Papa and the others made the decision.

[10:48] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

There's nothing we can do.

[10:50] (Flashback) Guard

Code 016.

[10:53] (Flashback) Guard

Get ready.

[10:54] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Um, where do the kids go—

[10:56] (Flashback) Guard

Get ready.

[10:57] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

U-Uh...

[11:04] (Flashback) Guard

His sensitivity is becoming a problem.

[11:06] (Flashback) Guard

It might affect the other children.

[11:09] (Flashback) Guard

Shouldn't we increase his
yellow blood cell dose?

[11:12] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

Leave it as is.

[11:14] (Flashback) Guard

Sir?

[11:15] (Flashback) Dr. Franxx

I'm very interested in what kind of parasite
a child like him will grow up to be.

[11:58] (Flashback) Guard

What are you doing here?

Return to the Garden.

[12:01] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

S-Stop doing that. She's in pain...

[12:04] (Flashback) Guard

That's none of your business.

[12:06] (Flashback) Guard

Come with me.

[12:06] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

B-But... But...

[12:11] Hiro (016)

But...

[12:13] Hiro (016)

*The things I wanted to know
kept growing in number.*

[12:16] Hiro (016)

Who are we?

[12:19] Hiro (016)

Why can't we give ourselves names?

[12:22] Hiro (016)

Where did the kids who disappear go?

[12:24] Hiro (016)

Will Mitsuru come back?

[12:26] Hiro (016)

Who is that girl?

[12:29] Hiro (016)

Why don't the adults give me any answers?

[12:33] Hiro (016)

Why isn't anyone else asking any questions?

[12:36] Hiro (016)

Why is she...

[13:32] Hiro (016)

I didn't understand anything, but...

[13:38] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Get away from the window!

[13:48] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Come this way!

[13:50] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I can get you out of here!

[13:55] Hiro (016)

But you...

[13:58] Hiro (016)

You smiled back then.

[14:16] Hiro (016)

*In this world where questions
and answers fell on deaf ears,*

[14:26] Hiro (016)

you shone brightly in my eyes.

[14:34] Zero Two (002)

*That was my first experience
of the outside world.*

[14:39] Zero Two (002)

It was covered in white and cold.

[14:47] Zero Two (002)

Everything around me was unfamiliar.

[15:09] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Wh-What are you eating?

[15:12] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

N-No! Don't swallow it! Spit it out!

[15:19] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Ow!

[15:29] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

You meanie! I was only trying to...

[15:36] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Wait, do you not understand what I'm saying?

[15:40] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I'm Code 016. Hiro.

[15:44] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

What's your code number?

[15:48] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Man, does she not understand me at all?

[15:51] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Hey, you're barefoot.

[15:55] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

002? I've never seen a
code in the single digits.

[16:00] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

002...

[16:03] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Oni? No, Zero Two?

[16:07] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Not very good, huh?

[16:10] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Eo To!

[16:12] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Huh? Do you understand what names are?

[16:15] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Eo To!

[16:16] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Eo To!

[16:19] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I should've thought of a better name.

[16:24] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Let's go, Zero Two.

[16:26] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Let's go somewhere far away!

[16:33] Zero Two (002)

I didn't understand his words,

but I knew his voice called to me.

[16:39] Zero Two (002)

I saw things with him.

[16:41] Zero Two (002)

I walked with him.

[16:43] Zero Two (002)

And it was so much fun.

[16:52] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Here you go.

[16:55] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

It's food.

[16:57] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Wait a sec.

[17:00] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

There.

[17:01] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Say, "Aah."

[17:24] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

What? Are you sure I can see it?

[17:28] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Thank you.

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[17:32] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

The Beast and the Prince, huh?

SIGN In the deepest, darkest part of a forest lived a tribe, hidden from all. They had large wings on their backs and were beautiful, but they were what would be called beasts. Among them was their princess, who had huge, ashen wings. Their law said that once one turned sixteen, they would be allowed to fly outside the forest.

[17:36] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Wow, these pictures are so pretty!

[17:39] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Let's see... "In the deepest, darkest part of a forest..."

[17:44] (Flashback) Guard

Yeah, no doubt about it.

[17:45] (Flashback) Guard

They're in this area.

[17:51] (Flashback) Guard

They should still be nearby. Look for them.

[17:54] (Flashback) Guard

Sir.

[17:57] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

R-Relax. They'll let us off if I talk to th—

[17:59] (Flashback) Guard

What do we do about Code 016?

[18:01] (Flashback) Guard

002 takes priority. If he resists,

you may kill him.

[18:09] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Don't worry.

[18:11] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I'll protect you.

SIGN the Prince

[18:18] Hiro (016)

"In the deepest, darkest part of a forest

[18:20] Hiro (016)

lived a strong and beautiful beast princess.

[18:24] Hiro (016)

Beckoned by the moonlight,

[18:27] Hiro (016)

she wandered into a country of humans,

[18:30] Hiro (016)

*and in the moonlit garden of a small castle,
she fell in love with a prince.*

[18:35] Hiro (016)

But the princess was a beast.

[18:38] Hiro (016)

She had ashen wings on her back.

[18:41] Hiro (016)

Not knowing what to do, she went to see

[18:44] Hiro (016)

a witch who lived at the edge of the forest

[18:46] Hiro (016)

and said, 'I want to live as a human.

I want to be united with him.'

[18:52] Hiro (016)

The witch replied like so:

[18:55] Hiro (016)

'I can help you if you offer me your wings.

[18:59] Hiro (016)

But keep this in mind.

[19:02] Hiro (016)

*No matter how you disguise
yourself, you are a beast,*

[19:07] Hiro (016)

*and you will consume the
prince's life one day."*

SIGN And so, the princess went to see a witch who lived in the same forest and said, "I want to live as a human. I want to be united with him." The witch replied like so: "I can help you if you offer me your wings. But keep this in mind. No matter how you disguise yourself, you are a beast, and you will consume the prince's life one day." The princess ripped off her wings and was assaulted by pain far more intense than she had ever felt. She could never fly again.

SIGN Even so, she smiled happily, with tears of joy streaming down her face. "I'm human! I'm human! I'm the same as him now!"

[19:14] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Sorry. I was just thinking
how sad this story is.

[19:19] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Is it because one of them isn't
human that they can't get married?

[19:24] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Awwi?

[19:25] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Yeah. Two people who love each other
promise to be together forever.

[19:32] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

If they were both human...

[19:40] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Nothing. Come on.

[19:41] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Let's walk some more.

[19:45] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Are you okay?

[19:46] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Let me see.

[19:49] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

It's blue?

[19:52] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

A-Anyway, I need something to...

[20:00] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Endure it!

[20:01] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I read in a book that animals
lick their wounds to heal them.

[20:16] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Awwi?

[20:19] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Awwi.

[20:21] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Awwi?

[20:24] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

Yeah. Once we get out of here.

[20:27] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

I want to be with you forever, too.

[20:29] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

And then, I'll be your da...

[20:35] (Flashback) Zero Two (002)

Da...

[20:40] Zero Two (002)

*I don't know why, but tears
flowed from my eyes.*

[20:41] Hiro (016)

What's wrong? Don't cry!

[20:43] Zero Two (002)

It wasn't because my wound hurt.

[20:44] Hiro (016)

Er...

[20:48] (Flashback) Hiro (016)

It's a mistletoe.

[20:50] Zero Two (002)

Yeah, those were probably tears of joy.

[20:55] Zero Two (002)

The picture book's world was pretty,

[20:59] Zero Two (002)

*and I believed that if I was with him,
I could be the same, too.*

SIGN "But that wouldn't be allowed"

[21:04] Zero Two (002)

But this world didn't allow it.

[21:08] Hiro (016)

Why? Why is it?

[21:11] Hiro (016)

Am I not able to find the answers I seek

[21:14] Hiro (016)

*because I'm just a child who doesn't
have the power to protect anyone?*

[21:19] Zero Two (002)

Why didn't I realize?

[21:22] Zero Two (002)

*That he and I were different creatures,
with blood of different colors,*

SIGN "Erase these memories"

[21:27] Zero Two (002)

and that I was a monster?

[21:33] (Flashback) Guard

It's what you get for
forgetting you're children.

[21:34] Guard

Erase those memories. They're noise.

[21:35] Hiro (016)

Zero Two!

[21:36] Sage

But he's an interesting specimen.

[21:37] Zero Two (002)

Darling!

[21:38] (Flashback) Ichigo (015)

Aren't you gonna give them names anymore?

[21:39] Mitsuru (326)

Why? You liar!

[21:41] Nana

This is bad.

[21:42] (Flashback) Guard

Monster.

[21:44] Zero Two (002)

*That's why I swore to become human,
no matter what I had to do.*

[21:52] Zero Two (002)

*If I were the same as him,
I could be with him forever.*

[21:58] Both

Delphinium!

[22:04] Ichigo (015)

Hiro, get away from Zero Two!

[22:07] Ichigo (015)

She got closer to you to suck you dry!

[22:09] Ichigo (015)

If you stay with her,

[22:11] Ichigo (015)

even you'll lose your humanity!

[22:14] Zero Two (002)

That's right.

[22:15] Zero Two (002)

After all, I...

[22:18] Hiro (016)

The picture book.

[22:22] Hiro (016)

You were the girl with the picture
book back then, weren't you?

SIGN "And a story of reunion"

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SIGN In the deepest, darkest part of a forest lived a tribe, hidden from all. They had large wings on their backs and were beautiful, but they were what would be called beasts. Among them was their princess, who had huge, ashen wings. Their law said that once one turned sixteen, they would be allowed to fly outside the forest.

SIGN And on her sixteenth birthday, the princess took flight to the world beyond the forest. She crossed the steep mountains and the surging rivers and reached a land of humans. The moon shone brightly in the sky.

SIGN She landed in a castle garden, where she found a young man gazing up at the moon. The princess hid in the bushes and stared at the young man, and for the first time, love bloomed in her heart. But he was clearly of a different race. A beast and a human could never be together.

SIGN And so, the princess went to see a witch who lived in the same forest and said, "I want to live as a human. I want to be united with him." The witch replied like so: "I can help you if you offer me your wings. But keep this in mind. No matter how you disguise yourself, you are a beast, and

you will consume the prince's life one day." The princess ripped off her wings and was assaulted by pain far more intense than she had ever felt. She could never fly again.

SIGN Even so, she smiled happily, with tears of joy streaming down her face. "I'm human! I'm human! I'm the same as him now!"

SIGN The princess once again set out for the land of humans, this time on foot. In the desert, she spotted a group of people. "Oh, no! Is there anyone who can save him?!" There lay a young man, his leg bitten by a snake. The princess rushed to his side and sucked the venom out from his wound. "Thank you, o brave lady. I am the prince of these lands." It was the same young man she had met in the castle. "I owe my life to you. Please marry me."

SIGN A wedding ceremony was held soon after. The priest asked the princess, clad in a wedding dress of pure white, "Do you vow to be true to him in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, until death do you part?"

SIGN "I do." The two exchanged rings, and when the priest said so, they sealed their vows with a kiss. And cheers rang out across the land. "Bless the brave girl who saved our prince's life!" The whole kingdom celebrated their marriage.

SIGN "Humans! Humans! They have neither the wings to fly nor the claws or fangs to hunt. Such weak and frail creatures, but they are so, so warm. Humans are wonderful!" After the wedding, she lived happily as the princess of a human land. She supported the prince in his work, traveled the world, and saw oceans studded with glints of sapphire, sparkling grasslands, and auroras that swayed like raging flames. The princess took the prince's hand and said with a smile on her face, "Grab on to me and never let go, *****."

SIGN But the princess's happiness was short-lived. She woke up one night to a pain that threatened to rend her asunder and found her body turning into one of a beast. "Why? I asked you to make me human!" On her back were jet-black wings, tearing through her flesh and skin to spread. "Using magic comes at a price. You've attained plenty of happiness as a human. Now, it is time for you to lose yourself and turn into an ugly monster," the witch of the forest whispered to her. "However, if you kill the person you love most, you will be freed of your curse and return to the beast you originally were."

SIGN The princess gazed at her beloved prince as her claws reached for his throat. She loved him more than anything and anyone, but the desire to rip his neck apart welled up inside her. As she desperately tried to clench her fist and stop herself, her claws dug into her skin, and blood started gushing out. "If I kill the prince, I will be freed of this curse..." With tears streaming down her face, she kissed the prince on the cheek.

SIGN When the prince awoke,
the princess was no longer
beside him. Instead, the bed
was covered in jet-black feathers.

SIGN In profound sadness,
the prince searched
all across the land for her.
But nobody had seen the princess.

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