





FAIRY TALES  
GONE BAD  
**FRANKENSTILTSKIN**

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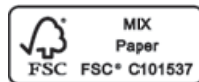
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*To the child brave enough  
to keep reading!!!! – J.C.*

*For my brothers Fin and Inigo  
who love a good spooky story! – F.H.*



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## PROLOGUE

# The Librarian



Hello, repulsive readers.  
I am The Librarian  
of fairy tales that have gone bad.

I wasn't always this way.  
I used to be a librarian  
of lovely books, quaint, sweet,  
well-regarded, twee books.  
But then I ventured  
to the back of the library  
and found a forgotten shelf  
where the books had gone off  
like sour milk.

Become rotten,  
like bin juice.  
But in their rot  
they revealed the truth within tales,  
without any of the gloss  
to make them more ... palatable.

As I read these books  
I started to change.  
The books made me their keeper,  
their protector.

I have since found  
more festering tales  
and my shelf has become  
a whole bookcase of fairy tales  
that have gone bad!  
And as my collection grows ...  
I, too, change and become something ... other!!!



You may think you know  
the story of *Rapunzel*.  
Well, in my library the books  
know the true story  
and its true title ...



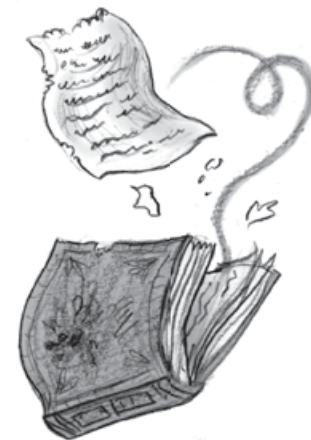
**Flu-punzle!**

And you may think you know the tale  
of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*...

Well, that fairy tale should really be called ...  
**Snow Fright and her Seven  
Hungry Wolves.**



I have one of my favourites  
here just for you.  
You may have heard  
of the story of *Rumpelstiltskin*.  
Well, my books have revealed  
the true tale.  
It's a story thread  
of monstrous endings  
and a well-stitched beginning.  
This is the tale of ...



**FRANKENSTILTSKIN.**

**MUHA ha ha ha ha ha ha...**





## CHAPTER 1

# Wet-Tail

Bryony loved animals,  
loved them.  
Every kind,  
every shape, every size,  
from sliming worms  
to hopping frogs,  
from bellowing unicorns  
to yapping dogs,  
she loved them all.  
Her love was in part  
due to her job.  
Bryony was a taxidermist.  
A stuffer of animal skins  
for educational shenanigans.



Today she had been called out  
to the outskirts of town  
where a farmer had found out  
about the body of a very rare bird.

She arrived at the site  
as the sun dipped its light  
and met the farmer at the tragic sight.

A dodo bird found dead,  
dead as a dodo.  
A rare and marvellous animal.  
The cause of its demise?  
A severe case of extinction!

The farmer knew  
Bryony's work  
from the local museum,  
where her displays awed school students,  
aided veterinary practitioners

