A Strong Princess

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Abstract

Most people born today have heard or will hear one of the many iterations of what we might call the Cinderella story. For most readers the Cinderella story is a traditional tale that ends with her and prince charming sailing off into the sunset. One of the amazing things about the Cinderella story is how it has managed to traverse cultures. The different cultural renditions of Cinderella stick to the traditional story line with a few twists here and there. Many readers will identify the differences with relative ease. But what many readers will not pick out of these stories are what attributes make the Cinderella a lovable inspiring Strong character.

Six Attributes of a strong Princess

We all know about the classic Disney princesses who each embody many different human characteristics. We usually think of them as being kind, shy and beautiful with desperate need of a prince to elevate them from their humble stature. There are too few Cinderella stories that show the prince in any real need of the princess herself and rather make her seem like a very big perk to the prince’s otherwise perfect life. Although these stories are endearing as many of us have fallen in love with this classic tale, what if we tilted the tables just a bit and gave the princess some qualities from many different tales. Let us give the princess the qualities of being Brave, Kind, thoughtful, strong of mind, humble and finally Passionate.

First of all what does Bravery look like on our princess. Bravery can come in many different forms. Perhaps the first one that comes to mind is fearlessness in the face of danger. Bell

One the most common attributes we see and perhaps the most important qualities is humility. A good example of this humility comes from the classic American version of Cinderella. In this story Cinderella’s father has died and yet when we look at the women in the story she has lost none of her hope for the future. She does all her chores with no complaining even with an absurd amount of injustice being done to her. She even looks after the animals in the house as if she doesn’t have enough reason to sulk over her own unfortunate position.

Kind

Thoughtful

Strong Minded

Humble

Passionate