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READER 1: Once upon a time in the dilapidated Kingdom of Yak, there lived an ill-tempered princess who talked too much. Whenever anyone said anything to the princess, the princess responded by saying,

ALL GIRL READERS: "YAKETY YAK, YAKETY YAK, YAKETY YAKETY YAK!"

READER 2: Then the princess said everything there was to say on the subject at hand, and always got the last word. Because of her nature and bad manners, the princess had few friends.

READER 3: The princess' father, the king, had troubles too. The Kingdom of Yak was almost bankrupt. There was very little money left in the treasury. Towns, cities, and even the palace of Yak were falling into disrepair.

READER 4: Every morning the king met with his financial advisors to try and think of a way to raise funds for the Kingdom of Yak. But no one had a good idea. One morning the Prime Minister said,

5/MINISTER: "The problem with the Kingdom of Yak is that there is nothing special here to sell, nothing different or unique."

READER 6: It was then that the court jester, who sat behind the king's throne, jumped to his feet and cried,

7/JESTER: "But we do have something unique! We have a princess who always gets the last word."

5/MINISTER: "What good is that?"

7/JESTER: "It is very good indeed, if you like games."

READER 8: And then the court jester proposed a plan. He suggested that the Kingdom of Yak hold a contest in which contestants would try to get the last word in a conversation with the princess.

READER 9: Each contestant would pay an entry fee of one golden ducat. The winner of the contest would be awarded half the collected coins, while the Kingdom of Yak would keep the other half. Everyone agreed that this was a good plan. And the Prime Minister said,

5/MINISTER: "Knowing the princess' nature and bad manners, this contest could go on forever. Why, we could become rich!"

READER 10: Word about the contest spread far and wide. Soon hundreds of contestants lined up at the palace gates. Each paid a golden ducat. Each hoped to get the last word in a conversation with the princess. Of course no one did, and the collection of golden coins grew larger and larger and larger.

READER 1: Now, far away in the ancient Kingdom of Gottado there lived three brothers - an older brother, a middle brother, and a younger brother.

READER 5: The older brother was tall, handsome, and very popular with the ladies.