

## National Youth Theatre x Rosie Frost: Ice on Fire

### Workshop Entry - Thought Starters

#### **Rosie Frost: Falcon Queen**

In Rosie Frost: Falcon Queen we meet our protagonist 13-year-old Rosie Frost. Suddenly orphaned and alone, Rosie is sent to the mysterious Bloodstone Island - home not only to a school for extraordinary teens, but also a sanctuary for endangered species. There, Rosie confronts a menacing deputy headmaster, a group of mean girls bent on destroying her, and shocking family secrets. She also discovers that history can come to life in ways she never could have imagined. A girl who's not perfect, but finds the courage she never knew she had.

#### **Heverbridge School Motto:**

Animo, Imperium, Libertas - Courage, Power, Freedom

#### **The Falcon Queen Rules:**

Rule 1: Have courage; make the choice thou fearest the most.

Rule 2: United we stand, divided we fall.

Rule 3: Never give up; be the light. Serve your kingdom, you'll win your fight.

Rule 4: To thine own self be true.

If you likest not these rules . . . make up thine own.

Rosie's Rule

Don't judge a book by its cover . . . look deeper. There's always more on the inside.

#### **Journal Entry:**

*Dear Mum,*

*Where are you????!!! How could you just leave me?? I still can't believe you're gone. Are you really dead? I kept hoping it was just a bad dream, that something was going to change, or that Prince Charming was going to swoop in and save me. But that only ever happens in fairy tales, right? Besides who wants a 'true love' kiss, while your sleeping, ugh, no thanks. Stupid stories for little girls. I know not to believe in those anymore. I thought I saw you at the bottom of the Black Lake today. Was I dreaming? I feel so alone. If you are really dead, haunt me more. Are you in heaven? Or is that just made up as well, to make us feel less scared?*

*You told me never to give up— to keep shining bright— but how can I do that here? This place is so strange, filled with scratchy girls (female dogs, you'd call them), mean teachers, and wild animals. It's also haunted.*

*What made you so sad? Was it me? I'm sorry, Mum, if it was. Is that why I have been sent here, Mum? I don't fit in. I can't cry. I just need to punch something. I won't, of course. I don't know what to say; I don't know what to feel. And what's so important about that case you gave me— why would a weirdo teacher want to steal it? Why couldn't I just open it?*

*There's so much that doesn't make sense. I don't know any-thing . . . except I miss you. Please help.*

*Rosie x*

*P.S. 1. Please don't be mad at me. Doreen Yates (I know what you're thinking: "our worst neighbor!") is now looking after Muffin. I had no choice (and she does like cats).*

*P.S. 2. I signed up for something called the Falcon Queen games. I got through the first challenge, which was a nightmare.*

### **Rosie Frost: Ice on Fire**

In Rosie Frost: Ice on Fire, we continue to follow Rosie's journey as she learns how to use her power. On the brink of discovering who - or what - lies behind her mother's death, Rosie begins a new adventure with a murder to solve, revenge on her mind, and more questions than she has answers. While she fights to know the truth about her past - and her family's ancient ties to Bloodstone - Rosie begins to wonder if the price for the truth may be too high. She must discover what she's really made of as a fresh danger puts her new home - and all that she loves - at risk.

#### **Themes:**

14 is the age of power

Standing in your truth

Second chances

Becoming your own person

Owning up to your mistakes

#### **Journal Entry:**

*Dear Someone,*

*Is it ever okay to feel okay? To feel safe, to let my guard down?*

*Whenever I do, something bad happens. I was just beginning to like it here, and now I'm hiding again, alone.*

*Who killed my mum?*

*And who stole my clothes? My pendant?*

*Who did the clown painting? Why? What have I done to hurt anyone so badly?*

*What I know for sure:*

*Queen Anne Boleyn's ghost isn't helping me.*

*My mum drowned in a bath (note: she didn't like baths - only showers). The police are investigating.*

*Mum had the same strange grin as Colin Fletcher - they must be connected.*

*This murderer must be on the island, or have visited here when Colin did.*

*There were lots of parents here that day. Could one of the parents have murdered my mum? Maybe they didn't like her from when she was a student here?*

*I promised Mum I'd find out what happened to her. I have to do that.*

*I promised they'd pay.*

*Positive things: I have the report.*

*I have Colin's backpack (even if Mademoiselle says it's not conclusive evidence, it's still evidence).*

*Bina and Charlie are still my friends and trying to help me, even if they are really busy.*

*I'm good at fencing.*

*Fenton-Hemlock-Cromwell is the number-one suspect on all accounts. He likes art— hates me and my mum. And he tried to keep my case from me last year. Although he didn't know about Colm, did he?*

*Someone, whoever is listening, please help me . . .*