

HATTER 1: (INTERVIEW 08)

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NARRATOR: You're listening to Story Trails: the interviews - a micro-series that precedes the complete series launch, by Beccy Stirrup.

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HATTER: I'm Hatter and I run the Teatime cafe of course. Surely you don't need me to tell you that? You're here often enough (laughs).

HELFRATE: (Off Stage) Hatter!

SFX: CLATTER

HATTER: Do excuse me... Must take an order from everyone's favourite battle-elf. Don't want to make her miffed. Oh dear no. (CALLS OUT) Coming Helfrate dear. (Whisper/shout) Get the scones out here now! Give her the jam first! Remember when she got cream *before* jam? Barely had any china left by the end of that escapade. Oh... It's all go here. One time the scones were dry. Had to rebuild the whole place after Helfrate had finished with the chef...

HELFRATE: (Off Stage) Hatter!

SFX: CLATTER

HATTER: It's coming Helfrate dear. Do try to exert a little patience. Now... What was it you wanted? Oh yes... Humans, the Guide's application... Lots of my customers are talking about it of course. They all have their opinions.

(BEAT)

HATTER: What do I think? Well... I did know Alice rather well and she was quite good fun once she stopped being so serious of course (laugh). It could be rather lovely. Certainly boost business. I wonder what humans use for currency these days? Perhaps currants (laughs) wouldn't that be delightful. The current currency is currants (laughs). Now...

SFX: TEA BEING POURED

HATTER: Drink your tea dear one, it's right there, you just have to imagine it.

HELFRATE: Hatter!

SFX: CLATTER

HATTER: And I must get back to work.

SFX: CAFE FADE OUT

NARRATOR: You've been listening to Story Trails: the interviews - a podcast for grown-ups and children to enjoy together. This micro-series has been developed specifically to provide families with something fun to do during these tricky times. Each episode: introduces a character from the enchanted realm, gives you a creative mission that,

should you choose to accept, may result in your wonderful creations being displayed on the story trails website, and includes a chapter from the latest draft of my book: The Not-Bird. Keep listening for this week's creative mission and the chapter from The Not Bird.

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NARRATOR: This week's creative mission is to design new hat for Hatter. Take pictures of your creations and send them to: info@storytrails.co.uk or tweet to @StoryTrailsUK - remember to keep checking the website to see your work displayed at www.storytrails.co.uk. And Keep listening for this week's chapter from The Not Bird.

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NARRATOR: The Not Bird is intended for children from the ages of 8-10, but some younger and some older children may enjoy it. The story includes themes of family, separation, friendship and identity. Towards the end of the book, it also includes some violence and death. I hope you enjoy the following chapter.

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CHAPTER READING

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NARRATOR: I hope you've enjoyed this episode of Story Trails: the interviews. created and acted by Beccy Stirrup, the wonderful music was provided by the very talented King Rich and or a full list of sound effects and credits, please see the show notes. Thank you for coming on this journey

with me, remember that words are magic, that's why putting letters in order, is called spelling.