

Tales in Storybook Land
The Pantomime

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ACT ONE - STORYBOOK LAND VILLAGE SQUARE

Piano music starts, and there are children walking in the background

Enter: Fairy God Mother Stage Right (hereafter SR)

FAIRY GOD MOTHER

Come on all, let's give a hand,
Welcome the people of Storybook Land.
Every time you finish a book,
Close the pages, stop having a look.
I have a secret I want to give,
It is here the characters **really** live.
It is only here that everyone rest,
All of the characters, the best of the best.
We even have the worst of the worst,
They are so mad, their heads may burst!
All from the stories you know so well,
And each with their own story to tell.
So! Come on all, let's give a hand,
And welcome the people of Storybook Land!!

Exit: Fairy God Mother

All characters (singing to the tune of *The Great Escape March* written by Elmer Bernstein) enter one by one from their relevant entrance when their name is called, they take a place on stage and stay there waving at the audience until their stanza is finished and then they speak their own verse.

ENTIRE CAST

Welcome, to Storybook Land,
This is the place that we live.
We have Cinders,
And Sleeping Beauty,
And please don't forget Snow White.

CINDERELLA

I am Cindy, my story you all know,
By losing my slipper, I found a beau!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I am Beauty, I have long long sleeps,
Only my Prince can awakens me from the deep.

SNOW WHITE

I am Snow, dwarf-less as you can see,
Ready to chill with Beauty and Cindy.

ENTIRE CAST

The Dame-Who-Lives-in-The-Shoe,
With all of her thousands of kids.
And there is Buttons,
And Jack Beany,
Two great guys for you to know.

DAME

Hey kids, hello, how do you do?
Here are some sweeties just for you!
Here are my children, what a mob!
Just watch out for their big gobs!

Dame throws marshmallow sweets into the audience.

BUTTONS

I'm Buttons, Cindy's friend you know,
I'm really loving being part of this Panto!

JACK

I am Jack, down from my Stalk just for
tonight,
Waiting patiently for the party to ignite!

ENTIRE CAST

{Singing}And we have Jack's cow,
Lady Daisy Buttercup.
Our Policeman,
And Our Butcher,
And the man who likes to bake.

JACK

Meet Lady Daisy Buttercup The Third,
With the finest moo you've ever heard!

DAISY

Mooooooooooooooooooooo

POLICEMAN

'Ello 'ello 'ello, what's all this then?
Oooooooooo it's a bunch of well behaved
children!

BUTCHER

I'm the town butcher, would you like some
meats?
Oh no? Then have some sweetie treats.

Butcher throws some marshmallows into the audience.

ENTIRE CAST

{Singing}You have to meet the baddies too,
And please don't forget to boo!
We've got Dorcas,
And Esmerelda,
Just don't forget Agatha,

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

DORCAS

I am Dorcas and I hate Sleeping Beauty
I really can't wait to kick her booty!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

ESMERELDA

I'm Snow's Step-Mum, do you recall?
I **am** the most beautiful of all!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

AGATHA

Dahl said my daughter had a face blotched
with blisters!
But I'm just the Mother of the Ugly
Sisters!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

ENTIRE CAST

{Singing}And there is Sir Wolf,
With Tom, Dick and Harry.
There is the Sheriff,
And Doctor Frank,
And our very own Smithy.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

WOLF

I'm the Wolf from *Red Riding Hood*,
I promise that I'll do no good!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

TOM, DICK AND HARRY

Tom, Dick and Harry, that's our names,
We're ready for some fun and games!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

SHERIFF

I'm the Sheriff, nemesis of Robin,
Here to teach you that being evil's not a
sin!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

{Singing}So now you've met them all,
Let us chill out and enjoy,
Because you see,
This new panto was,
Written especially for you!

As the final verse is being sung, everyone leaves through their correct stage exit.

Enter: Fairy God Mother SR, stands in the wings.

FAIRY GOD MOTHER

Remember earlier? The worst of the worst?
By the looks of these, you'd think that
they were cursed

Enter: Esmerelda, Dorcas and Agatha Stage Left (hereafter SL).

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

AGATHA

What's that you're saying. Worst? Us? Have
you looked in the mirror lately?

Exit: Fairy God Mother SR.

ESMERELDA

Yes I have and I am the most beautiful of
all!

AGATHA

I wasn't talking to you stupid! And you the
most beautiful? Don't make me laugh! {Fake
Laugh}

DORCAS

Come on my sisters, let's not fight among
ourselves! We need to do what we do best!

AGATHA AND ESMERELDA

What's that?

DORCAS

Be bad of course! Take those three
simpering girlies for example. {Sarcastic
voice} Charming Cinderella, Sweet Snow
White and the Sensational Sleeping Beauty.
How many times have we suffered at their
hands? How many times have they finished on
top? How many times have we wanted revenge
and how many times have we only sat and
talked about it.

AGATHA

I stopped counting after fifty...

ESMERELDA

But how are we ever going to do that? Every
time we go against them, we lose!

DORCAS

We will organise a gathering of evil. If we all work together we could find a way of turning the competition evil, we can turn all these children bad too!

Dorcas points at the audience.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

AGATHA

That's the best idea you've ever had Dorcas! And I know just the hound to help!{Calls} Wolf! Wolf!

Enter: Bad wolf SL

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

WOLF

What you do want woman?

AGATHA

Don't start with me dog! Listen! We are organising a gathering of evil. Assemble those on our side, those poor creatures that have been beaten time and time again by those do-gooding cretins!

WOLF

Don't you worry your pretty little head about anything. I am The Big **Bad** Wolf, I can do anything!!

AGATHA

Won't you need any help?

WOLF

Hey {Cockily} I can get any Tom, Dick or Harry to work for me!

Enter: SR Tom, Dick and Harry SL

TOM,DICK AND HARRY

You called?

WOLF

Come on boys! Let's organise a gathering of extreme magnificence.And one day soon...

Wolf points to the audience.

WOLF (CONT'D)

...all of you will be evil!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

Exit: Bad wolf SL laughing, with Tom, Dick and Harry.

DORCAS

Let's go sisters, we have much work to do.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

Exit: Dorcas, Esmerelda and Agatha all laughing SL.

Enter: Dame SR.

DAME

Hello Boys and girls, are you having a good time?

Enter: SR Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and Cinderella.

CINDERELLA

Hello Dame, hello boys and girls.

DAME

Hello ladies. How are you?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I'm fine Dame. It's so nice to be here in Storybook Land. When we're not here, and I'm in my fairy-tale job, all I do is sleep and get holes in my finger! I feel like I've been sleeping my life away.

CINDERELLA

I know what you mean Beauty, I'd love to wear a pair of shoes for a change, I'm sick of walking like this.

Cinderella starts walking with a limp around the stage.

CINDERELLA (CONT'D)

I'm so glad I'm not working right now, at least I get to wear these.

Cinderella shows that she's wearing trainers under her skirt.

Enter: Prince, wearing a black wig SR behind the girls so they don't see him.

SNOW WHITE

But the best thing about being here in Storybook Land is being able to see my Prince, he's tall, dark, gorgeous and all mine.

Prince changes into blonde wig.

CINDERELLA

Oh yes, that's defiantly the best part of being back home, and Snow, you should see my Prince, blonde, hunky and he only has eyes for me.

Prince changes into brown wig.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Well my Prince has dark chocolaty hair, and deep brown eyes that you can spend forever gazing into.

All three ladies sigh.

Prince strutting around and then exits SR.

DAME

Well when you three ladies have finished fighting over who has the most handsome prince. How do you fancy a bowling tournament on the Wii?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Oh Dame, that sounds fun, you coming Cindy? Snow?

CINDERELLA

I will, I still haven't forgiven you for getting ten strikes in a row Dame!

DAME

Bring it on!

SNOW WHITE

I think I'll stay here for just a bit longer, it's such a lovely sunny day.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

OK

CINDERELLA

Bye Snow

DAME

Come on then ladies, bye Snow.

SNOW WHITE

Bye

Exit: Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Dame and children.

Snow White sits alone.

SNOW WHITE (CONT'D)

You know boys and girls, It's OK for the other girls, talking about limping and sleeping, they have it easy.

Snow White stands and addresses the audience.

SNOW WHITE (CONT'D)

Imagine children that you love apples, no make it chocolate, you love chocolate and then you're sent to work and all you have to eat all day is blooming chocolate. Sounds like a dream doesn't it? Well it's not, and I'll tell you why, because the chocolate is poisoned and you know it and you still have to eat it.

Sits down in a bad temper

SNOW WHITE (CONT'D)

I'm sure you understand how I feel children. I am really sick of poisoned apples; just for once it would be lovely to eat a nice, long luscious **un-poisoned** ripe banana.

Enter: Prince Charming, wearing a black wig, SR.

PRINCE

Hello my darling, have you missed me?

SNOW WHITE

Oh Charming, what a question of course I have missed you. Where have you been?

PRINCE

Oh you know baby, around, with the lads. I've been telling them that I'm the luckiest man in the world to have such a beautiful lady on my arm.

Walks around her showing off.

SNOW WHITE

Oh I'm the lucky one Prince. Although, are you sure you want me? We don't really see each other away from work very often, aren't there a hundred other girls you'd rather have than me?

PRINCE

No, my darling, you are the only one for me. In fact, I'd like to meet with you this afternoon, it's usually quiet then and we can spend some time together. Oh look the boys are here.

Enter: Buttons and Jack SR.

BUTTONS
Hey there Prince.

JACK
Hello Snow, you're looking lovely today.

SNOW WHITE
Thank you Jack.

Snow White turns to Prince

SNOW WHITE (CONT'D)
Well I really should go and see what the girls are doing; I'll see you later on Prince.

PRINCE
Bye my darling.

JACK
You lucky dog! **She** is the cutest girl around here.

BUTTONS
I dunno, I've always fancied Cinderella myself, **she's** a right hottie!

PRINCE
You guys might think that I'm lucky, but it's not all a bunch of roses you know. Do you know how hard it is to juggle three women and pretend that you love them all?

BUTTONS
What do you mean pretend? Don't you love Cinderella?

JACK
And what about Snow? Do you love her?

PRINCE
I dunno, maybe. Uh oh, here comes trouble.

Enter: Wolf, Tom, Dick, Harry, Dr Frank, and Smithy SL.

AUDIENCE
Boooooo!

WOLF
Well look at what we have here boys.

SMITHY
Looks like a bunch of losers to me!

PRINCE

We're not the ones who get our butts kicked at work every day, are we?

WOLF

I'm so sick of you good guys, so annoyingly good in all that you do. Well, not all eh Prince? Have those poor girls figured out that you're cheating on them yet? Maybe I should fill them in, make them fall in love with me and then replace you as Prince...

PRINCE

I'm **not** cheating! It's not my fault the other Princes quit and I have to have three jobs and three girls! You're just jealous!

SMITHY

Why would we be jealous of you? Those three are right mingers!

JACK

At least we have girl friends!

WOLF

I don't know why you're sticking your nose in! You haven't got a girl friend! Although there were rumors going around about you and that cow...

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

PRINCE

That is it! I've had enough!

WOLF

And so have we your Princeliness, so have we!

Singing to the tune of "He Had it Coming" from the Chicago Soundtrack

WOLF AND "BADDIES"

You've got it coming!

PRINCE AND "GOODIES"

You're gonna get it!

WOLF AND "BADDIES"

We're gonna give it right to you!

PRINCE AND "GOODIES"

And when you get it!

WOLF AND "BADDIES"

You're gonna feel it!

PRINCE AND "GOODIES"
We're gonna kick you black and
blue!

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We're gonna kick you black and blue!

Prince has dropped his medallion.

ALL
You'll feel this fist!
You'll feel this boot!
We're gonna knock you off your feet!
We'll get revenge!
We'll win the day!
And we know that it's gonna be sweet!

Enter: Dame SR with a sweeping brush.

Dame walks into the middle of the "fight" and breaks it up.

DAME
Now now boys! Put your egos away! I don't
know, what were you thinking? Fighting in
front of all these lovely boys and girls! I
come to do a bit of cleaning and I find you
lot playing Strictly Come Dancing!

PRINCE
We're sorry Dame.

DAME
It's no good saying that you're sorry to
me; it's the boys and girls that you should
be apologising to!

WOLF
Listen woman! Why would I say sorry to this
bunch of reprobates? They don't say sorry
for being ugly, so why should I say sorry
fighting?

Wolf points at the audience.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

DAME

Well if you're not going to say sorry then
get off of my stage! Go on! Get off, the
lot off you!!

Dame: starts sweeping them off stage with her broom.

Exit: all, with sounds of grumbling, apart from Dame.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

DAME

Hello again children! Silly bunch of boys
aren't they?

Dame points off-stage.

DAME (CONT'D)

Well we shouldn't see them again in hurry!
Well, what do you think to my outfit?

Dame twirls around.

DAME (CONT'D)

It's the latest design from Luis de
Primark. Now don't laugh at me. You should
go to T-Kake Fax, latest fashions at low
low prices! I got Louis de Primark,
Channel, Blackberry, Christina Door, Kevin
Klone and Guzzi.

Enter: Tom, Dick and Harry, SL.

Start prancing around the Dame.

TOM

Oooooooooo look at you!

DICK

Don't you look gorgeous!

HARRY

Madonna better watch out!

DICK

Madonna? Don't you mean Dame Edna?

DAME

You cheeky so and so, I'll have you know I
waited six weeks for it!

Dame points at her at outfit.

TOM

Well, when you get to your age, what do you expect?

DAME

That's it! Go! Get off my stage! Right now!
I've had enough

Dame chases Tom, Dick and Harry round the stage and then off of the stage to the left.

Exit: Tom, Dick and Harry SL and Dame exit SR.

Curtain closes

Enter: Fairy God Mother SR

FAIRY GOD MOTHER

What crazy dilemmas we have here,
And not easy to solve I fear.
Three princesses and one Prince
To think about it, makes me wince.
And the baddies who are causing a stink
I really don't know what to think.
With all the horrible things that are
planned
I just hope we can keep peace in Storybook
Land!

Exit: Fairy God Mother SR.

End of Act One

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ACT TWO - THE PUMP AND PIDDLE PUBLIC HOUSE

Prince wearing a brown wig sits alone at the bar.

Instrumental version of *Hero* by Mariah Carey playing in the background.

PRINCE

Hello children. You really must think that I'm a really horrible person. I have three girl friends, and then I tell Snow White that she's my only love. I don't like doing this, please believe me, I have no other choice, the other Princes quit so...

Music becomes louder and the Prince begins to sing along to the music;

I am sat here
 Almost by myself
 Wandering just what it is I'm gonna do
 I am caught up
 In something so hard
 That I'm sat here pouring it all out to
 you.

You see that I love one
 I wish the others were gone
 But I am hurting them all
 And I know it's gonna fall
 Down right around my ears
 And I'll be stuck for years
 So I'll never just love one
 And one day she will be gone

Please tell me!
 What it is I'm supposed to do?
 Now that I'm in this situation
 I'm just lost
 And it's really
 not my fault
 But I really don't have a clue

You see that I love one
 I wish the others were gone
 But I am hurting them all
 And I know it's gonna fall
 Down right around my ears
 And I'll be stuck for years
 So I'll never just love one
 And one day she will be gone!

{Speaks} So you see children, I don't know what to do. If only those other princes hasn't quit.

(MORE)

PRINCE (CONT'D)

You see if they hadn't quit, then I could just be my Beauty's Prince and this wouldn't be a problem. You see, I really love her and I intend to marry her someday.{Sighs} Maybe I should just sit them all down and tell them the truth.

Enter: Snow White SR

SNOW WHITE

Hello Prince.

PRINCE

Oh hello Snow.

SNOW WHITE

Why are you sat here all alone?

Prince looks at audience hopelessly.

PRINCE

I'm waiting for you of course my love.

SNOW WHITE

Oh Prince I have missed you.

Snow White goes and embraces Prince.

Prince is facing the audience and Snow can't see his face is in a grimace. His wig falls off to reveal blonde hair.

`PRINCE

I've missed you too Snow.

Enter: Cinderella SR

CINDERELLA

Hello Prin... hey what's going on here, get your hands off of my Prince.

Snow White and Prince separate

SNOW WHITE

Your Prince? He's my Prince!

Snow white turns to Prince

SNOW WHITE (CONT'D)

Hey! What happened to your hair?!

CINDERELLA

Prince, tell her that you're my Prince, not her Prince!

Cinderella and Snow White look at Prince expectantly.

PRINCE

Well, er, listen ladies; there is something
I have to tell you...

Enter: Sleeping Beauty SR

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Hey girls. Who is this? Oh I see you've met
my Prince, although he seems to have
changed his hair...

CINDERELLA

Your Prince? What are you talking about?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Yeah, my Prince; we've been together for
ages.

CINDERELLA

Well so have we!

SNOW WHITE

Well so have we!!

The girls all turn and look at the Prince.

CINDERELLA

Grrrr

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Grrrrrrrr

SNOW WHITE

Grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

PRINCE

Now...ladies...I can explain...you see...

All three of the girls run towards the Prince.

PRINCE (CONT'D)

Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh

The girls are chasing the Prince around the bar and *Flight of the Bumblebee* written by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov is playing.

Enter Dame SR

DAME

Evening Bob, I'll have my usual... hey hey
what's happening here?

All at the same time.

SNOW WHITE

My Prince is not just my Prince.

CINDERELLA

This person has stolen my Prince!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I told you, he's not your Prince, he's mine!

DAME

OK ladies, one at a time. Cindy, you first.

CINDERELLA

Well Dame I walked in to meet with my Prince and found this...

Cinderella points at Snow White.

CINDERELLA (CONT'D)

...all over him.

SNOW WHITE

I wasn't doing anything wrong. We've been together for ages!

DAME

How about you Beauty, what's got your knickers in a knot?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I walked in to meet with my Prince, to find these two traitors fighting over him for some reason.

DAME

I think traitor is the right word! But I would take a good look in the mirror if I were you Beauty. You three are all busy breaking the bonds of sisterhood and he is conspicuous by his silence! What have you got to say for yourself young man?

PRINCE

I was trying to explain, it's not my fault Dame, honest. I'm doing the job of three men, you see, they quit. And now I don't know who I love and what I want.

SNOW WHITE

What do you mean you don't know who you love? You told me I was your only one earlier.

PRINCE

I know, but, well, I just dunno anymore. I don't know what to say or what do for the best.

CINDERELLA

Do you mean to tell me that you are not in love with any of us?

PRINCE

I just don't know!

DAME

Look! I know what to do.

Dame turns to bar.

DAME (CONT'D)

Bob you useless article; get your backside over here. Right listen you lot, I have a plan. Bob you take Prince over to the other side of the bar. Go on, we haven't got time for you to stand there with your gob open catching flies.

Dame shouts off to the side.

DAME (CONT'D)

Nigel! Where are you? Can you bring a screen in here, right now, please!!

Dame turns to the audience.

DAME (CONT'D)

I don't know children, can't get the staff these days.

VOICE

Catch!

A staff thrown on stage, SR.

Dame catches the staff.

DAME

Oh yes very funny!

Dame throws the staff back off stage.

Enter Stage Hands and a screen from SL.

DAME (CONT'D)

Oh there you are Nigel, it's about time. Just set it up over there. Say, who's your friend? He's pretty.

CINDERELLA

Dame, we haven't got time for you to wave your hormones around trying to catch the nearest man to you, what's this plan of yours?

DAME

You girls each get a stool and sit on that side of the screen and Prince you sit on the other side.

Everyone gets into place.

DAME (CONT'D)

There you go, and here I go!

Nigel and friend exit SR with Dame following.

CINDERELLA

Where the heck is she going?

VOICE

And now audience, surprise surprise, I'd like to welcome you to another edition of Blind Date! And here is your host, Dame {speaks quickly}Who-lives-in-the-shoe!

Blind Dates music.

Enter: Dame SR.

DAME

Hello ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls. Welcome to Blind Date. Here we have a gorgeous guy, who is going to choose between these three gorgeous ladies. Let's not procrast...procras... let's not wait around, let's get on with the show. OK Prince do you have your questions ready?

PRINCE

Yes Dame.

DAME

Well come on then you silly boy, ask away.

PRINCE

OK. Hello ladies.

ALL THE GIRLS

Hello Prince.

PRINCE

First question. Who is your best friend and why? That is to number one.

CINDERELLA

My best friend is a very sweet guy who works in the tailoring industry.

PRINCE

Same question to number two.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Well I don't have time for best friends; I spend most of my time in bed.

DAME

Well isn't someone a lucky girl?

PRINCE

Same again to number three.

SNOW WHITE

Well I'm very lucky, I don't just have one best friend, I have seven of them.

DAME

Well doesn't that sound good everyone? What do you think Prince?

PRINCE

They all sound very lovely.

DAME

That they do, well let's get on, what's your next question?

PRINCE

OK. What is your claim to fame? That is to number two.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I am known all around the land for my ability to fall asleep at any time in any place.

PRINCE

And what about you number three?

SNOW WHITE

I am known all around the land for being the only woman to have lived with seven men all at one time.

DAME

You're lucky you don't get a reputation!

PRINCE

And you number one?

CINDERELLA

Well I'm not really famous for much, but I do have a God Mother who can turn vegetables into transport.

DAME

I'm sure that's a handy thing to know. OK Prince, what's your third and final question?

PRINCE

You find Aladdin's magical lamp and you have one wish, what would it be? And that's to number three.

SNOW WHITE

I would wish for a magic carpet so it could whisk us away together and we could live happily every after.

DAME

Awww isn't that sweet?

PRINCE

And you number one?

CINDERELLA

I would wish for a magic carpet so it could whisk us away together and we could live happily every after.

DAME

Haven't we heard that somewhere before?

PRINCE

What about you number two?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I would wish for a magic carpet so it could whisk us away together and we could live happily every after.

DAME

Do you ever get the sense of deja vous? I said, do you ever get the sense of deja vous? Right now that we're heard all the answers; it's time for you to make up your mind. But before you do, here's Graham with that quick reminder.

GRAHAM (OFF STAGE)

So Prince, will it be Number One, the clothes loving woman who claims she's not really famous but has a very clever a God Mother. Or would it be sleepy Number Two, the narcoleptic woman who doesn't have time for friends but would love to make space in the calendar for you. Or will it be popular Number Three, the man loving girl who would love to be whisked away on a magic carpet with you.

DAME

So Prince, who is it to be?

PRINCE

Oh I don't know, this has been my problem all along, ermm

DAME

Although the idea of an announcement from you has the blood pounding to my head in excitement, we haven't got time for you to mess about, who is to be?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

That's not excitement, that's a hangover! Come on Prince, get on with it!

PRINCE

Its OK, I know, I'll pick Number One.

CINDERELLA

Ooo that's me!! Yay!!

Cinderella dances around in excitement.

DAME

Well before we see the one you've chosen, let's see the two you turned down. First was Number Two, which was our Beauty.

Beauty goes round the screen.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Oh Prince! How could you!

Exit: Beauty SR in tears.

DAME

Don't worry, one down, one to go. The other lady you turned down was our Snow.

Snow goes round the screen.

SNOW WHITE

Don't think this gets you out of being at work later, we're due to be read in (insert child's name from the audience) bedroom tonight!

Exit: Snow White SR.

DAME

And now to introduce you to your date, she's going to be a total surprise I'm sure. It's Number One, our Cinderella.

CINDERELLA

Oh Prince, I knew we were destined to be together,

Cinderella takes Prince by the arm and leads him off SR.

CINDERELLA (CONT'D)

We're going to have the cutest babies you know, and we can have matching outfits for our wedding and my God Mother can make us a great big pink coach from a peach...

DAME

Phew! Well thank Heaven we got all that sorted out! Now I wonder where that pretty friend of Nigel's went too...

Exit: Dame SR.

Enter: Wolf, Sheriff , Smithy, Dr Frank, Tom, Dick and Harry SL.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

SHERIFF

Hello Bob.

WOLF

Round of our usuals my man, and be quick about it! We bad guys don't have time to wait around!

BOB

Hello gentlemen, seven Scary Marys it is.

Bob gets out some glasses and pours drinks.

SMITHY

What's been going on here Bob? Looks like World War Three has broken out.

BOB

It almost did, Prince has been stringing three women along and they finally found out. Dame sorted it out though, as usual!

Bob cleans the bar and then exits SR.

WOLF

And Prince has the cheek to say that we're the bad guys! You wait until i see him again!

DR FRANK

I know, what is so bad about wanting to make everyone the same as us? You'd want to have the freedom to do what you like wouldn't you children? That's what you can do if you're evil!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

SHERIFF

How are we going to show these kidlets that being wicked is good?

SMITHY

How about we change someone they know evil?

WOLF

That's not a bad idea. What about that wishy washy Prince? He deserves to be evil and lose those three girls of his! He dropped this earlier.

Wolf holds up Prince's medallion.

WOLF (CONT'D)

We could use that magic potion you were telling us about earlier Frankie.

DR FRANK

You mean the potion that will turn someone evil if they drink it and all you need is something that belongs to them to make it? That potion? Yeah that could work.

WOLF

And once the children see how much fun the Prince is having being evil, they will be queuing up to be turned to the dark side!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

SMITHY

Can you make the potion then Frankie?

DR FRANK

Yeah, should be easy. I can have it ready by tomorrow.

SHERIFF

That's good, tomorrow is the Prince's usual drinking afternoon.

WOLF

And he'll finally be one of us! And I will teach him all the bad ways!

SMITHY

If you give me the potion in the morning then Frankie, then I can sneak into the bar and slip it into his drink.

SHERIFF

This is going to be sweet!

WOLF

Villains of the world unite!!

ALL

Ohhhh eye di dye di dye di dye di dye di dye di dye di dye!

SMITHY

The Prince will turn bad!

SHERIFF

He will be shocking!

DR FRANK

He's going to have a magic drink!

WOLF

The nymphs will come a-flocking!

SMITHY

We are gonna win!

SHERIFF

For the first time!

DR FRANK

We're going to kick some goodies butt!

WOLF

And vengeance will be mine!

ALL

Ohhhh eye di dye di dye di dye di dye di dye die dye di dye di dye!

SMITHY

You will all be bad!

SHERIFF

So you should watch out!

DR FRANK

Our voices are very loud!

WOLF

You can't escape our shout!

SMITHY

We're gonna succeed!

SHERIFF

We're gonna be top!

DR FRANK
Now you children better watch out!

WOLF
Cos we will never stop!!

ALL
Ohhhh eye di dye di dye di dye di dye die
dye di dye di dye!

AUDIENCE
Boooooo!

Exit: all SL.

Curtain closed.

Enter: Fairy God Mother SR.

What are we going to do?
I don't know, do you?
With all this talk of evil magic
I just know things will end tragic
The Prince is not happy
Beauty has turned snappy
Snow just want her job done
And Cindy's problems have only begun
What are we going to do?
I don't know, do you?

Exit: Fairy God Mother SR.

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HALF WAY INTERVAL.

CURTAIN OPEN: PUMP AND PIDDLE PUBLIC HOUSE

Dark with lighting aimed at the bar.

Bob behind the bar wearing a black cloak around his
shoulders.

Enter: Prince.

PRINCE
Hello Bob.

BOB
Hey Prince, what can I get for you?

PRINCE
Ermm I'll just have a Golden Crown please
Bob.

Prince receives drink.

BOB

What's wrong Prince? You seem depressed.

PRINCE

Well you heard about the Blind Date thing? I'm not sure I chose the right girl. You see, I think I've always loved Beauty, since the first time I kissed her and she awoke to gaze into my eyes. {Sigh} I'm sure I should be with her. The Blind Date game was supposed to sort things out, but it's just made things ten times worse.

BOB

Well maybe you should just sit them all down and tell them.

PRINCE

I dunno... I just wish all this had never happened in the first place.

BOB

You need to tell them, I know that it'll hurt Cinderella, but it'll be much better in the long run.

Enter: Smithy, wearing a black clock over his head and no lighting on him.

Sam walks towards bar as he is getting there the light is switched on him.

AUDIENCE

He's behind you!

As Prince looks behind himself, light on Smithy goes out.

PRINCE

What are you saying children? I can't see anything. Anyway, I know you're right Bob, it's just really hard.

Light goes on Smithy as he spikes his drink.

AUDIENCE

He's behind you!!

Light goes off again.

PRINCE

Where? What are you talking about? Anyway as I was saying, I know you're right, it's just hard.

BOB

Here have another drink.

Prince drinks the spiked drink and then jumps of the stool.

PRINCE
Ooooooooooooo I feel bad!

Prince spins around Michael Jackson style.

Exit: Smithy.

Enter: Cinderella, Beauty and Snow.

CINDERELLA
Oh hello my darling darling Prince, isn't it exciting that we'll soon be married and belong to each other.

PRINCE
Hey, I'm anybody's baby.

Prince struts around the stage.

CINDERELLA
What? What's going on?

PRINCE
Oh you know babe, rockin', chillin' and what not.

CINDERELLA
Prince?

PRINCE
That's my name, don't wear it out or I'll make you buy me a new one!

CINDERELLA
What's happened to you? Where's my Prince, my Blind Date, my matching wedding outfit love?

PRINCE
I'm not getting married babe, no woman is chaining me down!

CINDERELLA
What do you mean not getting married? You said... OH! You're just a phoney and a fake and I wish I'd never ever met you!

Exit: Cinderella.

Prince walks over to the remaining girls.

PRINCE
Hey babes. Fancy a game of... twister?

SNOW WHITE

We wouldn't go near you with a fifty foot barge pole, would we Beauty?

Snow White starts dragging Sleeping Beauty off SR.

Sleeping Beauty looking longingly at Prince.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Erm...I guess not.

PRINCE

Hey ho. No loss. Maybe I'll go and check out what Repunzel is up to, Robin says that she's always up for a game or two...

Exit: Prince SL.

Enter: Wolf, Dr Frank, Sheriff, Agatha, Dorcas and Esmerelda.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

WOLF

I don't know what you lot are booing at!

SHERIFF

It won't be long before the lot of you are evil.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

WOLF

I wonder if our plan worked.

AGATHA

Well it has so far.

SHERIFF

We told you that we could do it.

DORCAS

It's just that usually you have the brains of an idiot.

WOLF

Oh, would you like them back then?!

ESMERELDA

Shut up you two! Smithy should be here in a second. We can ask him if it's all worked out, and then we'll see who has brain and who has fluff.

Enter: Smithy SL.

DORCAS
Ah, here's Smithy now.

SHERIFF
How did it go my man?

SMITHY
It was perfect! He drank the drink and he's
definitely the King of Rot now!

WOLF
Brilliant!! Let's celebrate boys! Round of
Scary Mary's on me!!

AUDIENCE
Boooooo!

ALL
Ohhhh eye di dye di dye di dye di dye di
dye di dye di dye

Curtain Close.

End of Act Two.

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ACT THREE - STORYBOOK LAND COURTYARD

Cinderella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty sat (in that order) at the picnic bench talking.

CINDERELLA

{Sobbing} I-I-I {sniffs} haaaaaaaaaaaaate him!! We were-were-were supposed to be getting marieeeeeeeeeeeeeeeed.

Cinderella bursts into uncontrollable tears.

SNOW WHITE

I know Cindy, but we don't always get what we want. Sometimes we just have to do what is expected.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

That's easy for you to say, you've got Jack drooling all over you. The man I love doesn't even know I'm alive.

SNOW WHITE

Jack doesn't drool over me...

Cinderella looks from between her hands and stops sobbing.

CINDERELLA

Oh yes he does. You should go for it. Look at me, I always chase after the wrong guys. Take Rumpelstiltskin, he spun me a beautiful necklace out of gold, and then two-timed me with that miller's daughter and then ran off and was never seen again. Then there was Prince, and we all know how that ended...

Cinderella bursts into tears again.

SNOW WHITE

I'm really sorry you've had such bad luck Cindy.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

And I'm going to die aloooooone

Sleeping Beauty bursts into tears

Enter: Dame SR.

DAME

Now, now, now, what is going on here then ladies?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

The Prince has turned in a crazy person.
And I'm going to die alone.

CINDERELLA

He said that I had to buy him a new name
and that I wasn't going to chain him down.

Snow White stands up.

SNOW WHITE

Honestly Dame, he's really changed. He's
not the Prince we all know. Something has
happened.

DAME

I don't believe it, Prince has always been,
well, a Prince.

Enter: Prince, through the audience with the song *Rock DJ*
playing by Robbie Williams.

PRINCE

Hello ladies!

Prince sits down between Cinderella and Sleeping beauty and
puts his arms around them.

PRINCE (CONT'D)

Did you miss me?

Neither girl replies and gives him dirty looks, and flings
his arm from her shoulder.

Prince rises from the bench.

PRINCE (CONT'D)

OK, OK, I get the message. Hey Damey Wamey,
been into Woolies lately?

DAME

Yeah, I was in there just yesterday. It had
an awful time. I got pulled around by the
security guards, I got pushed around by the
male customers and I was turned over by the
cashier.

PRINCE

Oh it sounds just awful.

DAME

It was. I'm going back tomorrow!

PRINCE

Well, you were always chasing the fellas,
who is next? Dr Frank? Wolf? Me?

DAME
Why you cheeky little so...

Dame notices the children in the audience.

DAME (CONT'D)
...and so!

Enter: Jack and Buttons SR.

JACK
Hey ladies, hey Dame.

BUTTONS
Hello Prince.

PRINCE
Hey boys, come to drool around my girls
have you?

JACK
We don't drool.

BUTTONS
It's not our fault that we are surrounded
by such beauties.

DAME
Oooo girls! I haven't been called a
beautiful girl for years!

SNOW WHITE
We are **not** your girls!

SLEEPING BEAUTY
Well not all of us anyway.

PRINCE
Ooo excuuuuuuse me! Well if you're not my
girls, then I guess I'll have to go looking
elsewhere!

AUDIENCE
Boooooo!

Exit: Prince back through the audience.

Buttons puts his arm around Cinderella.

BUTTONS
Hey Cindy. Don't worry, he's being an
idiot. There are plenty of men who would
marry you in a heartbeat.

CINDERELLA
Yeah, like who? You?

BUTTONS

Well...

Buttons looks desperately at the audience.

BUTTONS (CONT'D)

Yes! Me! I've waited years to tell you
Cindy... I love you!

CINDERELLA

You...You Love me?

BUTTONS

Yes! And I want to be your man, I know I'm
not a prince, but I will love you and look
after you!

CINDERELLA

You will? You promise? And we can have the
perfect wedding with matching outfits?

Buttons takes Cinderella in his arms.

BUTTONS

Yes my darling, I promise. You can have
whatever you want.

Buttons and Cinderella embrace.

JACK

Well it seems to be a day for confessions.
Snow?

SNOW WHITE

Yes Jack?

JACK

I love you.

SNOW WHITE

Oh Jack, I have been waiting for this
moment for as long as I can remember! I
love you too.

Jack and Snow White embrace.

DAME

Oh Beauty!

Dame takes Beauty in her arms.

DAME (CONT'D)

I love you! Will you run away with me and
get married and have fifty children? Well.
What a sappy lot you are! Never mind about
you lot wanting to run down the aisle, what
are we going to do about Prince?

JACK

Of course Dame, you're right. Let's call a town meeting and see what the others think, maybe we can think of some kind of plan between us.

Exit: All SR.

Curtain down.

Enter: Wolf, Dr Frank, Tom, Dick, Harry, Sheriff Smithy, Gregory and Candlestick Maker SL.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

WOLF

Boo!

DR FRANK

Boo!

SHERIFF

Boo yourselves!!

DR FRANK

Did you hear all that complaining?

SHERIFF

It sounds like sweet music doesn't it?

TOM

I can't believe one of our plans actually worked!

Wolf smacks Tom around the head.

WOLF

Hey! We don't always lose.

DR FRANK

I have to see my potion at work! I'm going to go and watch that town meeting later!

WOLF

You go for it Frankie!

SHERIFF

Let us know how you get on!

WOLF

While they are moaning, we can par-tay!!!

Exit: all SL to the song *Celebration* by Kool and the Gang playing as they leave.

Curtain up. Cauldron in the middle of the stage with Esmerelda, Agatha and Dorcas stood around it.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

ALL ON STAGE

Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn, and caldron bubble.

AGATHA

Hang on, hang on, that's the wrong play...

ESMERELDA

Oh yeah, but hey, who are we to argue?
Billy was a genius.

DORCAS

Well that's true.

ESMERELDA

So now what do we do?

AGATHA

Well, we've caused chaos, got our revenge
on those who took from us, I say we find
somewhere else to play...

DORCAS

That's a great idea!

ESMERELDA

Grab your brooms my sisters!

They all take hold of their brooms.

AGATHA

Now the charm is firm and good,
Let's behave like witches should!

They all point upwards and fly away.

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

Curtain down.

Enter (in this order): Butcher, Policeman, Jack, Dame, Buttons, Baker and Child.

DAME

Well hello boys and girls. While we're
waiting for the meeting to be set up, shall
we sing a song? Who knows This Old Man? OK
Ready?

ALL
 {Singing}This old man, he played one.
 He played knick-knack on my thumb.
 With a knick-knack paddywhack, give a dog a
 bone.
 This old man came rolling home.

Enter: Two Baddies dressed as ghosts sneaking behind the row
 of characters, one enters SL and the other enters SR.

AUDIENCE
 Look behind you etc...

Ghost One taking Baker off SL, Ghost Two taking Child off SR.

DAME AND OTHERS
 What? There's no one there?

AUDIENCE
 Oh yes there is.

DAME AND OTHERS
 Oh no there isn't

AUDIENCE
 Oh yes there is!

DAME AND OTHERS
 There isn't!

AUDIENCE
 There is!

DAME AND OTHERS
 There isn't, there isn't, there isn't!!
 {Clapping}

AUDIENCE
 There is, there is, there is!!

DAME
 I can't see anyone; we'll have to try it
 again!

ALL
 {Singing}This old man, he played two.
 He played knick-knack on my shoe.
 With a knick-knack paddywhack, give a dog a
 bone.
 This old man came rolling home.

AUDIENCE
 Look behind you etc...

Ghost One taking Policeman off SL, Ghost Two taking Butcher
 off SR

DAME

What? There's no one there?

AUDIENCE

Oh yes there is!

DAME AND OTHERS

Oh no there isn't!

AUDIENCE

Oh yes there is!

DAME AND OTHERS

There isn't!

AUDIENCE

There is!

DAME AND OTHERS

There isn't, there isn't, there isn't!!
{Stamping their feet}

AUDIENCE

There is, there is, there is!!

DAME

I can't see anyone; we'll have to try it again!

ALL

{Singing}This old man, he played three.
He played knick-knack on my knee.
With a knick-knack paddywhack, give a dog a bone.
This old man came rolling home.

AUDIENCE

Look behind you etc...

Ghost One taking Jack off stage left, Ghost Two taking Buttons off stage right.

DAME

What? There's no one there?

AUDIENCE

Oh yes there is!

DAME

Oh no there isn't

AUDIENCE

Oh yes there is!

DAME

There isn't!

AUDIENCE

There is!

DAME

There isn't, there isn't, there isn't!!
{Speaking very quickly}

AUDIENCE

There is, there is, there is!!

DAME

I can't see anyone; we'll have to try it again!

DAME (CONT'D)

{sings alone}This old man, he played four.
He played knick-knack on my door.
With a knick-knack paddywhack, give a dog a bone.
This old man came rolling home.

Enter: Ghost One and Ghost Two who chase Dame through the audience and out the back of the room.

Enter: Fairy God Mother SR.

FAIRY GOD MOTHER

Such a tale of love and loss
And a fight over who's the boss.
There's more action, to be sure,
And certain things we can't ignore.
The Prince's behavior, what a cad!
And did you hear Buttons? What a lad!
Can we hear wedding bells?
Only time will certainly tell.
But there's bad, as well as good,
Not all things are going as they should.
Three witches have gone to make more muddles,
And I bet they're not after love and cuddles.
The bad guys are getting all of their way,
And there's nothing left for me to say.

Exit: Fairy God Mother SR.

Curtain up; Buttons, Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, Dame, Jack, Lady Daisy Buttercup III, Policeman, Butcher, Baker and children all stood around chatting Dr Frank is hiding under the bench.

JACK

Listen everyone; we really have to figure out what to do about Prince.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Yeah, he's not the man we all know and love.

CINDERELLA

He's mean, moody and more like one of those Bad guys.

DR FRANK

Oi! We're not all bad you know!

ALL

Dr Frank!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

DAME

What are you doing under there? Get out at once!

POLICEMAN

Seize him men!

Dr Frank grabbed by Butcher and Baker.

DAME

I know how to do deal with this!

Dame shouts off stage.

DAME (CONT'D)

Nigel! We need a chair and a rope.

Dame pulls feathers out of her hat, turns to Dr Frank and points the feather in his face.

DAME (CONT'D)

You are going to tell us everything that you know... we have ways of making you squawk

DR FRANK

I will never talk you, you old witch!

AUDIENCE

Boooooo!

Enter: Nigel with chair and rope.

DAME

Old witch? Old witch? I am only forty-six! And that's not old! You just wait!! You know what to do Raymond!

Policeman ties up Dr Frank and pulls his shoes off.

There is a drum roll as Dame pulls off one sock.

DR FRANK

I wanted to see what you were all talking about!

DAME

But why??

Dame tickles more vigorously.

DR FRANK

Because, because, because... {Speaks really quickly} I know why the Prince is bad. I thought it would be fun to watch you sobby lot worry over what had happened to him!

DAME

Why is the Prince bad?

Dame tickles even more vigorously.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Yes, please tell us why.

DR FRANK

He's bad because he was given a potion that I made, which turned him evil!

ALL

What?

DR FRANK

Are you lot deaf? {Speaks very slowly and loudly} He's bad because he was given a potion that I made, which turned him evil!

DAME

And now you're going to turn him back!

DR FRANK

And why would I do that?

DAME

Because if you don't, I am going to tell the rest of your goons, that you cracked under tickle torture and squealed like a pig and told us everything anyway!

DR FRANK

OK OK ! I give in. You let me free and I'll tell you the antidote.

POLICEMAN

OK Dame, set him free.

DAME

You're really going to trust this low-life..

POLICEMAN

Yes, because if he doesn't tell us the truth, then we'll go to the rest of his goons and tell them that he cracked under tickle torture and squealed like a pig and told us everything anyway!

DR FRANK

I'll tell you, I promise. Just stop! Please!

POLICEMAN

OK, set him free.

Dame sets him free.

DR FRANK

You have to give him milk!

ALL

Milk?

DAME

That's it? Just milk?

JACK

But where are we going to get milk?

BUTTONS

Yes where?

POLICEMAN

Do you have any milk Dame?

DAME

Do I look like Tesco's?!

BUTCHER

So where could we get milk?

Seven boys get in a line and start singing.

THE SEVEN BOYS

Hi Ho Hi Ho, it's off to get milk we go!

All the girls are stood next to Lady Daisy Buttercup III, with their hands and their hips and shaking their heads.

BOYS

What?

All the girls point to Lady Daisy Buttercup III.

JACK

Oh yeah.

SNOW WHITE

Daisy gave us some fresh milk this morning,
we could use that.

Enter: Prince through the audience.

PRINCE

What's going on here then?

BUTTONS

We were all just talking about how nice and
creamy Daisy's milk is.

PRINCE

Well, she is the finest cow in the whole
world. Although she has had some
competition from Dame, eh Dame?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Would you like a glass Prince?

PRINCE

Yeah why not.

Prince takes the glass and drinks. He falls on the floor.

DAME

Oh my word!

POLICEMAN

Back up everyone, give the man some room.

Policeman feels Prince's his neck.

POLICEMAN (CONT'D)

He's dead!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

OH NO!!!! He can't be dead. I need him.
I'll never get to tell him just how much I
love him!

Sleeping Beauty falls to her knees and takes Prince in her
arms.

SLEEPING BEAUTY (CONT'D)

Oh my darling darling, I love you, how am I
ever going to live without you?

Sleeping Beauty holds Prince tight and plants a kiss on him.

SLEEPING BEAUTY (CONT'D)

I love you more than anything and I will
never ever forget you.

Prince awakens. He is back to normal.

PRINCE
Beauty? Beauty, why are you crying?

SLEEPING BEAUTY
Prince? But you're not dead!

PRINCE
Of course I'm not dead silly. And I love you too.

Prince looks at Snow White and Cinderella.

PRINCE (CONT'D)
I'm really sorry ladies; I can't go on like this anymore. I love Beauty and I want to make her my wife.

CINDERELLA
It's OK Prince, I'm with Buttons now.

SNOW WHITE
And I'm with Jack.

CINDERELLA
And we're going to get married too!

PRINCE
Where **have** I been?

SLEEPING BEAUTY
It doesn't matter! All that matters is that you are alive and we're going to be married, that is, if you'll have me?

PRINCE
Of course I'll have you! It looks like everything has worked out great!

DAME
Time for a party I think!!

Curtain down

Enter: Children, they sing *A Pizza Hut* together with the audience.

Exit: Children SR.

Enter: Wolf, Sheriff, and Smithy.

AUDIENCE
Boooooo!

WOLF
You'll never get away with this.

SHERIFF

Yeah! We'll be back to get you!

SMITHY

We'll get you! And that cow of yours!

ALL

Laughing hysterically.

Exit: All through the audience.

Curtain up.

Welcome to Storybook Land reprise plays with everyone coming on stage for their bows.

The End.

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