

Sinestra You can't talk to me like that!
Florrie (*Putting on a funny accent*). Would you prefer I talked to you like this?
Sinestra What?
Anders Now, now, Sinestra I'm sure she means it as a joke.
Sinestra I don't find it funny.
Anders Dame Florrie, please accept my apologies for my bodyguard, I'm so handsome that she can't help but be a little over protective.
Florrie That's ok, I'm sure she has a nice personality, just not for a human being.
Sinestra What?
Anders Florrie, if you wouldn't mind excusing me?
Florrie Oh, did you break wind?
Anders No, I mean, I'm leaving, pardon me.
Florrie Did you do it again? Woo, I think I can smell it already, oh you dirty boy!
Sinestra I'm warning you, do not make fun of his highness...
Florrie What about making fun of his shortness?
Sinestra Silence!

Anders pulls Sinestra away from Florrie

Anders Sinestra, that's enough! I told you, if we're going to succeed with my plan then you'll have to pretend to like these people.
Sinestra But I can't stand them.
Anders I know, neither can I. I can almost feel their ugliness rubbing off on me. But if I'm to marry the Princess and take over this kingdom we're going to have to pretend for a little while; clear?
Sinestra Clear.
Anders This lot... (*meaning the audience*), aren't much better either. Just look at them... (*pointing to someone in the audience*), he looks like the goalie for the local darts team. Pardon? Sorry madam, she does. And the rest of you, your only purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others. You're nothing but a pathetic bunch of losers... oh yes, you are. (*He encourages their reply and repeats as necessary*).

The audience's boos are interrupted by a fanfare signalling the Princesses' arrival. Everyone is excited to see the Princesses.

Herald Ladies and gentlemen, please show your respect for our wonderful Princesses.

The Princesses appear and everyone bows as they enter.

Ella Thank you everyone. We wanted to thank you personally for all you've done toward the Coronation. We are truly grateful.
Hannah Yes. Well done everyone!
Ella Please, continue with your day, we don't wish to interrupt any more than we already have.

The villagers slowly go back to their business.

Hannah Oh, isn't it wonderful to be out of the castle. I'm so excited to see everyone.
Ella Erm, I suppose?
Hannah Oh cheer up sister, what's wrong with you?
Ella I'm just a little nervous being around people that's all.
Hannah Why? What could possibly go wrong?
Ella Well, as long as I control my nerves everything will be fine.
Hannah You worry too much. Just relax, breath in that fresh air, it's magical. I feel so free!

Hannah goes to talk to the villagers. Florrie comes to check on Ella.

Florrie Hello your highness.

Ella Florrie, it's so good to see you.

Florrie How are you doing?

Ella I'm so nervous, Florrie; what if there's an accident and I hurt someone?

Florrie Keep calm, all will be fine. You still haven't told your sister about your powers?

Ella No, and it's best it stays that way; my powers will never see the light of day.

Florrie Well, if you're, ah, ah AH... *(she encourages the audience)*. Oh, thank you.

Ella Are you alright, Florrie?

Florrie I've got a cold, but the boys and girls are helping me out... *(to the audience)*, aren't you?

Hannah Hello Florrie! Oh, isn't this fun!

Ella Hannah, please try to behave.

Hannah Oh, I wish we came out here every day.

Ella You know we can't.

Hannah Says who?

Ella You're making an example of yourself, people are looking. Please calm down!

Hannah Let them look, I'm free for a moment and I'm going to enjoy it.

Ella Hannah please! You're... *(Hannah loses her footing and goes crashing into Anders, who catches her, but falls, with Hannah landing on top of him)*. Now look what you've done!

Hannah Oh, I'm so sorry!

Anders Oh really, it's fine, I'm glad I could break your fall.

Hannah I'm so sorry! Well. My name is...

Anders Princess, I am well aware of who you are.

Hannah Really? How?

Anders I was told there were two beautiful Princesses in this kingdom. Well, if that's true then you must certainly be one of them.

Hannah You're incredibly handsome yourself, in fact, you're gorgeous!

Anders Yes, yes I am.

Ella Will you get up! Please accept my apologies, she's young and foolish and...

Anders You don't have to apologise. I'm used to women throwing themselves at me, it's rather fun.

Hannah See!

Ella You are very kind sir, but, nevertheless she shouldn't have done that, so I will apologise for her, it seems that's all I do.

Hannah But...

Ella Time to leave, now!

Anders Please, don't leave on my part. I must be going anyway. If you'll excuse me.

Florrie Oh, he hasn't trumped again has he? Oh, the smell!

Anders No, I haven't! Goodbye Princess, it was lovely to meet you.

Hannah Goodbye.

Anders Until we meet again... *(He bows and exits, followed by Sinestra)*.

Hannah Well, he is an absolute dream! He was, wasn't he?

Ella Calm down.

Hannah He's too good to be true!

Ella I wouldn't be so sure.

Hannah What does that mean?

Ella Just that if something's too good to be true, maybe it is?

Hannah Nonsense! You're just jealous because he likes me! You can never let me be happy can you?

Ella I can. Please don't say that. It's time we were heading back to the castle.

Hannah Oh, please let me stay a little longer. It's so good to be free. Just another ten minutes, I promise I won't cause any trouble.

Ella Very well. But please, behave yourself. Florrie, keep an eye on her won't you?
Florrie I'll watch her like a short sighted hawk with binoculars.
Hannah Thank you.
Herald Her Royal Highness is leaving, please show your respects!
Ella Goodbye everyone, see you soon.

Everyone bows as Ella exits

Hannah Oh, Florrie, did you see Prince Anders.
Florrie I did, and I saw him first, so hands off!
Hannah But I thought you were seeing someone?
Florrie I was, but he left me because of my strong urges to touch pasta. Now he's gone, I'm feeling cannelloni.

Kristian enters carrying a large roll of bubble wrap.

Kristian Hi, I've got some deliveries, where do you want me to put this bubble wrap?
Florrie Just pop it all over there.
Kristian But that'll take me ages?
Florrie No, I mean, put it over there.
Kristian Oh, ok. *(He puts the bubble wrap down and goes to fetch more).*
Florrie Well, I ah, ah, AH... *(she encourages a reply).* Thank you. I know you don't want me hanging around and I've got some things to do, so can I trust you'll get back to the castle in one piece?
Hannah You can, thank you, Florrie.
Florrie Ok... *(to the audience),* bye everyone.
Hannah Oh, it's so wonderful to be free. Finally, I can spread my wings and...

Hannah spins around, and as she does, Kristian enters with a delivery. She bumps into him and he drops his boxes.

Kristian Hey! Watch where you're going, will you.
Hannah I'm sorry, but I think you bumped into me.
Kristian I bet everything is broken thanks to you!
Hannah Well, you don't have to be so rude about it!
Kristian: If you had looked where you were going this wouldn't have happened.
Hannah Well, if you weren't carrying so much, you'd have seen where I was.
Kristian Don't try to blame me!
Hannah Don't try to blame me!
Kristian But it was your fault!
Hannah No, it was yours!
Kristian Wasn't!
Hannah Was!
Kristian Wasn't!
Hannah Was!
Kristian Was... Hang on, you're the Princess right?
Hannah I am.
Kristian *(Laughing).* Well, I guess that explains it all! *(Sarcastically).* You're royalty, I'm just a delivery boy? Of course it was my fault.
Hannah I didn't say that... but it was your fault.
Kristian No it wasn't! You're all the same you rich folk.
Hannah What's that supposed to mean?
Kristian You think you're better than everyone.
Hannah I'm just the same as you.
Kristian Really?

Hannah Really!

Kristian Do you own a pony?

Hannah Yes, two.

Kristian Have you got a room called the 'study' in your house?

Hannah It's next to the small library.

Kristian Does your house have a number?

Hannah No, it's just 'the castle.'

Kristian Do you eat Quinoa?

Hannah Every day.

Kristian Do you shop at Waitrose?

Hannah No!

Kristian Oh?

Hannah But my butler does.

Kristian *(Smiling, knowing he has the best of her).* See, I was right!

Ella No, that doesn't prove anything!

Kristian I don't have time to argue. This stuff is broken so I'll have to go back and get more for your sister, the Queens, Coronation. Thanks for nothing, Princess. *(He exits).*

Hannah Well, what a rude man, I hope I don't see him again in a hurry! Still, I won't let it ruin my day. I'm outside the castle walls, I'm free and I'm going to enjoy it!

MUSIC #2 : 'LIVE WHILE WE'RE YOUNG' (HANNAH & CHORUS)

At the end of the number, the lights fade.

Scene 2

A street in the kingdom. Prince Anders and Sinestra are discovered onstage.

Sinestra What are we doing here?

Anders We've an important meeting, one that will be very beneficial.

Scoop *(Entering).* Ah, your highness! Would it be possible to ask you those questions now?

Sinestra The Prince doesn't have time for you, your pointless questions, or your pointless paper!

Scoop But he said...

Anders You're right, I did. Sinestra, its fine.

Scoop The ladies of the kingdom want to know all there is to know about you.

Anders Well, they're only human, go ahead.

Scoop Is it true your parents made a fortune selling lamb chops?

Anders Yes, they're minted.

Scoop And do you have any fears?

Anders Well, I do have a phobia of trampolines. I can't help it; they always make me jump.

Scoop How would you describe yourself?

Anders Oh, handsome, strong, intelligent, witty, well read, cultured, intensely handsome... and yet, incredibly modest.

Scoop There are some people who say you're over the top and self-centred, what would you say to them?

Anders Well, somebody called me 'pretentious' the other day... I nearly choked on my gluten-free, dairy-free, caffeine-free, wheat-free, free-free, skinny almond milk frappalatte with a suggestion of dehydrated caramel foam. I mean after all, I've always said I'm the same as everyone else... just a lot better.

Scoop And you're seen as a style icon, what's your latest fashion purchase.

Anders Well, I have just bought myself a new blindfold. I can't see myself wearing it though.

Scoop And finally...

Sinestra I think you've asked enough...

Anders Sinestra. Go on, last question.

Repeat as necessary. During this, an abominable snowman/yeti enters, the audience react. Florrie and Frosty ad lib with the audience before agreeing that the audience is wrong and sitting back down.

Florrie Right, where were we?

Florrie & Frosty Ha ha ha, he he he, little brown jug how I love thee.
Ha ha ha, he he he, little brown jug how I love thee.

Repeat as necessary. The yeti/snowman enters and sits next to Frosty who, scared, exits running. The yeti follows offstage.

Florrie Ooh, where did Frosty go? Maybe he went to make some yellow snow. Well, I suppose one more verse wouldn't hurt!
Ha ha ha, he he he, little brown jug how I love thee.
Ha ha ha, he he he, little brown jug how I love thee.

Repeat as necessary. The yeti/snowman enters and sits next to Florrie to join in. Florrie notices, turns to look at the yeti/snowman, who screams and exits, running.

Florrie Cheek! *(She exits).*

Hannah and Kristian enter.

Kristian Where did they go?

Hannah I don't know?

Kristian They can't have gone far, I'm sure they'll be back soon.

Hannah Kristian, thanks for helping us out.

Kristian Wow, you've changed?

Hannah Maybe I've had time to calm down and think.

Kristian Well, don't mention it.

Hannah No, I mean it, we'd really be lost without you, so thank you.

Kristian It's fine. Do you think we'll be able to talk your sister into coming back?

Hannah I don't know. She shut herself off before, she could do it again. I have to apologise though, it's the least I can do.

Kristian You know, maybe you're not so bad after all?

Hannah What's that supposed to mean?

Kristian Well, at first I thought you were spoiled, annoying, irritating, self-centred...

Hannah *(Interrupting).* And now?

Kristian Now you're just annoying.

Hannah Thanks! You're not as bad as I thought you were either.

Kristian I guess we both got off on the wrong foot?

Hannah And I judged you wrong.

MUSIC #10 : 'SECRET LOVE SONG' (HANNAH AND KRISTIAN)

At the end of the song they realise that they have fallen for each other. They gaze at each other before being interrupted.

Kristian That Prince is a lucky man, I hope he looks after you.

Hannah I, I don't know what to...

Frosty and Florrie enter

Frosty Ice to see you, to see you... *(the usual business).* Hey, hang on a minute? Were you two singing?

Kristian No!

Frosty Yes, you were! Singing and hugging and...

Kristian: No we weren't, we were just talking.

Frosty Oh yeah, about what?

Kristian Stuff.
Frosty Like what?
Kristian Well, I was just saying the Prince has himself quite a catch.
Hannah *(Not so sure)*. Oh, it's me that's lucky?
Kristian Are you sure?
Hannah Yes.
Kristian I mean; you don't really know him.
Hannah *(More defiantly)*. I know all I need to know.
Kristian Really?
Hannah Really!
Kristian *(Firing his questions quickly to catch her out)*. What's his favourite book?
Hannah Erm, 'Obeying The Rules' by Laura Bider.
Kristian What doesn't he like?
Hannah Lollipop ladies. They make him cross.
Kristian Favourite fruit, no, what's his last name?
Hannah Erm, I don't, erm... Banana!
Kristian Banana? So you'll be Princess Hannah Banana? *(He laughs)*.
Hannah No! *(Angrily)*. Ok, I don't know his last name, but that doesn't matter. I love him and he's a Prince and we're engaged and we're going to be married and that's all that matters!
Frosty Wow, you two are like an old married couple! If she weren't engaged already I'd start to think you two liked each other.

Everyone is made awkward by Frosty speaking the truth. No one speaks as he digs further.

Frosty Because I mean... you know... those two... they're like... blah blah this... and he's like... blah blah that... and all: 'I don't like you'...and she's all... 'You be quiet'... and you can see they like each other but... but... oh, well, this is awkward, I should probably stop talking now.
Florrie Well, I think it's time to go, don't you?
Hannah Absolutely.
Kristian Couldn't agree more!
Florrie Goodbye, everyone!

They all exit.

Scene 4

The Ice Palace. Ella is discovered in the palace she has created from ice. She is all alone.

MUSIC #11 : 'HOW DO I LIVE' (ELLA)

There is a knock and Hannah enters.

Ella Hannah? What are you doing here?
Hannah I had to come. You left so suddenly.
Ella You shouldn't have followed me.
Hannah I had to.
Ella But it's not safe for you here.
Hannah I wanted to apologise, for making you leave.
Ella *(Realising she can't be angry with Hannah)*. Oh, Hannah, what am I to do with you? Thank you, it's wonderful to see you. *(They hug)*. I'm sorry too. How did you get here?
Hannah I had help from some friends. Come on in, guys!

Kristian, Frosty and Florrie enter.

Frosty Ice to see you, to see you... *(the usual business)*. Ella... finally I get to say thank you for creating me. Now, I have no idea what this duke was like but can I just say thank you, thank you, thank you, for making me, me. I love being me! And wow! Can we talk about what you've done with this place? Did you do it all yourself? You must have had help? It's is so vintage, snow shabby chic, I love, love, love it!

Ella Well, I'm glad you're happy. Florrie, thank you so much for coming, and you, *(indicating Kristian)*, I thought you might have something to do with this.

Kristian I just pointed the way really.

Florrie We wouldn't have, ah, ah, AH... *(the usual business)*, oh, thank you. Wouldn't have got here without him.

Ella You're a good man. Hannah, have you patched up your differences with Kristian?

Frosty *(Playfully)*. We caught them singing.

Hannah Quiet, Frosty! We're friends. That's all.

Kristian Yeah. She's still engaged to Prince Banana.

Hannah His name is Anders!

Ella So you're still going to marry him?

Hannah Of course, we're in love.

Ella But Hannah...

Hannah Don't start again! I'm not a child anymore! I've come all the way here to find you, to make you understand, and still you can't be happy for me!

Ella Hannah, I am happy for you but...

Hannah Then be happy, stop trying to spoil it!

Ella That's not fair, that's not what I'm trying to do.

Hannah When we were young we used to have so much fun together, then you threw all that away and locked us in the castle. You used to enjoy life.

Ella Things change.

Hannah But they don't have to. If you love something you should fight for it!

Ella It's not that simple.

Hannah Then do it for me!

Ella This is for you; I'm looking out for you.

Hannah How? By running away? You want all the attention yourself.

Ella You think that's why I did this? For attention? Didn't you see what happened? First the Duke...

Frosty But I love being me!

Florrie Not now, Frosty.

Ella Then I nearly hurt you. I had to get away from everyone, I'm dangerous, these powers are a curse!

Hannah That's a lie!

Ella No it's NOT!

As she shouts at Hannah she loses control of her powers striking Hannah who collapses into Kristian's arms.

Ella Hannah! Hannah, what have I done?

Kristian Hannah, are you alright?

Hannah I'm, I'm so cold.

Enter the Snow Fairy.

Florrie You again? Please, you've got to help us. Will she be alright?

Fairy It seems we've returned to our story's start
But this is far worse, for this blows to the heart.
Our friends cannot help us *(meaning the audience)*, nor help from above
For the one thing to save her's an act of true love.

Hannah Anders...