Fairy (cont'd)

But this way they lived, as the years did unfold, And with strength and patience her powers were controlled. But boys and girls, wait, for my story's not through Alas, there's still troubles, that I must tell you.

The King and Queen fade out of sight.

The King and the Queen sadly, passed on you see, As their ship was destroyed by a huge storm at sea.

Florrie enters and ushers the princesses offstage.

So the sisters were raised by a nursemaid named Florrie, You'll get to meet her as we pick up the story. And so, we'll advance till we reach present day. So band, play a song, and we'll start right away...

The scene bleeds through to reveal the castle, into opening number.

Scene 1

The village square, some years later.

MUSIC #1: 'COLOUR MY WORLD' (VILLAGERS).

At the end of the number Dame Florrie enters.

Florrie

Hello everyone... that wasn't very good. I said, hello everyone! (She encourages a reply). That's better. My name is Dame Florrie and I work here at the castle looking after the Princesses. Today is Coronation Day and it's even more special. For years the Princesses have stayed locked behind the castle walls. But today, they've decided to make a special trip down to the village. Oh, there's so many important people coming, there'll be more famous people than an episode of Celebrity Big Brother, which isn't hard I know, but still, we're very excited. They even say that the most handsome of all the Princes, Prince Anders, is on his way. Oooh, he's a looker.

Things haven't been good for me since my husband left. Oh, I miss him. We use to argue so much, you see, he hated me doing flamingo impressions so one day I decided to put my foot down. But, in the end it was his obsession with horoscopes that Taurus apart. He said: "You can't leave me, madam" and I told him: "I Cancer".

Now, aren't there a lot of you? All the mum's out there give me a cheer! (She encourages the audience). All the dad's give me a cheer! (She encourages the audience). All the boys and girls give me a cheer! (She encourages the audience). Any Pokémon hunters out there? I don't want to hear a peek-outta-chu! Now, boys and girls, I, ah, ah, AH... Oh, bother. I think there might be a cold spell on the way and I've got a cold coming on. Trouble is, I can never finish my sneezes. I've an idea! Would you be able to help me? You would? That's great, well when you hear me going: 'ah, ah, AH', I need you all to shout out 'Choo'! As loud as you can. Do you think you can do that? You do? Well, let's give it a go. Ah, ah, AH (She encourages their reply). Oh, that's much better; thank you, boys and girls. (The Herald enters). Ooh, it looks like the first guests are starting to arrive.

Herald

Ladies and Gentleman, please welcome his Excellency the Duke Jasper of Joysville. (Everyone welcomes the arrivals and bows or curtseys). Her supremeness the Lady Lyana of Lovelyville. Ooh, a surprise guest, David Beckham has decided to join us! (Everyone reacts, excited that Beckham may have arrived). Just kidding, it's Duke Weasel-ey.

Duke (Offstage). What!

Herald Sorry, Duke Wesley, everyone.

Everyone reacts disappointed not only that there is no David Beckham but also that it's the Duke who arrives in his place. Florrie heads over to The Duke as he enters.

Florrie Hello your Grace, it's ah, ah, AH... (She encourages the audience). Oh thank you! It's

wonderful to have you return, your Duke-nesship.

Duke Hmm, I wish I could say the same, but quite frankly this place disgusts me, it's more

ghastly than [Local Town] on a Friday night.

Florrie You seemed to enjoy the magnificent dinner we laid on for you last time you were here?

Duke I remember the 'magnificent' dinner, it will always have a place in my heart burn. Still, I

suppose, it's not as bad here as people say

Florrie Really?

Duke No... it's worse!

Florrie Well, the Princesses will be here any minute.

Duke Oh? Decided to grace us with their presence have they?

Florrie They have.

Duke It's the least they can do. It's awfully peculiar them both staying cooped up in that castle

every day. I mean how does she expect to rule this kingdom if she's too afraid to set foot

outside. It's preposterous.

Florrie If you feel like that, why are you here?

Duke Why? Contracts! Money. Why else would I come here? This place may disgust me, but

it's rich! Your new queen will need supplies and lots of them. I'm here to make sure it's

me who supplies them and gets all the cash.

Florrie (Sarcastically). You've got a heart of gold.

Duke Perhaps not gold, but I always say, there's space in my heart for one thing only, and

that's cash.

Florrie Well, I must get on, I can't stand talking to you.

Duke What?

Florrie I said, I can't just stand <u>here</u> talking to you. Bye Weasley.

Duke It's Wesley!

Florrie Whoops, I mean Wesley.

Herald Ladies, please welcome His Royal Handsomeness, Prince Anders of Chippendalia

All of the women swoon ahead of his arrival. He enters, flanked by Sinestra. The ladies start fawning over him.

Anders Hello everyone; hello ladies.

Ladies Hello Prince!

Lady 1 Oh, your highness, it's so wonderful to meet you.

Lady 2 Will you be staying long?

Lady 3 Please say you are.

Anders Well, I'm here to see the Coronation and then... maybe, baby?

Ladies Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha... (swoon), ah.

Scoop Prince Anders, would it be possible to ask you a few questions for the [Local Town]

gazette, our readers are very keen to find out more about you.

Anders I'm sure they are, I am fascinating after all, but, some other time, once I've had a chance

to settle in?

Scoop Ok! Sure thing.

The ladies gaze at him lovingly. Florrie makes her way over pushing, through the huddle of women.

Florrie Excuse me! Hello Princey, allow me to introduce myself. I'm your future wife, Dame

Florrie. Just so you know, I'm not cheap, but I am on special this week. (Anders is lost for words). I can you see you like me. What do you like most? My pretty face or my sexy

body?

Anders Your sense of humour. Florrie Thank you very much.

Sinestra What did you say you were?
Florrie Future wife, clean your ears out.

Scoop Thank you, erm last question. Can I take you out for dinner?

Anders laughs.

Sinestra Be on your way now. We've important business to attend to.

Scoop Thanks, your highness. (He/She exits).

Anders You know, you don't have to be so grumpy all the time.

Sinestra We're here for a reason, not for silly interviews.

Anders Where are your guards?

Sinestra Just outside the kingdom. Ready to act on my orders.

Anders Well then, all is going to plan.

Sinestra Are you mad? The wrong Princess has fallen for you!

Anders I said I'd marry the Princess, I didn't say which one and I only need to marry one to take

over the kingdom.

Sinestra But if you marry Hannah, you won't get the power your heart craves.

Anders Details, details! 'Tis no matter, the 'soon-to-be' queen is a loose cannon. Once I've

married her sister it'll be easy to make her snap. We'll get rid of them both and I'll rule the kingdom. Oh, and the best part... (to the audience), there's nothing this lot can do

about it!

Sinestra Do you really think it'll be that easy?

Anders Of course!

Sinestra How can you be so sure?

Anders One, because I'm gorgeous, and two, because it won't just be me doing it.

Sinestra What do you mean?

Anders I've enlisted some help. (Duke Wesley enters). Sinestra, meet Duke Wesley. He's agreed to

aid us with this little plan of ours.

Sinestra Him? How do we know we can trust him?

Wesley I give you my word.
Sinestra That's not worth much.

Wesley Why you...

Anders Let's not fall out, shall we? The Duke has given me his word and I have promised him

some very lucrative contracts. We're very similar, you see. Wesley, what do you always

say?

Wesley There's only room for one thing in my heart and that's cash!

And I always say there's only room for one thing in my heart: power! So you see, looks

aside, we're the same!

Sinestra And what if he has a change of heart? Decides he doesn't want to betray the Princesses?

Wesley Believe me, I won't. I'm the one thing, the thing that you can be sure that to depend on

to really make sure will be sure to come through?

Anders (Having not understood him). Excuse me?

Wesley Oh, did you just break wind?

Anders No, I didn't! You didn't make sense!

Wesley Oh. Well, have no fear, my heart loves cash, always has, always will, I'll do what's

necessary.

Sinestra Anything? Wesley Anything.

Anders Well then, it looks like we have a deal.

Wesley We do.
Anders To cash!

Wesley And power!

Anders I'll soon take over this kingdom. Oh, yes I will... (Repeat the business as required). Oh, be

quiet peasants, it's only a matter of time before I'm ruler and everyone bows to me!

MUSIC #3: 'I WANT IT ALL' (ANDERS, SINESTRA & WESLEY)

Scene 3

The Castle Courtyard. Everyone is gathered ready for the Coronation to start.

Florrie Hello everyone! Well, as you can see we're, ah, ah, AH... (she encourages a reply), oh,

thank you. We're getting ready for the coronation, but I'm not feeling well. I went out last night and had fourteen pints of low-fat yoghurt, I got totally Mullered. Still, I'm going to a deodorant party at the weekend...Roll-on Saturday. I tell you though, boys and girls, I am fuming. Someone has stolen my underwear off the washing line! Oh, I'm so

angry! I'm not so fussed about the knickers, but I want the forty pegs back!

Hannah (Entering). Oh Florrie, isn't this exciting!

Florrie It is and have you heard that Ken Barlow is coming? That's a real 'coronation' treat.

Hannah The best part is that I'll get to see the Prince again! He's sooo dreamy.

Florrie Please behave. Your sister is worried enough without you causing a scene.

Hannah I won't. Oh, look, here he comes now.

Prince Anders enters and is swamped by a group of ladies.

Sinestra Out of our way, let his highness through.

Anders Ladies, I promise I'll speak to you at the ball but let's enjoy the Coronation, shall we?

Hannah Hello. It's wonderful to see you.

Anders The feeling is mutual; you must be very excited?

Hannah To see you? Oh, yes.

Anders No, I meant about the Coronation.

Hannah Oh yes, I mean it's not every day your sister becomes Queen is it?

Anders Well, no.

Duke Wesley enters and makes his way over.

Hannah Duke Wesley, it's lovely to see you.

Duke Is it? Well that's just grand.

Hannah Duke Wesley, may I introduce you to Prince...

Duke We know each other, don't we, boy.

Hannah Oh? Well, perhaps we could share a dance at the ball?

Duke No thanks.

Hannah I was talking to the Prince.

Duke Oh.

Anders That would be perfect.

Hannah Everything is about to start.

Anders Well then, if you'll excuse me...

Hannah (Thinking he's broken wind). Oh, did you just?

Anders No! I mean I'm going over here.

Hannah Oh!

Hannah rushes off to take her place for the Coronation. Everyone else takes their places. The Duke and Anders sidle off together.

Duke I wish this plan of yours would hurry up. **Anders** Be patient, you'll get what your heart desires.

Duke I told you, there's space for one thing in my heart, and that's cash!

Anders I understand.

Hannah No, I'm going to make sure you have a good time tonight whether you like it or not!

Now come, on let's dance!

Hannah grabs hold of Ella, as she tries to pull her down to dance with her.

Ella Hannah, please, let go of me. Let go of me!

Ella struggles and pulls her hand away. As she does she casts a spell throwing forth a bolt of ice magic toward Florrie. She narrowly avoids it but it strikes the Duke.

Duke Aaaaargh!

Anders Duke Wesley, are you alright?

Hannah What just happened? **Sinestra** Sorcery, that's what!

Florrie Dukey, are you all, ah, ah, AH... (the usual business), oh, thank you. Are you alright?

Everyone gathers round to see if he is OK, either masking his costume change if Duke and Frosty is a doubled character, or allowing Frosty to enter, if not.

Anders I knew there was something odd about her.

Hannah What have you done?
Ella I didn't mean to...
Hannah What did you do?
Ella I warned you not to...

Hannah This isn't my fault. You did this.

Devastated, Ella exits, running.

Florrie Don't worry everyone, everything will be alright. The Duke is just... resting?

Hannah Florrie, what happened?

Florrie I'm not sure, but don't worry, it'll all be fine.

Hannah Shall I go after her?

Florrie No, it's best she spends some time on her own.

Sinestra (*To Hannah*). What about you? Is there sorcery in you, too?

Hannah No! No, I'm completely ordinary.

Anders That's right, she is. (Hannah looks at him quizzically). In... in the nicest way. Hannah Florrie, I can't leave my sister on her own I have to find her. (She exits).

The Duke groans.

Florrie Dukey, are you better?

The Duke groans again, but louder.

Herald Oh my, what's happened to him? He's... he's...

The Duke springs forth in his new form. The spell has turned him into a snowman, Frosty, and changed his perspective to a much happier one.

Frosty I'm alive!!

Florrie Oh Duke Wesley, are you alright?

Frosty Huh? Duke who?

Florrie Duke Wesley, that's you?

Frosty (Laughing). Me? A Duke? Oh no! My name's... my name's... well, I don't know what

my name is, I've only just been made or born or whatever you call it.

Florrie But you were the Duke and then the, ah, ah, AH... (the usual business), oh, thank you. The

Queen changed you into...

Frosty Oh never mind about that, what matters, is that I'm here now and I'm happy!

Florrie Well, I have to admit you're a vast improvement on that miserable Duke. Pleased to meet

you, my names Florrie.

Frosty And I'm... I'm... I don't know.

Florrie Maybe the boys and girls could help?

Frosty You think? Well, boys and girls do you know what I'm called? (The audience should shout

back Olaf). Olaf? You think so? That's a great name!

Florrie Maybe you should avoid that one...for copyright reasons.

Frosty Huh?

Florrie Don't worry, look, I'm sure someone shouted out 'Frosty'. That's a great name for a

snowman and has a wonderfully frozen feel to it.

Frosty If you say so, Frosty's a grrreat name! Thanks everyone, you're a great bunch of friends.

Anders Duke... erm, I mean, Frosty, tell me, do you remember anything before you were

transformed? Any conversations we may have had?

Frosty Sir, I don't even know who you are! I swear, this is the first time I've laid my icy eyes on

you.

Anders Nothing about any arrangements or places in your heart for cash?

Frosty Sir, you are funny! Nope, nope, nope-ity nope!
Anders Excellent. Well if you don't mind excusing me...
Frosty (Implying he has broken wind). Did you just fart?

Anders No! I just have things to do. Sinestra!

Anders and Sinestra exit

Frosty Florrie, I want to give the Queen something. Something to say thanks for creating me.

Florrie Well, don't give her a balloon.

Frosty Why not?

Florrie Because she'll only let it go.

Frosty Well, I'll give her something else then. Oh, things are nice, really nice! I'm here and I've

got new friends. Say, (to the audience), I've got a great idea, every time I see you I'm going to shout out...' Ice to see you, to see you...', and I want you all to shout back 'Ice'! Do you think you can do that? You do? Then let's practice! Ice to see you, to see you...

(They reply). Oh that was amazing! It's so good to be alive, I could just sing!

MUSIC #4: 'I FEEL GOOD' (FROSTY AND CHORUS)

Scene 4

A secret garden. Ella is discovered in the garden, alone.

Ella Oh, why did it all go wrong? I thought I could control my powers, I never meant to hurt

anyone. (She cries).

Kristian enters, carrying another delivery.

Kristian Oh, I'm sorry your majesty I didn't realise you were here I'll leave right away.

Ella No it's fine, I was, erm, just leaving myself.

Kristian Are you ok? Ella Yes, I'm fine.

Kristian You look like you've been crying?

Ella They say it's tough starting a new job. Well, I got off to the worst start.

Kristian My sister has a new job, but it's hard to say what she does.

Ella Why?

Kristian She sells sea shells on the seashore. (Ella laughs). So, why are you upset?

Ella You haven't heard?

Kristian I'm just a humble delivery boy, nobody tells me anything.

Ella Well, I think I may have murdered the Duke Wesley.

Kristian So it's not all bad.

Florrie What's she saying?

Hannah Prince Anders, take me to him, he'll save me.

Florrie She wants us to take her to Prince Anders, what do you think boys and girls? (She

encourages a reply). They're not sure.

Hannah Please!

Florrie (*To the Fairy*). Can you help get us back to the Kingdom quickly?

Fairy Alas, Fairy powers are only so strong.

And so I can't take all four of you along.

Therefore, we must hurry, for time's of the essence.

Frosty (*Interrupting*). It'd probably be quicker if you didn't have to say everything in rhyme.

Florrie Frosty!

Frosty What? Hashtag justsaying... and anyway nothing rhymes with 'essence'.

Florrie He's got a point.

Kristian Florrie, go with her, make sure she's ok.

Florrie What about you?

Kristian (*Dejectedly*). You don't need me anymore; I've helped all I can.

Frosty I'll keep you company! (He hugs Kristian).

Ella Hannah, I'm so sorry, please forgive me. Florrie, look after her.

Florrie I will.

Ella You see, I can't be trusted, there's no way I can come back.

Kristian Goodbye Hannah, Florrie, make sure that prince looks after her.

Florrie I will, goodbye, everyone.

Fairy Well then, if you're ready? It's time we should go.

To make our way back to the Kingdom below.

The Fairy, Florrie and Hannah exit, by magically disappearing.

Frosty See what I mean? She could just say 'Let's go' and then leave, instead of saying two

lines?

Kristian Not now, Frosty. (*To Ella*). What will you do now?

Ella There's nothing I can do. I can't be trusted to be near people. I've tried to control these

powers but they can't be tamed.

Kristian What about the Kingdom? The people need you.

Ella Hannah can look after them. I'm dangerous. The best thing I can do for the Kingdom is

to stay away, where I can't harm anyone ever again.

Kristian Your sister needs you, so much, and you need her. You know, with her help, you could

control your powers and use them for good.

Ella Hannah needs <u>you</u>. I know you like her.

Kristian I... look, it doesn't matter, she's got her prince. She'll be happy.

Ella Will she? Will you?

Kristian Who knows.

Ella What will you do?

Kristian I guess I'll just go back home. Maybe I'll drop by sometime.

Frosty Me? Well I guess I'll take the scenic route back to the castle, thanks for asking!

Kristian Let's go, Frosty.

Frosty (Going wobbly again). Oooh! It's happening again.

Kristian Are you ok, Frosty?

Frosty I... I... don't know... CONTRACTS!

Kristian What?
Frosty Cash!
Ella Is he OK?

Frosty Place in my heart!

Kristian I don't know; I think he needs some fresh air. Come on, Frosty, let's go. Goodbye, Ella.

Ella Goodbye.

Kristian and Frosty exit.

Scene 5

In the Mountains. Frosty and Kristian enter. Kristian is still dejected.

Frosty Ice to see you, to see you... (the usual business).

Kristian Are you feeling better?

Frosty Yes, thanks Kristian, it's funny isn't it? I mean, I don't know what happens, my head

goes all wobbly and... (realising that Kristian is downhearted). Oh, Kristian, come on,

cheer up, I hate to see you so down.

Kristian Oh it's nothing, I'll be fine. **Frosty** You miss Hannah already?

Kristian No! Although it is kind of quiet without her around, isn't it?

Frosty Hey, you know what I do when I'm unhappy?

Kristian No? **Frosty** I sing!

Kristian Frosty, I've heard you sing and trust me it won't make me happy.

Frosty I'll pretend I didn't hear that. I'm going to sing you my favourite happy song!

Kristian You don't have to. **Frosty** I'm singing! Hit it!

MUSIC #12: 'ICE ICE BABY' (FROSTY AND KRISTIAN)

Kristian You know, it's a shame you couldn't have taken up singing earlier.

Frosty Why, do you think practice would've made me really good?

Kristian No, but you might have given up by now.

Frosty Cheek! Are you sure you don't want to come back to the castle with me? We could ride

back on my new icicle?

Kristian No, I'll be fine.

Frosty You don't want to know if Hannah gets better?

Kristian Of course I do, but...

Frosty But what?

Kristian She'll be fine; I'm sure the Prince has everything under control.

Frosty You know, there's something I don't like about that guy.

Kristian I know what you mean, I get the feeling there's only space in his heart for one thing and

that's himself!

Frosty (*Having a 'wobble'*). What did you say?

Kristian There's only space in his heart for one thing and that's himself?

Frosty Yes! Oooh, why does that sound familiar?

Kristian I don't know?

Frosty (Going wobbly again). Oooh! I'm feeling wobbly...

Kristian You ok, Frosty? What's wrong?

Frosty It's a flashback!

Kristian Why? Is it because I said: "There's only space in his heart for one thing and that's

himself"?

Frosty Yes! It sounds familiar but not quite right... space in his heart for one thing...but what

thing...

Kristian Blood?

Frosty No not blood... cash!

Kristian Huh?

Frosty Cash! Cash!

Kristian (Searching his pockets). I'll see what I've got but I don't really carry much.

Frosty No! Cash, room in his heart for cash.

Kristian That's it? **Frosty** Yes! But no!

Kristian What do you mean, 'yes but no'?

Frosty It's not him... (realising), it's me? The Duke!

Kristian The Duke? (*To the audience*). Boys and Girls do you know what's happening? (*He*

encourages replies from the audience and ad libs with them).

Frosty Yes, the Duke, it's all coming back now...and wait! Oooooooh! I remember now. The

plan, with the Prince, the Prince wants the power!

Kristian The Prince? Will you explain what's going on!

Frosty When I was the Duke I had a plan, with the Prince; he's going to take over the kingdom!

The Duke gets the cash, the Prince gets the power!

Kristian Are you serious?

Frosty (*He pulls a serious face*). Does this face look like it's joking?

Kristian I knew it! Come on, Frosty we better go and save them. (In a macho voice). Hannah I'm

coming for you, baby!!

Frosty and Kristian exit, rushing off.

Scene 6

The Castle Courtyard. The scene opens to reveal Prince Anders sprawled on a throne. A queue of villagers, heavily flanked by Stage Crew dressed as guards, wait to offer him gifts. The Herald is given a scroll and forced to read it by Sinestra.

Herald Peasants of [Local Town] onia. Today has been declared 'Prince Anders Day'. A day

when all his royal subjects are to present their 'wonderfully handsome' leader with gifts.

Those whose gifts are deemed 'beneath his royal standards' will be thrown in the

dungeons.

Anders You know, Sinestra, this is one of my more favourite ideas.

Sinestra It's very clever your highness.

Anders Well, let's get started!

A guard enters, running.

Guard Your highness, please forgive my interruption, but Princess Hannah is on her way to the

castle.

Sinestra What?

Guard She'll be here shortly.
Sinestra What shall we do?
Anders Is her sister with her.
Guard No, your highness.

Anders Well then, don't worry, all will be fine. Peasants, look like you're having a great time, if

anyone gives the game away then it's the dungeons for you. Clear? (Everyone mumbles in agreement). Good! Band, play some music. (He acts as if he is throwing a party). And so, I've decided that because I love you all so much I'll let you pay no taxes for a year...

The Fairy and Florrie arrive with Hannah, who they lay out on a rustic table.

Florrie Help us out, Anders!

Anders Hannah? Are you alright? What's wrong?

Florrie We found Ella, but, ah, ah, AH... (the usual business), thank you. Things didn't go well.

Anders (*Pleased*). Really? (*Realising he should be concerned*). Erm, I mean, really?

(Unconvincingly). Oh no!