

ACT ONE

Prologue

The Snow Fairy appears as two little princesses are playing together onstage. They act out the monologue as it is spoken. The Fairy interacts with both the audience and the action onstage.

Fairy A long time ago, in a faraway place,
Lived two young princesses, both filled with good grace.
One little Princess was blessed with great magic,
That sadly, one day, caused an upset, quite tragic.

The Princess could summon the power of ice.
Which seems like a blessing, but comes with a price.
For one day, whilst playing, in the castle alone.
She cast a fierce spell, through no fault of her own.

The King and Queen enter reacting to their daughter being struck.

The spell struck her sister, causing worry and dread,
As a sharp coldness started to form in her head.

The Fairy now becomes part of the action healing the Princess.

But as luck would have it, by chance, I was near,
And able to quell the poor royal family's fear.
The Princess was lucky her head took the blow,
For a strike to the heart would bring nothing but woe.

See, a strike to the head can be cured by a fairy,
But a blow to the heart, well, that is far more scary.
I blessed her and then made the coldness outflow
I drew it all out and then let it go.

Her sister then said:

Young Ella So, my power's a curse?
If it means I do this, or perhaps even worse?
I shan't, in my life, use my powers again,
If all it can do is cause others such pain.

Fairy I had to agree, that to stop, would be wise.
Since as she grew older, her powers would rise.
And so this did not cause her sister to fear,
I made all memory of the spell disappear.

(*To Hannah*). You will not be worried, you'll not be afraid,
But you'll recall all of the games that you've played.
(*To Ella*). Now, for you, little Princess, I have this advice.
So listen intently, I shan't say it twice.

You must learn to tame all the powers you hold,
For they'll bring disaster if they're not controlled.

Young Ella I promise I'll do all I can to stay calm.
For I do not wish to cause others such harm.

Fairy And so, the royal family shut themselves away,
And chose to live sheltered till this very day.
To keep them both safe, the sisters were parted,
Which served to make both of them feel quite downhearted.

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 curtsies).* 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.