

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.

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!
Anders 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.