

CINDERELLA

SCENE 1

CHARMING: Right at the river crossing and left at the big stump? Or was it left at the river and right at the stump. Oh this is hopeless Dandini was right, I'm lost. What was I thinking, nothing good can come from this night!

CINDERELLA, who has been listening to all of this from across the clearing slowly approaches and taps him on the shoulder.

CINDERS: Excuse me sir

Startles, CHARMING jumps backwards putting some distance between himself and CINDERELLA

CHARMING: Who goes there?

Realising there is no threat.

Oh, im sorry. I thought I was alone.

CINDERS: I'm sorry if I startled you.

CHARMING: It's quite alright, it's just these woods are so big that you don't often run into anyone else while you're out here. Especially not at night.

CINDERS: I've known these woods all my life and it's true, I don't think I have ever bumped into anyone else. It's strange though, tonight, you're the second person I've seen. Did I hear you saying that you we're lost. If you'd like I can walk you back into the village?

CHARMING: You know the way?

CINDERS: Of course! Are you new to the village? I can't say I recognise your face?

CHARMING: I don't often get into the village, you see I live quite far from here, on the other side of the woods.

CINDERS: The other side of the woods? Why the only thing on the other side of the woods is the palace

CHARMING: That's right.

CINDERS: You live at the Palace then? Wait? You're not? The Prince? Oh my, I should even be talking to you, I'm so sorry your highness I never should have...

She curtseys and bows her head before him. CHARMING, thinking quickly has an idea.

CHARMING: The Prince? Me? Goodness no, my name is Dandini, The Princes Royal bodyguard. Please there really is no need to bow.

She approaches her and takes her by the hands to help her up from her deep curtsey. As they stand up straight, the two get a good look at each other for the first time,. They fall instantly in love. They are still holding hands

A maiden as fair as you should bow to nobody.

CINDERS: You flatter me sir.

CHARMING: Surely, you've heard that before. A girl as beautiful as you must here it a thousand times a day?

CINDERS: I don't believe I have ever heard it, and especially from a gentleman as handsome as you are.

CHARMING: I think you may be the most beautiful girl who I have ever seen. If you would show me the way back to the village I would love to repay the favour by taking you to supper.

CINDERS: Supper time? Oh my is it that late already, I have been here too long, I must get home at once. My sisters will be expecting me. I'm sorry sir, I must go.

CHARMING: No please, I insist, it's only...

They both makes to leave in different directions but they remain holding hands, they are pulled back towards each other and quite by accident as they collide, share a small kiss.

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SCENE 2

BUTTONS: Morning Cinders, did you enjoy the ball?

CINDERS: Oh, so you did know it was me then.

BUTTONS: Of course I did, id be able to pick you out of any crowd Cinderella, you know, that and you made like zero effort to disguise your face.

CINDERS: Oh Buttons, I had such a wonderful time.

BUTTONS: You and the prince really looked as though you were getting along.

CINDERS: He's wonderful, he's everything I've ever dreamed of in a man. He's kind..

BUTTONS: Don't forget I bought you that dress.

CINDERS: He's funny.

BUTTONS: I'm funny! I've got more gags than that shop on the high-street with the blacked-out windows.. (he points at a gentleman in the audience) This guy knows what I'm on about.

CINDERS: And most of all, he cares about me.

BUTTONS: Cinderella, I.. (he's defeated) oh forget it!

BUTTONS turns away hurt

CINDERS: Buttons? Buttons what is it?

BUTTONS: I care Cinderella, I always have and I always will.

CINDERS: Oh Buttons, I know you do, that's why you're my best friend.

BUTTONS: But I like you as more than a friend, Cinderella, I love you.

CINDERS: Oh Buttons, I know, I love you too, it's just, I love you like a brother. And I know that whatever happens and wherever I end up, I know that you'll be right here whenever I need you, and that's what matters most.

BUTTONS: I will, I'll be right here.

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