

**DANDINI**

**DANDINI:** Right you lot, clear off, you heard the Prince, go on, off you go, shoo! Come on look lively!

*The girls exit, dragging their friend away by the ankles.*

That is a relief sire, I thought they would never leave.

**CHARMING:** Dandini, I know that as my royal bodyguard that it's your job to keep me safe, but I really don't think I was in any danger there.

**DANDINI:** You never know sir, one of those girls could have been in possession of a particularly pointy stick. They could have given you a right royal poking.

**CHARMING:** Well next time, why don't you wait for the signal before jumping in to save the day. The one I give when I'm in real actual danger?

**DANDINI:** Remind me again sir? What's the signal?

**CHARMING:** 'Help help, I'm in real actual danger'

**DANDINI:** Ah yes, that's the one!

**CHARMING:** And not when I'm just chatting to the townsfolk eh?

**DANDINI:** Answer me this sir, you're always chomping at the bit to get out of the palace and mingle with the common folk. Why? Surely you have everything you could possibly want back at the palace? You've barely even touched that PlayStation seven you got for your birthday?

**CHARMING:** What can I say Dandini. I'm a people person.

**DANDINI:** There are people at the palace?

**CHARMING:** If I am to be king one day it's important that I get to know my subjects. If I want to meet my future queen I need to get out there, you know, actually talk to people!

**DANDINI:** But you could have any girl you wanted, after all, you are the Prince.

**CHARMING:** Well sometimes I wish I wasn't! I want the girl I marry to love me for who I am on the inside, not for my crown!

**DANDINI:** Well you are! And it's not like you can just take your crown off and pretend your not!

**CHARMING:** By jove, that's it! Dandini you're a genius? Here! Take this!

*CHARMING takes off his crown and places it on DANDINI'S head.*

**DANDINI:** What on Earth do you think you're doing? Blimey, this thing is heavy, no wonder your neck muscles are so thick!

**CHARMING:** Here take this too.

*He removes his sash and sword and places them onto DANDINI. He takes a step back and looks him up and down.*

Cripes! Is that really what I look like! Now tell me, how do I look?

**DANDINI:** I'll be honest Sir, completely and utterly normal. What a difference!

**CHARMING:** Perfect! Maybe now I can go about unrecognised. Just for a while anyway.

**DANDINI:** You baffle me sir.

**CHARMING:** You go on ahead Dandini, take those things back to the palace, I won't be needing them tonight. I'm going to take the night air a little longer and walk into the village.

**DANDINI:** But sir, what if you lose your way?

**CHARMING:** Oh come on Dandini, I've made the journey a thousand times as the prince, Trust me!

**DANDINI:** If you must sir, but I insist you return to the palace before night fall! That's twenty hundred hours on the dot!

**CHARMING:** It's a deal!

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