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CAST OF CHARACTERS

HERBIE HINKLE, an extremely rich nerd and single guy

BRAD NITWIT, show's M.C.

LUANA BANANA, show's supermodel hostess

JILL, bachelorette 1

SUE, bachelorette 2

MINDY, bachelorette 3

CINDY, bachelorette 4

WENDY, bachelorette 5

KIM, bachelorette 6

PRODUCTION NOTES

PLAYERS: 7 females, 2 males

PLAYING TIME: About 40 minutes.

TIME: Prime time TV.

SETTING: A romantic stage with hearts everywhere and a big, glittery sign, surrounded by cupids, that says: The Bachelorettes Reality TV Show.

COSTUMES: Herbie in white, tucked in shirt; dark slacks; thick, black, horn-rimmed glasses; pocket protector (with pens) in shirt pocket. Brad in flashy suit, maybe with hearts or a big heart on his suit jacket. Luana in pretty gown. Kim dressed very plainly, with black horn-rimmed glasses. Mindy wears a bandanna, lumberjack shirt and work boots. She wears a big watch. Jill, Sue and Cindy in pretty dresses, etc. Wendy all in leather with a motorcycle helmet, boots, gloves, etc.

PROPERTIES: A bunch of photos, roll of film, lipstick, big funny pen, long roll of paper, video tape, DVD, index cards, long contract/release waiver, big net, hand microphone, two paper bags, rain coat, goggles, spray bottle, broken pencil.

SOUND EFFECTS: Canned cheers and applause, music of “The Wedding March.”

1 **AT RISE:** Brad enters with hand microphone as wedding theme
2 comes up loudly then fades.
3

4 **BRAD:** Good evening, ladies, gentlemen — and you
5 desperate single guys and girls everywhere! Welcome to
6 another exciting edition of *The Bachelorettes!* (*Canned*
7 *cheers and applause*) I'm your handsome host, (*Fixes his big*
8 *hair.*) Brad Nitwit. Sorry, girls, but I'm taken. Just
9 kidding! Actually, I'm available — but for a limited time
10 only! (*Cheers and applause*) Now, folks, as you know, if
11 you've ever watched our wild and crazy show before,
12 *The Bachelorettes* is America's most romantic new
13 reality TV program! (*Canned cheers and applause*) If you
14 haven't seen our show yet, here's how it works: each
15 week we bring on a single guy or single girl and match
16 him or her up with the mate of his or her dreams — or
17 nightmares! (*Cheers and applause*) Thank you, thank you.
18 Last week we matched up an extremely homely girl,
19 who had this rather pronounced overbite, with an
20 extremely handsome prince from the Duchy of
21 Dingleberry. They are now living happily ever after in
22 the prince's castle back in Dingleberry. (*LUANA runs in,*
23 *waving a telegram frantically.*)

24 **LUANA:** (*Acting as frantically excited and as overly dramatic as an*
25 *airhead can*) Brad! Oh, Brad, Brad, Brad! It's terrible!
26 Horrible! (*To audience for dramatic effect*) It is simply tray-gic!

27 **BRAD:** Folks, you all know our gorgeous — and quite single —
28 supermodel hostess, Luana Banana! (*Cheers and applause*
29 *as LUANA poses and primps*) What's up, Luana? You look
30 a little pale. And very excited.

31 **LUANA:** (*Screams to BRAD.*) Oh, Brad! There's been a
32 revolution in the Duchy of Dingleberry! Oh, Brad, Brad,
33 Brad! It's horrible! Terrible! (*To audience for dramatic*
34 *effect*) Simply tray-gic!

35 **BRAD:** A revolution?

1 LUANA: Yeah. A simply tray-gic one, Brad!
2 BRAD: Tragic?
3 LUANA: Yes! Tray-gic. You see, Brad, the starving peasants
4 of Dingleberry have declared their independence from
5 the overly oppressive monarchy and arrested the
6 prince and our last week's bachelorette, who was just
7 crowned Princess something or other!
8 BRAD: Oh, no, Luana! Can she sue us?
9 LUANA: No. *(Pulls out a long contract/release form.)* According
10 to this air-tight contract slash release waiver she
11 signed before she went on our show last week, she can't
12 sue us for anything, *unless* the wedding photos did not
13 come back from Cheap Joe's Sixty Minute Photo Palace
14 in sixty minutes or less!
15 BRAD: And ... did they, Luana?
16 LUANA: Fortunately ... yes, Brad! They did!
17 BRAD: Fantastic!
18 LUANA: Yes, Brad. *(Pulls out photos and they look through them*
19 *making weird faces, like eeeuuu, ohhh, ahhh.)* We got these
20 slightly underexposed wedding photos back in fifty-
21 nine minutes, with, I might add *(Pulls out a roll of film)* a
22 free roll of film! So we're in the clear, Brad! Princess
23 something or other can't sue us!
24 BRAD: Great! I'm glad the station got Fast Eddie *(To*
25 *audience)* at 1-800-CHEAP LAWYERS to draw up that air-
26 tight contract slash release waiver. As you know,
27 Luana, Fast Eddie can help you if you slip, fall, get whip
28 lash, or heaven forbid, are falsely arrested for any
29 crime short of treason. Remember, that's 1-800-CHEAP
30 LAWYERS.
31 LUANA: Yeah. *(To audience for dramatic effect)* I'll remember
32 that, Brad! 1-800-CHEAP LAWYERS! *(Puts contract, film*
33 *and photos away.)*
34 BRAD: So ... how *is* last week's bachelorette? I'm almost
35 afraid to ask, what with the revolution and all back

1 there in the Duchy of Dingleberry.
2 **LUANA:** How is she?
3 **BRAD:** Yes. How ... is Princess something or other? I'm
4 almost afraid to ask.
5 **LUANA:** Well (*Points to telegram*) according to the P.S. on
6 this telegram, the free peasants of the Duchy of
7 Dingleberry are going to burn her and the prince at
8 the stake tomorrow at high noon. (*Big smile at audience*)
9 Free popcorn will be served to the free peasants! (*Cheers*
10 *and applause*)
11 **BRAD:** Phew! I'm sure glad she signed that waiver, Luana!
12 **LUANA:** Yeah. Me too.
13 **BRAD:** So are you going to ship the formerly lucky couple
14 their wedding photos?
15 **LUANA:** Yes, I will. But I'm afraid the formerly lucky couple
16 won't get them or their free roll of film until after the
17 burning at the stake. You know the post office these
18 days, Brad. And there are no zip codes in the Duchy of
19 Dingleberry.
20 **BRAD:** Hmmm. That can lead to confusion and a delay in
21 delivery. Perhaps now that the monarchy is dead,
22 they'll institute a zip code system in the duchy.
23 **LUANA:** One can only hope, Brad. One can only hope.
24 **BRAD:** Tell me about it. (*Big smile to audience*) Well, folks, on
25 with the show! (*Cheers and applause*) So, except for the
26 revolution in the Duchy of Dingleberry and that tray-
27 gic news about last week's bachelorette, how are you
28 doing, Luana?
29 **LUANA:** (*Primping, posing*) Oh, just fine, Brad. In fact, I'll be
30 making a guest appearance next week in — guess where?
31 **BRAD:** Hollywood?
32 **LUANA:** Nope. Next week I'll be entertaining the free
33 peasants of Dingleberry!
34 **BRAD:** Really?
35 **LUANA:** Yes. Go figure. But it all came as a big surprise after

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