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CAST OF CHARACTERS
(6 male, 13 female, 1 either)

Snow White

Cinderella

Maisy — a stepsister

Paisy — another stepsister

Prince Charming

Fairy Godmother

Queen Foraday

King Pynn

Stepmother

Jack the Giant Killer

Little Mermaid

Gretel

Red Riding Hood

Jack's Mother

Cheeky — a friend of Snow White's

Beauty

Beast

Goldilocks

Big Bad Wolf

Hansel

PRODUCTION NOTES

Synopsis

Poor Cinderella! Her Prince Charming has mysteriously lost all his charm. He's cranky as a mule with a burr under its saddle. And the timing couldn't be worse! Cinderella's hosting an engagement party for Snow White's stepmother, Queen Foraday, and her intended, King Pynn.

Desperate, Cinderella calls her Fairy Godmother for help. In disguise, the Fairy Godmother tries every means at her wand tip to make Prince Charming more charming. She asks Jack the Giant and Pest Killer to check the castle for parasites. She begs the Little Mermaid to test the water to make sure it's OK. She even has Little Red Riding Hood examine the Prince to make sure he hasn't been bitten by the Big Bad Wolf. But there seems to be no cause for the sudden personality change ... Until the Fairy Godmother visits Snow White's kitchen to help make meatballs for the party. A mysterious door in the kitchen leads to the Queen's dungeon where she had previously worked her spells but has now sworn off magic. Could someone have broken in and cooked up a new spell? The Fairy Godmother finds out and as Dora the Disco Queen she tricks the villain during the engagement party. Suffice it to say that once the cat is out of the bag, they all live happily ever after.

Set

Most of the play takes place in Cinderella's castle. Two chairs sit Upstage with a table set between them. Decorations as desired.

Act II, Scene 1 takes place in the kitchen of Snow White's castle. This scene can be played before the curtain and requires no set pieces.

Act II, Scene 2 is back in Cinderella's castle. If desired, decorations may be added to give the scene a more festive air.

Costumes

For most characters modern dress will work very well. Small accessories establishing the character's identity can be used. For example, *Cinderella* might wear a sparkling tiara. *Snow White* might sport a page boy wig. *Queen Foraday* might wear a black cape.

A few characters, however, have specific costume requirements:

Fairy Godmother needs four different costumes, though her basic costume does not have to change. Her basic costume should be white or light-colored pants and a white or light-colored shirt. When she is Petunia, she should add a very flowery apron and a flower hat. When she is Luigi, she dons a mustache, an apron, and a chef's hat. When she's Disco Dora, she wears a sparkling vest, a sash, a headband, dark glasses, and so on.

Cheeky wears a Hawaiian shirt and shorts. He sports a long white beard, mustache, and long white hair (under a hat if desired). A girl can play the role of Cheeky, but should be dressed as described. Cheeky needs to be shorter than Snow White.

Beast can wear a mask, since he does not have any lines, but only grunts.

Big Bad Wolf wears a top hat with wolf ears attached. He also wears black pants and a T-shirt with a tux or formal wear printed on it.

Props

Snow White — Pen (or pencil) and paper, grocery bag

Cinderella — Cell phone

Prince — Cell phone, handkerchief, doughnut

Godmother — Large bouquet of flowers, cell phone

Jack — Suitcase marked "Jack the Giant and Pest Killer," large stuffed garbage bag

Little Mermaid — Water bottle

Gretel — Bag of potato chips

Queen — Cell phone

Beast — Cookie

Big Bad Wolf — Rope tying his paws

Sound Effects

Clap of thunder

Door creaking open

Tango music

Conga music

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Act I

Scene 1

Cinderella's Castle, early afternoon

(At rise, SNOW WHITE sits on a chair checking names off a list. CINDERELLA paces Downstage.)

SNOW WHITE: Little Red's coming, and so is Beauty. I hope she brings the Beast. He's always so much fun. And that about does it. *(SNOW WHITE stands and moves to CINDERELLA.)* Guest list is all set, Cinderella. *(No response)* Cinderella, are you ... all right?

CINDERELLA: Huh? Oh, yeah, sure. Couldn't be better.

SNOW WHITE: I said the guest list is all set.

CINDERELLA: That's great. You always know how to throw a party, Snow White.

SNOW WHITE: I'm not throwing it, Cinderella. You are.

CINDERELLA: Oh, yeah, sure. It's one of your little friends' birthday. Whose is it? Squeezy's? Blissful's?

SNOW WHITE: No, it's my stepmother's engagement party.

CINDERELLA: Oh, yeah. The Wicked Queen's marrying one of your little friends.

SNOW WHITE: No! She's no longer "Wicked." We dropped that, remember? She's just Queen Foraday. And she's getting engaged to King Pynn who rules the Kingdom of Pynndrop.

CINDERELLA: Of course. I remember everything. You've got to forgive me. I haven't had my morning coffee.

SNOW WHITE: It's one in the afternoon.

CINDERELLA: Then I'd better get a cup. Right away.

SNOW WHITE: Well, I've got to run and get some balloons and streamers and a couple of party games like Pin the Tail on the Dragon and Bobbing for Gargoyles. Back soon. Ciao! *(SNOW WHITE exits left. CINDERELLA pulls out her cell phone and dials.)*

CINDERELLA: Hello? Fairy Godmother? It's Cinderella. Oh, sure, fine. No, I don't need another carriage. No, the footman is doing just fine. But I desperately need your help. No, it's not Stepmother. Just get over here as fast

1 as you can. Oh, and wear a disguise. No, I can't tell you.
2 Not over the phone! I'll tell you when you get here. (A
3 scream off right. CINDERELLA hangs up. MAISY and PAISY
4 run on right.)
5 MAISY: Oh, Cinderella!
6 PAISY: Call him off!
7 CINDERELLA: Call who off?
8 MAISY: The Prince! (PRINCE enters right, angrily.)
9 PRINCE: If I've told you once I've told you a thousand times:
10 Don't feed Lightning any sugar cubes.
11 PAISY: But he likes them.
12 MAISY: And he gives us that big sad "Lightning needs a
13 treat" look and we just can't resist.
14 PRINCE: Sugar cubes make him fat and lazy.
15 PAISY: Do you know how many sugar cubes you'd have to
16 give him to make him fat?
17 PRINCE: I'm the only one who can give him sugar cubes.
18 He's my horse.
19 MAISY: Oh, so that's it. You're jealous. Well, of all the —
20 PRINCE: Out! Out! Out! A man's home is his castle and I
21 want you out of my castle.
22 MAISY: Boy, whoever named you Prince Charming must
23 have been off his rocker.
24 PAISY: We're going to buy dresses for the party tomorrow,
25 Cinderella, wanna come?
26 CINDERELLA: No, you go ahead. Charming and I have to
27 have a little talk.
28 MAISY: Good luck. (PAISY and MAISY exit left. PRINCE follows
29 to left, calling off)
30 PRINCE: And my mother wasn't off her rocker.
31 CINDERELLA: Charming? Are you feeling all right?
32 (PRINCE's phone rings. He answers it.)
33 PRINCE: (Into phone) Yeah, yeah, yeah.
34 CINDERELLA: You seem to be a bit ... nervous.
35 PRINCE: (Into phone) Sure! Why not?
36 CINDERELLA: Can I get you some tea to calm you down?
37 PRINCE: (Into phone) No. Never!
38 CINDERELLA: How about letting me massage your

1 temples? You always say I've got magic fingers.
2 **PRINCE:** *(Into phone)* No way, Jose! *(PRINCE hangs up in a*
3 *huff.)*
4 **CINDERELLA:** Charming, who was that?
5 **PRINCE:** My barber.
6 **CINDERELLA:** Charming, can we talk?
7 **PRINCE:** No need to say another thing. Your family's got to
8 go.
9 **CINDERELLA:** What?
10 **PRINCE:** Time for them to find some new digs.
11 **CINDERELLA:** But, Charming, we've got five hundred
12 rooms here and you've fired most of the staff. And
13 tomorrow we're hosting the big engagement party for
14 Queen Foraday and King Pynn, and ... and ...
15 *(CINDERELLA begins to cry.)*
16 **PRINCE:** *(Whipping out a handkerchief)* Here. And be sure I get
17 my hanky back. *(PRINCE exits right. GODMOTHER enters*
18 *left dressed like a florist. She holds a large bouquet of flowers*
19 *in front of her face.)*
20 **GODMOTHER:** Petunia Blossom, here with your order,
21 Cinderella.
22 **CINDERELLA:** I ... I didn't order anything ...
23 **GODMOTHER:** Yes, you did, sweetie. *(GODMOTHER sets*
24 *flowers on table.)*
25 **CINDERELLA:** Fairy Godmother! Is it you?
26 **GODMOTHER:** *(Looking around suspiciously)* Shhhh! Ms.
27 Blossom to you.
28 **CINDERELLA:** Oh, I'm so glad you came.
29 **GODMOTHER:** You look awful. What's going on?
30 **CINDERELLA:** Oh, Fairy Godmother ... I just don't know ...
31 **GODMOTHER:** Now you sit down and tell me all about it.
32 *(CINDERELLA sits in chair.)*
33 **CINDERELLA:** It's too, too awful.
34 **GODMOTHER:** Nothing can be that bad.
35 **CINDERELLA:** Oh, Fairy Godmother ... Prince Charming
36 has lost his ... his ... his ...
37 **GODMOTHER:** Hair?
38 **CINDERELLA:** No, I could live with that.

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