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SLEEPING BEAUTY



A NOT-SO MINI PANTOMIME

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CAST LIST

King Albert

Queen Victoria

Queen Mildred (*Victoria's friend*)

The Lord Chamberlain

The Pink Fairy

The Blue Fairy

The White Fairy

The Wicked Black Fairy (*dressed like a Goth*)

Sarky Sam (*The Black Fairy's assistant – also Goth – boy*)

Crabby Patty (*Another Assistant – also Goth – girl*)

Princess Aurora

Princess Angelica (*Aurora's friend*)

Queen Mildred the Fourth (*poverty struck royalty*)

Prince Florimund (*Mildred's son*)

Rex the talking dog (*Florimund's pet*)

Elderly Woodcutter

Harold, the woodcutter's son

17 speaking parts plus any number of courtiers for the court scenes.

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SCENE 1.

The court of King Albert and Queen Victoria are assembled, in all their finery, for the christening of their baby daughter, Princess Aurora. The King and Queen are sitting on their thrones and the baby is in a crib in front of them. Beside the crib is a pile of christening presents. The Lord Chamberlain is standing upstage, with his staff, and everyone who enters has to whisper in his ear, then he announces their name. A couple enter and whisper to him.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN

Lord and Lady Muck!

(Lord and Lady Muck go up to the King and Queen, curtsy and bow, then they hand over their present to the Queen.)

QUEEN VICTORIA

Thank you so much for the christening present, Lord and Lady Muck. You are so kind.

(The couple move away and join the other courtiers.)

KING ALBERT

I suppose it will be yet another mug, spoon and bowl set.

QUEEN VICTORIA

Albert! Don't be so ungrateful! We've waited such a long time for our precious baby daughter. I'm just grateful that she's healthy. I don't care how many feeding sets we get.

(Queen Mildred enters and whispers in the Lord Chamberlain's ear)

LORD CHAMBERLAIN

Queen Mildred of Bestovia!

QUEEN VICTORIA

(getting up, rushing over to Mildred and giving her a hug)

Mildred, my dear! I'm so glad you could come! Where's your husband?

QUEEN MILDRED

Fighting a war with our neighbours again.

QUEEN VICTORIA

Not again! What is it about this time?

QUEEN MILDRED

Who knows? Arthur never needs much of an excuse to start a fight.

They don't call him Arthur the Aggressive for nothing. I was just glad to have an excuse to get away. How is your little one?

QUEEN VICTORIA

Come and have a look. *(They go over to the crib)* Isn't she adorable?

QUEEN MILDRED

Absolutely perfect. You are lucky to have a girl! Look at me. Four boys and I'm already going grey!

QUEEN VICTORIA

Albert, let me introduce my dearest friend, Queen Matilda. We were at school together, you know.

KING ALBERT

How do you do? Did I hear you say that you were from Bestovia?

QUEEN MILDRED

Yes.

KING ALBERT

Oh, that's such a long way! Thank you so much for coming to the christening.

QUEEN MILDRED

It was a pleasure, believe me.

(King Albert motions to Queen Mildred to sit on his throne. He then stands between the two Queens. The three good Fairies enter and whisper to the Lord Chamberlain).

LORD CHAMBERLAIN

The Pink Fairy, The Blue Fairy and the White Fairy!

(All the assembled courtiers applaud them as they walk to the thrones. They curtsy to the King and Queen).

QUEEN VICTORIA

Oh thank you so much for coming, dear fairies.

PINK FAIRY

We are honoured to be chosen as godparents to the princess, Your Majesty.

BLUE FAIRY

Very honoured.

WHITE FAIRY

Very, very honoured.

QUEEN VICTORIA

But where is the Black Fairy? Did she not come with you?

KING ALBERT

(clearing his throat) **Ahem! I forgot to tell you my dear, but I decided against inviting that dreadful woman to be a godmother to our child.**

(Everyone gasps.)

QUEEN VICTORIA

What!?! Have you lost your mind? Do you know what she could do to us?

KING ALBERT

Now, now dear. Let's not panic. I just couldn't face inviting her, I'm afraid. Not after her behaviour at our wedding.

QUEEN MILDRED

What did she do at your wedding?

QUEEN VICTORIA

Well, she got annoyed because we hadn't seated her at the front of the church, so she kept turning the vicar into a frog.

PINK FAIRY

And I kept turning him back again.

KING ALBERT

It was terrible. The poor man would complete a sentence and then – plop! He'd be crawling about the floor, croaking. Then the Pink Fairy would change him back again, he'd say another sentence and the Black Fairy would zap him again. The poor man had a nervous breakdown after the ceremony.

QUEEN MILDRED

Good Lord!

QUEEN VICTORIA

But to upset her again, Albert, is just asking for it!

PINK FAIRY

She won't like it.

BLUE FAIRY

She really won't like it.

WHITE FAIRY

She really, really won't like it.

KING ALBERT

Nonsense! She won't even know about it.

QUEEN VICTORIA

Albert! You had the army stick christening posters up all over the kingdom. Of course she's going to know about it!

KING ALBERT

Well, let's get on with the ceremony without further ado. If she does arrive, she'll arrive too late.

PINK FAIRY

Of course.

BLUE FAIRY

Absolutely.

WHITE FAIRY

Definitely.

KING ALBERT

***(Announcing loudly)* The Princess Aurora is now about to receive her christening gifts from her godmothers.**

(Everyone goes "ooh!" and applauds.)

PINK FAIRY

***(waving her wand)* My gift is the gift of beauty. May she always look beautiful and never have any need for plastic surgery, botox or facial dermabrasion.**

QUEEN MILDRED

Do you take orders?

PINK FAIRY

See me afterwards, Your Majesty.

BLUE FAIRY

My gift is the gift of wit and charm. May she always laugh at her husband's jokes and use her charm to get her own way.

QUEEN MILDRED

I may have to consult you as well!

WHITE FAIRY

And my gift is the gift of musical talent. May she go straight to the top of the charts, without any help from Simon Cowell.

QUEEN MILDRED

Nah. You can keep that one.

(There is a sudden sound effect (see Production Notes) and the Black Fairy appears, flanked by her two assistants, Sarky Sam and Crabby Patty. Everyone screams)

BLACK FAIRY

(really loudly) **And my gift is....Oh no! Wait! I haven't been invited to be a godmother have I? What do you think of that, Sarky Sam?**

SARKY SAM

(going up to the King and scowling at him) **I think it really stinks!**

BLACK FAIRY

And what about you, Crabby Patty?

CRABBY PATTY

(she goes up to the White Fairy and snaps her wand in half) **I think it stinks as well!**

BLACK FAIRY

(going up to the King and Queen) **So. You thought you'd leave me out of things, did you? (shouting) Don't you ever learn your lesson?!**

QUEEN VICTORIA

Please, please. I didn't know anything about this. My husband took it upon himself to take you off the invitation list without telling anybody. Please don't hurt my baby! Turn him into a frog or something instead!

KING ALBERT

Victoria! How could you?

QUEEN VICTORIA

Well, it's all your fault!