

# PERUSAL

# Prince of my DREAMS

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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

Written for 3 M and 3 W.

**SNOW WHITE** - The classic sleeping storybook heroine. She has no time for romance, because she's busy being a successful businesswoman. Apples give her a fright. Age: 20s to 30s. (W.)

**SLEEPING BEAUTY** - The other classic sleeping storybook heroine. She longs to give up her exhausting career to be a stay-at-home princess. Pointy objects petrify her. Age: 20s to 30s. (W.)

**MOUTHY** - One of the seven dwarfs who knows Snow White. He serves as a sassy narrator for the story and plays the characters TREVOR, (a bookworm), BERTRAM (a horse), PIGEON (a pigeon), PARROT (a parrot), and several rats. Age: Any. (M.)

**FEE** - One of the fairies who knows Sleeping Beauty. She also serves as a narrator for the story and plays the character MAYOR RUTHERFORD (the villain). Age: Any. (W.)

**PRINCE CHARMING** - A prince as charming as his name indicates. Brother to Prince Clumsy. Age: 20s to 30s. (M.)

**PRINCE CLUMSY** - A prince who is accident prone. Brother to Prince Charming. Age: 20s to 30s. (M.)

## **SYNOPSIS**

Snow White and Sleeping Beauty - they're the princesses you've heard about who fall asleep and then wait around for princes to come wake them up. ...Or do they? Mouthy (one of the seven dwarfs) and Fee (a fairy) are ready to tell the part of the story you've never heard before. The princesses actually meet in their dreams and open up a successful business. Pies & Suds is Dreamland's very first bakery-dry-cleaning establishment, and the women are proud to service humans and animals across the land. That is until Mayor Rutherford enforces her strict no-animals-in-eating-establishments policy. Prince Charming and Prince Clumsy's family has ruled the land for generations, though, and the brothers assure the princesses that the evil mayor has no real authority. But when Mayor Rutherford enacts a plan to steal control of Dreamland, Snow White and Sleeping Beauty must go on a quest to ensure that everything turns out happily ever after. Can the princesses defeat Mayor Rutherford and an invisible guard dragon named Mimsy? The mission may seem impossible, but anything can happen with the magic of fairytales!

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## **SETTING**

### **Place**

Mostly Dreamland, a place that exists only in the minds of sleeping princesses.

### **Time**

Once upon a time.

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## **RUN TIME**

60 minutes.

**SCENES****Scene One**

The sky above a wooded forest in Dreamland.

**Scene Two**

A wooded forest in Dreamland.

**Scene Three**

Pies & Suds, a bakery and dry cleaning business in Dreamland.

**Scene Four**

A wooded forest in Dreamland.

**Scene Five**

Outside Mayor Rutherford's estate in Dreamland.

**Scene Six**

Pies & Suds, a bakery and dry cleaning business in Dreamland.

**Scene Seven**

A wooded forest in Dreamland.

**Scene Eight**

Outside Mayor Rutherford's estate in Dreamland.

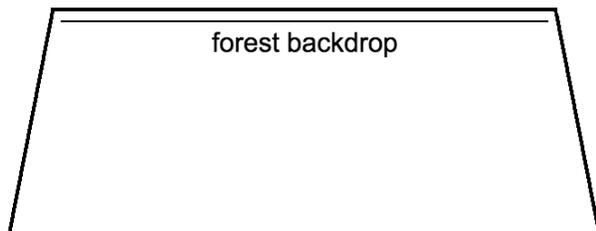
**Scene Nine**

A wooded forest of the lands in which Snow White and Sleeping Beauty live when they are awake.

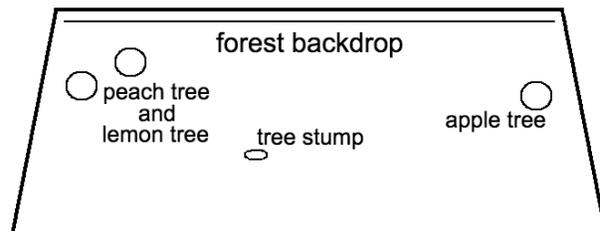
## THE SET

The play is designed to be performed in front of one wooded forest backdrop with various pieces brought on to depict specific locations.

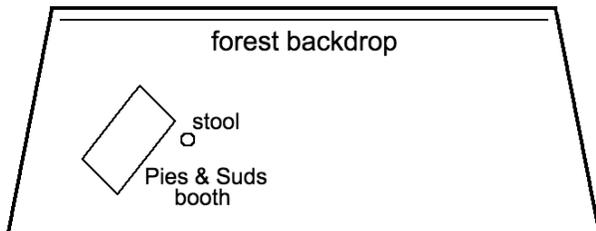
### Scene One, Scene Four, Scene Seven, and Scene Nine



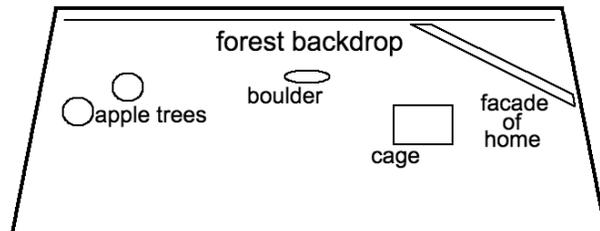
### Scene Two



### Scene Three and Scene Six



### Scene Five and Scene Eight




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## INCLUDED AT THE END OF THE SCRIPT

- Staging suggestions
- A list of properties
- A list of costumes
- A list of sound effects

**START OF PLAY****SCENE ONE**

(At Rise: Lights up on the sky above a wooded forest in Dreamland. SNOW WHITE and SLEEPING BEAUTY flail about in mid-air, as if they are falling. SNOW WHITE holds a grocery bag and SLEEPING BEAUTY holds a purse.)

SNOW WHITE

Ahhhhhhhhhhh!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!

(MOUTHY and FEE enter DR. FEE holds a storybook.)

MOUTHY

(To SNOW WHITE and SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

Pause!

(SNOW WHITE and SLEEPING BEAUTY freeze their positions.)

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

You know these two gals plummeting to the ground.

MOUTHY

(To AUDIENCE.)

Don't they look familiar?

FEE

Snow White and Sleeping Beauty.

MOUTHY

It's hard to recognize them when they're upside down, right?

FEE

Bet you've never seen them in this position before.

MOUTHY

Don't worry. They'll be right side up again in a minute.

FEE

But not in their usual kingdoms. They're on their way to a new land.

MOUTHY

A land that doesn't even really exist. But one we've all been to.

FEE

A place you can only go to when you're not awake.

MOUTHY

Dreamland!

FEE

Dreamland!

FEE

Yup. These princesses are dead asleep.

MOUTHY

Emphasis on the asleep part, not the dead part.

FEE

(To MOUTHY.)

Good point.

(To AUDIENCE.)

You remember how the fairytales go. Sleeping Beauty pricked her finger on the spindle of a cursed spinning wheel and fell asleep, waiting for a prince to come kiss her and wake her up.

MOUTHY

And Snow White ate a poisoned apple, fell asleep and waited for the same thing. Apparently, princes have magical lips.

FEE

I've been waiting a few hundred years for a prince to come kiss me with his magical lips.

MOUTHY

Fee, you're a fairy. You've got all the magic you need.

FEE

Ain't that the truth!

(To AUDIENCE. Indicates MOUTHY and herself.)

We've been so rude. We haven't even introduced ourselves. I'm Fee, one of the fairies that guarded Sleeping Beauty for her entire childhood, making sure she never pricked her finger.

MOUTHY

Fine job you seem to have done.

FEE

And this wise guy over here is one of the dwarfs that lived with Snow White.

MOUTHY

(To AUDIENCE.)

The name's Mouthy.

(To FEE.)

And maybe you haven't heard, but my people now go by "Little Men Who Live in the Woods and Help Princesses."

FEE

Sounds like a mouthful, Mouthy.

MOUTHY

I didn't come up with it. My brother Long-Windedy did.

SNOW WHITE

Excuse me! Can we get on with the story?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

It ain't easy holding this position!

MOUTHY

(To AUDIENCE.)

Whoops! Almost forgot. We're here to tell you all the tale these two princesses dreamed while they were sleeping.

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

It's a doozy!

MOUTHY

Now where did we leave off...? Oh, right! The backstory. So, once Snow White bit and Sleeping Beauty pricked, they each fell into a deep, deep sleep.

FEE

And simultaneously, even though neither princess had ever met the other, they began to dream the same exact dream.

MOUTHY

Sounds impossible, but it's no less believable than a story about a pumpkin that turns into a carriage. Am I right?

FEE

Our play begins once upon a dream.

(Opens storybook and begins reading.)

The princesses were tumbling toward the ground.

(SNOW WHITE and SLEEPING BEAUTY begin flailing again.)

FEE

Down, down, down. As if they were falling through a deep hole dug by a rabbit.

MOUTHY

I want to say it was more like they were being blown around by a strong wind. Like a hurricane or a tornado. That's it. A tornado.

FEE

No. They were falling down a rabbit hole.

MOUTHY

Being carried by a tornado.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Hey! It doesn't matter! On with the story!

FEE

Either way, they were drifting toward Dreamland. Quickly.

MOUTHY

And after some long exposition, they landed with a thud!

(Blackout.)

**END OF SCENE ONE**

**SCENE TWO**

(Lights up on a wooded forest in Dreamland. A peach tree and a lemon tree are positioned UR. An apple tree is positioned UL. A tree stump sits CR. SNOW WHITE and SLEEPING BEAUTY lie on the floor as if they have fallen. SNOW WHITE's grocery bag is at her side. SLEEPING BEAUTY's purse is at her side.)

SNOW WHITE

(Pulls herself up. To herself.)

Where am I?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Pulls herself up. To herself.)

Where am I?

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

Who are you?

SNOW WHITE

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

Who are you?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I asked you first.

(MOUTHY and FEE enter DR. FEE reads from a storybook.)

MOUTHY

The princesses were sitting around in a clearing in the woods of Dreamland repeating each other's questions, when suddenly, a tiny worm came sliding through the trees...

(Beat.)

When suddenly, a tiny worm came sliding through the trees...

(Beat. Calls toward offstage DR.)

Where's the worm?

FEE

Didn't you see the sign outside the theater? No animals allowed.

MOUTHY

Not even bugs? So, how's the story supposed to continue?

FEE

Well... You could play the bookworm.

MOUTHY

Why not you?

FEE

I have to hold the storybook.

(Nudges MOUTHY DR.)

Go on...

MOUTHY

(Grumbles to himself.)

I better get paid extra for this.

(Exits DR and reenters wearing a headband featuring antennae. He slithers like a worm and speaks slowly as TREVOR.)

Oh, I am on my way somewhere! On my way. On my way.

SNOW WHITE

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY. Indicates MOUTHY.)

Who's he?

MOUTHY

Oh, I am on my way somewhere!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Hi, On My Way Somewhere.

MOUTHY

(Continues slithering from SR to SL as he speaks, slowly.)

No, no, no! I am Trevor the bookworm, not On My Way Somewhere. But I am on my way somewhere. What I mean is my name is Trevor and I am a bookworm and I am slithering through these woods because I am on my way somewhere. As in I have someplace to be and... Oh, I do not have time to talk to you or I will never get where I am going!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

A bookworm?

MOUTHY

Yeah. A bookworm in a storybook.

SNOW WHITE

What story?

MOUTHY

Your story.

SLEEPING BEAUTY  
(Indicates SNOW WHITE.)

Her story?

MOUTHY

And yours.

SNOW WHITE

But my story takes place in once upon a time.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Mine, too. Not here. Wherever we are.

SNOW WHITE

Where are we?

MOUTHY

You are in the woods.

SNOW WHITE

I can see that. But where are these woods?

MOUTHY

These woods are in the kingdom of Dreamland.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Dreamland?

MOUTHY

Yeah! This is all a dream.

SNOW WHITE

Whose dream?

MOUTHY

Your dream!

SNOW WHITE

Mine?

MOUTHY  
(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

And yours.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Both of us again?

MOUTHY

I am saying it slow enough. Try to follow along.

SNOW WHITE

Well, how do we get out of this Dreamland?

MOUTHY

You have to wake up.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

But -

MOUTHY

No time to talk. I am on my way somewhere!

(MOUTHY has made it to SL. He slithers off DL.)

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

Snow White and Sleeping Beauty watched Trevor go somewhere.

SNOW WHITE

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

I wonder where Trevor is going.

(SLEEPING BEAUTY shrugs.)

SNOW WHITE

I'm Snow White, by the way.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Pleased to meet you.

SNOW WHITE

You got a name?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I'm sure I do, but most people just call me Sleeping Beauty.

SNOW WHITE

Why?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Because I'm beautiful.

SNOW WHITE

No. I mean, why Sleeping Beauty. Do you sleep a lot?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

You don't become as beautiful as me without plenty of beauty sleep.

SNOW WHITE

Makes sense. So, what do we do now?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I guess we could just wait until we wake up.

MOUTHY

(Enters DL. Speaks slowly as TREVOR.)

Did I forget to mention, you could be here an awfully long time.

(MOUTHY exits DL.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Great! We can't just sit in the woods doing nothing for an awfully long time.

(MOUTHY enters DL and joins FEE. He has a towel around his neck and a bottle of water in his hand as if he has worked hard enough to sweat.)

FEE

(To MOUTHY.)

You named yourself Trevor?

MOUTHY

I like to think a suave name gives the character some depth.

(SOUND EFFECT: stomach growl.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

We should find shelter. A storm is coming.

SNOW WHITE

No. That was my stomach. I haven't eaten much today. I was grocery shopping earlier. And you know how that always gets you hungry? Well, on my walk home, someone offered me a bite of an apple and... Well, here I am. Still hungry.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I wonder what there is to eat around here?

SNOW WHITE

(Points to peach tree.)

Look at those big, juicy looking peaches up there!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Points to lemon tree.)

And lemons in that one!

(Points to apple tree.)

And apples in that one!

SNOW WHITE

No! Not apples! You never know if they're the poisoned kind.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Then how about a peach?

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

Suddenly, a tiny little pigeon flew by and landed in the branch of a peach tree.

(Beat.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(To FEE.)

We're waiting!

(FEE nudges MOUTHY DR. MOUTHY exits DR and reenters with a visible pigeon puppet in one hand and a parrot puppet hidden behind his back. He chirps like a bird as he maneuvers the pigeon puppet into the branches of the peach tree.)

SNOW WHITE

(Pulls soup can from grocery bag. To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

Stand back! I'm going to knock that pigeon right out of the tree, and we can cook it up until it's golden brown. My aim is spot on.

MOUTHY

(Pulls parrot puppet out from behind his back.  
Speaks as PARROT.)

Squawk! Don't you dare!

SNOW WHITE

(Winds up.)

Dinner for two!

MOUTHY

(Speaks as PARROT.)

Put the soup can down, princess! Squawk! Want food? You got it!  
(Makes chomping sounds and maneuvers puppets as  
if they are nibbling the stems of the peaches. To  
FEE. Speaks as himself.)

Come on, Fee! Help me make it rain fruit!

(FEE and MOUTHY reach into the peach tree, pull  
down a few peaches, and throw them at SNOW WHITE  
and SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

Like I was saying... Suddenly, a tiny little pigeon flew by and  
landed in the branch of a peach tree. Then a big parrot joined.  
And the birds bit the stems of the fruit until peaches fell upon  
the princesses.

MOUTHY

(Reaches into the lemon tree, pulls down a few  
lemons, and throws them at SNOW WHITE and  
SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

And lemons.

FEE

But no apples. Wouldn't want Snow White to freak out.

SNOW WHITE

(To FEE.)

Thank you.

(MOUTHY throws a lemon at SNOW WHITE.)

SNOW WHITE

(To MOUTHY.)

Hey! I hope there's no watermelon tree nearby.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Takes peach and bites into it.)

This is a juicy peach. I've never eaten such a sweet piece of fruit in all my -

(SNOW WHITE pulls a butcher knife from grocery bag.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

What in the world...?!?

SNOW WHITE

It's only a butcher knife. I just bought a new one, because my old one was getting rusty.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Pointy things like knives and skewers and spinning wheel spindles make me squeamish.

SNOW WHITE

(Takes a peach and begins slicing it.)

Stand back then. Just going to slice this bad boy up and then do some baking.

(SNOW WHITE pulls a can of premade pie crust from her grocery bag, opens it, and begins spreading dough onto the tree stump.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

A butcher knife...? Ready-made pie crust...? What else is in that grocery bag?

SNOW WHITE

A lot. I cook for seven men. They're little but they can sure pack away the calories.

(Folds peach slices into premade pie crust to form peach pie and places pie on the stump.)

This pie just needs to cook in the sun for a few minutes.

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

And that's when Snow White realized that she'd dripped peach juice all over herself.

SNOW WHITE

(Examines her costume.)

I don't see any peach juice on my -

(MOUTHY splashes SNOW WHITE with some of the contents from his water bottle.)

SNOW WHITE

(To herself.)

Oh, piddle!

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

Do you think peaches stain?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Don't worry! I've got just what you need.

(SLEEPING BEAUTY pulls a detergent bottle and sponge from her purse. She soaks the sponge in the detergent and begins to dab at the stain.)

SNOW WHITE

(Takes sponge and continues dabbing.)

It's really working. Where'd you get this stuff?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

My own concoction. Fairy dust isn't just good for flying. Mix it with a little baking soda and a drop of vinegar, and you've got a detergent strong enough to lift a birthmark right off a butt. Works pretty good as a fabric softener, too.

(The peach pie on the stump has fully cooked. SLEEPING BEAUTY lifts pie and takes a bite.)

SNOW WHITE

(Indicates detergent.)

You know, you could make a fortune selling this stuff.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

And you could make a fortune selling these peach pies. This is delicious!

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

And as simple as that, a business was born.

(Blackout.)

**END OF SCENE TWO**

**SCENE THREE**

(Spotlight on FEE and MOUTHY. FEE reads from a storybook.)

MOUTHY

(To AUDIENCE.)

Bet you've never heard of Pies & Suds.

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

The most successful one stop bakery-dry-cleaning establishment Dreamland had ever known.

MOUTHY

The princesses spent a solid four days building a booth that sells all kinds of baked goods and does laundry. Priced by the pound.

FEE

Imagine being able to enjoy a warm cobbler while getting your dress shirts starched.

(Lights up on Pies & Suds, a bakery and dry cleaning business in Dreamland. SNOW WHITE and SLEEPING BEAUTY stand behind a booth CR. A stool sits near the booth. SLEEPING BEAUTY's purse is behind booth.)

SNOW WHITE

(Calls.)

Come and get 'em! Fresh peach pies right out of the oven! Lemon tarts! Strawberry cakes! Cucumber cookies! Radish brownies!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Calls.)

And if you drip any syrups or sauces on your clothes, our gentle cycle washing machines are ready are raring to go!

SNOW WHITE

Wool sweaters are no problem! Cashmere gowns come out glowing!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

But if you want us to iron your socks, it costs extra!

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

The residents of Dreamland found the baked goods delicious.

MOUTHY

(To AUDIENCE.)

And the dry cleaning convenient. Pies & Suds was never without customers.

FEE

During standard business hours, there was always some creature or other in the shop, eating something or sitting in his underwear waiting for his pants to get cleaned. Talking billy goats, big bad wolves, and little mermaids all frequented Pies & Suds.

(Beat.)

You might not see anyone in the shop right now. But I know a fine actor who can step in to play a horse with a moment's notice.

(FEE nudges MOUTHY toward stool.)

MOUTHY

(To FEE.)

A horse? I'm so small!

FEE

But versatile.

MOUTHY

Okay, okay! But I'm keeping my pants on!

(To SNOW WHITE. Speaks as BERTRAM.)

One piece of carrot pie, please.

(FEE clears her throat at MOUTHY. MOUTHY exits DL and reenters with a headband featuring horse ears. He places it on his head and whinnies like a horse.)

MOUTHY

(To SNOW WHITE.)

Like I said, I'll have a piece of carrot pie.

SNOW WHITE

(To MOUTHY.)

We only sell whole pies. Can't slice anything with Sleeping Beauty nearby.

(Whispers.)

If you ask me, her phobia is a little extreme.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(To MOUTHY.)

Did you say you wanted an apple pie?

SNOW WHITE

No! Carrot!

(SNOW WHITE hands carrot pie to MOUTHY. MOUTHY sits on stool and eats.)

SNOW WHITE

(To MOUTHY.)

How's the pie, Bertram?

MOUTHY

I think my character is more of a Pierre.

FEE

(To MOUTHY.)

Just go with it, Mouthy!

MOUTHY

(To SNOW WHITE.)

Delicious.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I see you dripped some on your pants there, Bertram. We'd be happy to clean -

MOUTHY

Don't even think about it!

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

The princesses had developed a successful business and a close-knit friendship. They wanted for nothing and were very content with their entrepreneurial lives. Until one day, a prince came to their shop.

MOUTHY

(Stands.)

Now there's a role I was destined to play!

(PRINCE CHARMING enters UL. He wears a sword in a sheath.)

PRINCE CHARMING

Yes, the rumors are true! I, Prince Charming, have traveled across Dreamland to sample the confections of Pies & Suds.

MOUTHY

(Sits.)

Just when I thought I'd have the chance at the role of a lifetime.

PRINCE CHARMING

Ah, fine horse -

MOUTHY

The name's Bertram. Apparently.

PRINCE CHARMING

Bertram, can I interest you in a cherry meringue? I hear they're the best in Dreamland.

MOUTHY

(Holds up carrot pie.)

I'm kind of full from this baked carrot thing.

PRINCE CHARMING

My treat!

MOUTHY

Well, I could find room for a meringue. Or two.

SNOW WHITE

(To PRINCE CHARMING.)

Can I help you?

PRINCE CHARMING

Fine baker princess, I'd like to buy a plate of meringues.

SNOW WHITE

Coming right up.

PRINCE CHARMING

And my brother...

(Searches. Calls toward offstage UL.)

Do hurry, brother!

PRINCE CLUMSY

(Offstage UL.)

Coming, Charming! Coming!

(Enters DL with no shoes. He holds his socks.)

It's not easy walking through the woods barefoot.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Why don't you put your shoes on?

PRINCE CLUMSY

I would if I could get them out of the tar pit.

PRINCE CHARMING

My fine brother had a minor mishap on the journey.

PRINCE CLUMSY

Mishaps are my specialty. How was I to know that if I stepped onto that black path between the trees my shoes would get stuck?

PRINCE CHARMING

But brother, didn't the ooey, gooey, glossy, slimy texture give away that the path was actually tar and that the tar was not yet dry?

PRINCE CLUMSY

I couldn't see the ooey, gooey, glossy, slimy texture. That big sign that said, "Caution: wet tar," was blocking my view.

SNOW WHITE

(Hands plate of meringues to PRINCE CHARMING.)

Your meringues.

PRINCE CHARMING

(Takes a bite of a meringue.)

Fine meringues!

PRINCE CLUMSY

(Takes a bite of a meringue.)

They melt in your mouth.

MOUTHY

I wouldn't know.

PRINCE CHARMING

Apologies, fine, patient horse.

MOUTHY.

Bertram.

PRINCE CHARMING

Bertram.

(Hands plate of meringues to MOUTHY.)

I do believe I owe you a meringue.

SNOW WHITE

(To PRINCE CHARMING.)

And you owe me sixteen bucks!

MOUTHY

For a few meringues?

PRINCE CHARMING

Never mind, Bertram. These meringues are so delicious that they're worth ten times that.

(Pulls a few coins from his pocket and hands them to SNOW WHITE.)

Keep the change, fine, beautiful princess.

SNOW WHITE

You can call me by my name. Snow White.

PRINCE CHARMING

And you can call me by my name. Prince Charming.

SNOW WHITE

Well, whether you're really charming or just think you are, excuse me. I've got a business to run.

PRINCE CLUMSY

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

Can you get tar out of socks?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Can I? I'm so good, I can get a birthmark off a butt!

PRINCE CLUMSY

How did you know I have -

SLEEPING BEAUTY

It's just a slogan! But you're pretty cute, stray birthmark or not.

PRINCE CLUMSY

Thanks. I'm Prince Clumsy.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

That's a weird name.

(PRINCE CLUMSY tries to lean on counter of booth but misses and falls.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Yet fitting.

PRINCE CLUMSY

You got a name?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

I'm sure I do, but most people just call me Sleeping Beauty.

PRINCE CLUMSY

I can understand why. You're beautiful when you're awake, too.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Funny thing is I'm not actually awake.

PRINCE CLUMSY

But you're operating a thriving business and standing here talking to me.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

It's a long story.

SNOW WHITE

(To PRINCE CLUMSY.)

And we don't have time to tell it.

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

There's work to be done.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(To SNOW WHITE.)

All our customers have been served.

SNOW WHITE

What if more come?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

We'll take care of them then.

SNOW WHITE

We should get a head start.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Looks like It's time for my break.

(Takes purse from behind booth. Pulls SNOW WHITE  
aside.)

I like him.

SNOW WHITE

You don't even know him.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

That's why I want to get to know him. What if he's the one?

SNOW WHITE

What one?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

The one. The prince who I'll marry so I can become a stay-at-home princess instead of a laundry lady.

SNOW WHITE

You'd give up our business to be a stay-at-home princess?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

How else will I have the time to get my beauty sleep?

(To PRINCE CLUMSY.)

Come on, Prince Clumsy! Let's take a walk. Think you can stay on your feet.

PRINCE CLUMSY

I'll try. But my feet are bare and -

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Don't worry about it. I'm strong as an ox!

(SLEEPING BEAUTY lifts PRINCE CLUMSY and exits UR  
with him and her purse in her arms.)

PRINCE CHARMING

That's one strong princess!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Indicates setting.)

Came in handy when we were hauling lumber to build this place.

PRINCE CHARMING

(To SNOW WHITE.)

So...

SNOW WHITE

So, what?

PRINCE CHARMING

Now that it's just us... And Bertram.

MOUTHY

I get the hint. But I'm taking the meringues with me.

(MOUTHY exits DL with plate of meringues.)

PRINCE CHARMING

Now that it's really just us...

SNOW WHITE

How would you like a pie to the face? I have perfect aim.

PRINCE CHARMING

Have I done something to upset you, fine princess?

SNOW WHITE

You called me beautiful.

PRINCE CHARMING

And that's an insult?

SNOW WHITE

No. But I've worked hard to build my business. I want to be seen as more than just a pretty face. Even if my face is the fairest in the land.

PRINCE CHARMING

You're a funny princess. And you make a killer buttery meringue.

SNOW WHITE

You're just trying to butter me up.

PRINCE CHARMING

I'm being truthful. I'm charming, honest...

(Beat.)

And respectful of your wishes. I shall let you get back to work.

(PRINCE CHARMING sits on stool.)

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

It's true that Snow White had no interest in romance. Not even with a charming prince. Pies & Suds consumed all of her passion. Until...

(Calls toward offstage DL.)

Mouthy, get out here and take over the narration! I'm about to make my entrance.

(To AUDIENCE.)

Get ready to witness my star-turn performance as the villain.

(MOUTHY enters DL.)

MOUTHY

(To FEE.)

Oh, you're not going to make me play all the animals?

FEE

Mayor Rutherford isn't an animal.

MOUTHY

No. But she sure acts like one.

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

I'll be right back.

(FEE exits DR.)

MOUTHY

(To AUDIENCE.)

It was just then that the plot began to thicken.

(FEE enters DR.)

FEE

(Speaks as MAYOR RUTHERFORD.)

Who's been selling baked goods in my land without a license?

SNOW WHITE

A what?

FEE

A license!

SNOW WHITE

(Pulls wallet from her pocket.)

I've got a driver's license, a fishing license -

FEE

But do you have a baking license?

SNOW WHITE

I didn't know that was a thing.

FEE

That's no excuse. And I expect you don't have a license to operate heavy washing machinery.

SNOW WHITE

Accurate expectation.

FEE

And Dreamland has a strict no-animals-in-eating-establishments policy. I hear you've been serving horses. Time to shut this place down.

SNOW WHITE

What authority do you have to come to my business and -

FEE

Listen, newbie! You're talking to Mayor Rutherford! I'm in control of Dreamland.

SNOW WHITE

I see. Then let me know who I should see about filing the appropriate paperwork.

FEE

There's no one to see but me. I'm in charge of everything here.

SNOW WHITE

Oh, really?

FEE

Really.

PRINCE CHARMING

Really?

FEE

Clean the goop out of your ears, Charming.

PRINCE CHARMING

It's just that I don't remember my family placing Dreamland in your control. Last time I checked, you appointed yourself mayor without permission from my parents, the king and queen.

FEE

I was elected through the democratic process.

PRINCE CHARMING

You nominated yourself and cast the only vote.

FEE

Making it unanimous.

PRINCE CHARMING

(To SNOW WHITE.)

Ignore her, fine princess. Mayor Rutherford has no real power here. She only thinks she's in control. She's been trying to boss around residents with that no-animals-in-eating-establishments policy for years.

FEE

I'm warning you, Charming! If you don't start obeying executive orders, you and your family will pay!

PRINCE CHARMING

What exactly are you going to do?

FEE

(Speaks as MAYOR RUTHERFORD.)

I'll do... Something.

PRINCE CHARMING

Until then, kindly stop harassing the residents of my family's land.

FEE

Why, you -

SNOW WHITE

Mayor Rutherford, were you planning on buying anything to eat?  
Having any of your clothes washed?

FEE

Of course not! I came to -

SNOW WHITE

Then please leave Pies & Suds. Patrons only. No loitering.

FEE

Well, I never... You'll regret the day you threw out Mayor  
Rutherford! Even Goldilocks was treated better!

(FEE exits DR.)

SNOW WHITE

(To PRINCE CHARMING.)

Thank you for defending my business, Prince Charming.

PRINCE CHARMING

Mayor Rutherford is all talk.

SNOW WHITE

What if she casts some sort of spell on the shop and all my  
onion soufflés turn into poisoned apple pies?

PRINCE CHARMING

That might be a good thing. Onion soufflé? Yuck!

SNOW WHITE

This isn't a time for joking.

PRINCE CHARMING

Apologies. But Mayor Rutherford is a mere mortal. She has no  
magic powers.

(FEE enters DR.)

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

You hear that? No magic powers. The role of Mayor Rutherford  
really shows my range as an actor.

(FEE exits DR.)

SNOW WHITE

I've worked almost a full week to establish this business. Now I need to file the paperwork to get these licenses before I'm shut down for good. And if I can't serve animals, I'll lose most of my customers.

PRINCE CHARMING

Snow White, don't worry. My family has ruled Dreamland for generations. There is no license for baking.

SNOW WHITE

What about operating heavy washing machinery?

PRINCE CHARMING

What do you think?

SNOW WHITE

I still worry. That woman seemed so mean. Aren't you scared she's going to do something to you?

PRINCE CHARMING

To me? Ha!

(Pulls sword from sheath.)

No villain would dare to cross Prince Charming, middle name, Fearless.

SNOW WHITE

And your brother?

PRINCE CHARMING

(Returns sword to sheath.)

Well...

(SLEEPING BEAUTY enters UR with her purse.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Help! Help!

SNOW WHITE

What's wrong?

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Everything! Help! Help!

SNOW WHITE

Then tell me everything.

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

Well, last week I saw this spinning wheel I'd never seen before. And I thought it looked kind of interesting. And the fairies all told me to stay away from those kinds of gadgets. But I just wanted to -

## SNOW WHITE

Okay, not everything. Skip ahead a little.

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

So, I went on a walk with Prince Clumsy. He's so cute. Don't you think? And interesting. Did you know he's broken all ten of his fingers and four fifths of his toes? That's eight toes. All but the middle ones.

## SNOW WHITE

Yes, and...?

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

And I was really starting to fall for him. Not just because I'm tired of running Pies & Suds and want to be a stay-at-home princess who can sleep in all she wants. But because he's actually really sweet. Like the kind of prince I could marry just for love.

## SNOW WHITE

And you need help, because you don't know what to do. Because you like Prince Clumsy but you don't want to leave me running this business all by myself?

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

No. So we continued our walk and Clumsy wasn't watching where he was going. Maybe he was distracted by my beauty. But anyway, he walked right into a branch dangling from a strawberry tree.

## SNOW WHITE

And hurt his head?

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

No. And that pigeon was in the branch and started squawking, which woke up the parrot in the squash tree. And the parrot flapped its wings and knocked into a squash which fell out of the tree and onto Prince Clumsy's foot.

## SNOW WHITE

And squashed his middle toe?

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

Yes, but not too much. He was able to continue the walk by hopping on one foot. But he got tired, so he went to sit down on a stump. But it was rotten and so it shattered under his weight. And he fell onto the ground. And got grass stains all over his pants.

## SNOW WHITE

And you forgot your detergent?

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Pulls bottle of detergent from purse.)

I'm not irresponsible, Snow White. But as I was cleaning his pants, a little detergent fell onto the grass, and the ground happened to be sloped. Clumsy slipped and rolled down the hill and got trapped in a pit filled with tar.

## PRINCE CHARMING

Mayor Rutherford! She's been placing tar pits all over the land.

## SNOW WHITE

Why?

## PRINCE CHARMING

Why does any mayor place tar pits all over the land?

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

Pavement for a new strip mall?

## PRINCE CHARMING

And to catch clumsy princes. Mayor Rutherford has been trying to trap me and Clumsy for some time.

(MOUTHY exits DR and reenters with a pigeon puppet in one hand and a parrot puppet in the other hand.)

## MOUTHY

(Speaks as PIGEON.)

Chirp. Chirp, chirp.

## SLEEPING BEAUTY

(To SNOW WHITE and PRINCE CHARMING.)

What does that pigeon want now?

MOUTHY

(Speaks as PARROT.)

Squawk! Pigeon says we saw an animal scoop Prince Clumsy out of the tar pit.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Thank goodness!

MOUTHY

(Speaks as PIGEON.)

Chirp, chirp, chirp, chirp, chirp.

(Speaks as PARROT.)

Squawk! Correction. Squawk! Not an animal. Someone who acts like an animal.

PRINCE CHARMING

Mayor Rutherford. She's probably taking Clumsy to her estate.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Then we need to go there and rescue him.

SNOW WHITE

I'll close up the shop.

PRINCE CHARMING

It's a long journey, fine princesses. At least half a mile through swamps and jungles.

(Indicates setting.)

Mostly through woods like these. But who knows where more tar pits lurk?

SNOW WHITE

We can manage.

PRINCE CHARMING

(Pulls sword from sheath.)

I'll protect us, or my middle name isn't Fearless.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Indicates sword.)

Put that thing away! We can do this without anything pointy!

(PRINCE CHARMING returns sword to sheath.)

PRINCE CHARMING

If only Bertram was here...

(MOUTHY exits DL and reenters wearing a headband featuring horse ears and holds a pigeon puppet in one hand and a parrot puppet in the other hand.)

PRINCE CHARMING

...To give all of us a ride across the land to Mayor Rutherford's estate.

(MOUTHY pulls headband featuring horse ears off of his head as if he no longer wants to play BERTRAM.)

PRINCE CHARMING

Ah, Bertram! We knew you wouldn't let us down.

MOUTHY

(Puts headband featuring horse ears back on his head. Speaks begrudgingly as BERTRAM.)

Of course not, Prince Charming. I'd never let you down.

(Speaks as PIGEON.)

Chirp. Chirp.

(Speaks as PARROT.)

We're coming, too. Squawk!

PRINCE CHARMING

(To SNOW WHITE and SLEEPING BEAUTY. Indicates MOUTHY.)

Shall we all hop aboard?

MOUTHY

Now's a good time for some pantomime.

(SNOW WHITE, SLEEPING BEAUTY, and PRINCE CHARMING pantomime riding on horse while MOUTHY trots in front of them. SLEEPING BEAUTY holds her purse.)

SLEEPING BEAUTY

We're off to rescue the prince of my dreams!

(Blackout.)

**END OF SCENE THREE**

**SCENE FOUR**

(Spotlight on FEE. She reads from storybook.)

FEE

(To AUDIENCE.)

So, the princesses and Prince Charming were off. Along with Bertram and the pigeon and parrot. It was a long, half-mile trek across Dreamland. And nearly twenty minutes in, the princesses met up with an old friend. Trevor.

(Lights up on a wooded forest in Dreamland. SNOW WHITE, SLEEPING BEAUTY, PRINCE CHARMING, and MOUTHY stand onstage. SLEEPING BEAUTY holds her purse. MOUTHY wears a headband featuring horse ears and has a pigeon puppet in one hand and a parrot puppet in the other hand.)

MOUTHY

(To FEE.)

Trevor?

FEE

Yup.

MOUTHY

I've got three people pretending to ride on my back, a bird in each hand, and now you want me on the floor again?

FEE

I'm just reading the story. I didn't write it.

(MOUTHY Exits DR and reenters wearing a headband featuring antennae. He slithers like a worm.)

MOUTHY

(Speaks slowly as TREVOR.)

Oh, I am on my way somewhere! On my way.

PRINCE CHARMING

Careful, fine princesses! A slug is crossing the road.

MOUTHY

(Continues slithering from SR to SL as he speaks, slowly.)

I am not a slug. I am a bookworm.

SNOW WHITE

(To SLEEPING BEAUTY.)

We know that bookworm.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

We do! It's Trevor.

SNOW WHITE

(To TREVOR.)

You've gotten so far since we last saw you.

MOUTHY

I would get where I am going a lot faster if people would stop distracting me. First you people. Then Mayor Rutherford and that prince. Now you people again.

PRINCE CHARMING

What did Mayor Rutherford want, fine bookworm?

MOUTHY

She told me to watch where I slither. She said she would be laying fresh tar ahead.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Not more tar.

PRINCE CHARMING

She must know we'll be coming for her. She wants to trap us.

(Pulls sword from sheath.)

I shall defend us, or my middle name isn't Fearless!

SLEEPING BEAUTY

(Indicates sword.)

There you go again with that pointy thing.

(PRINCE CHARMING returns sword to sheath.)

MOUTHY

If you will excuse me, I am on my way somewhere.

(MOUTHY has made it to SL. He slithers off DL.)

SNOW WHITE

I still wonder where he's going.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

It's not important. Clumsy needs us.

PRINCE CHARMING

Where did Bertram run off to?

(MOUTHY enters DL wearing a headband featuring horse ears.)

MOUTHY

(Speaks as BERTRAM.)

I'm here. I'm here.

(Speaks as PIGEON.)

Chirp.

(Speaks as PARROT.)

Squawk! The birds are here, too!

(Grumbles to himself.)

And I'm exhausted.

SLEEPING BEAUTY

We're off to rescue the prince of my dreams!

SNOW WHITE

That joke is going to get old.

(Blackout.)

**END OF SCENE FOUR**



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