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CHARACTER & PLOT SYNOPSIS

A magical tale of Fairies, true love, curses and spinning wheels!

The Princess Rose is about to celebrate her eighteenth birthday and the end of a long-standing curse put on her by the evil fairy Malicia. The future looks bright ... but the wicked fairy is not to be thwarted!

Can Rose's friends Nurse Nelly Nutmeg and court jester Jingling Jerry save her?

Will she find true love with the dashing Prince Rhod?

And can the good but somewhat scatterbrained fairy Forget-me-not remember how to aid the goodies?

A traditional family pantomime packed with jokes, silliness and oodles of audience participation!

CHARACTER NOTES

Princess Rose*Female*

Our heroine – a princess and sleeping beauty.

Prince Rhod*Female / Male*

Principal boy. Can be played by male or female.

Nurse Nelly Nutmeg*Male*

The traditional pantomime Dame. Former Nurse to the Princess Rose and now Palace cook.

Jingling Jerry the Jester*Male*

Court Jester to King Rowan. Comedy linkman.

King Rowan*Male*

The ruler of the kingdom of Floribunda. Father to the Princess Rose.

Queen Iris*Female*

Wife to the King Rowan and mother to the Princess Rose.

Malicia*Female*

The villain. An evil fairy.

Fairy Forget-me-not*Female*

A magical fairy on the side of good with an erratic memory.

King Boris*Male*

Father to Prince Rhod and ruler of the rival neighbouring kingdom.

Old Guard*Female / Male*

A small comic role for a chorus member. A royal guard who has been aged in error by the Fairy's magic spell.

Chorus*Male and Female*

Local villagers, fairy folk and other assorted characters. The script includes a number of small speaking parts and chorus lines that can be shared out. The three other flower fairies can be played by young members of the cast.

ACT ONE

Prologue

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Featuring: *Fairy Forget-me-not (narrating) and other characters as called into the story: King Rowan, Queen Iris, the Flower Fairies, Nurse Nelly, Malicia and the chorus as guests and gifters*

Fairy Forget-me-not sets the scene and describes the events of the Princess Rose's naming ceremony that happened nearly eighteen years ago. The ceremony is interrupted by the arrival of the evil Fairy Malicia who was not sent an invitation and in revenge puts a curse on the young child that before the eve of her eighteen birthday she will prick her finger on a spinning wheel and die! All hope seems lost but Fairy Forget-me-not was able to reduce the potency of the deadly curse to an enchanted sleep for 100 years to be woken by love's first kiss. The narration continues to describe how spinning wheels were banned across the land and the princess grew up closeted and protected in the castle until her eighteen birthday...

Scene one – The Great Hall of the Castle

Main stage

Featuring: *Chorus, Nurse Nelly, Jingling Jerry, Princess Rose, King Rowan, Queen Iris and King Boris*

Present day and it is the morning of the Princess's 18th birthday and the party plans are well advanced. After a rousing opening song we meet the idiotic Jingling Jerry, the country Jester and Nurse Nelly Nutmeg who are also busy preparing for the celebrations. We are introduced to the regular audience participate routines with Jerry (including his joke book). The Princess Rose is introduced, excited that now at last she can go out into the world and discover all that she has missed and gain her freedom but is then told by her parents the King and Queen that they have arranged she should be married to Prince Rhod, heir to the neighbouring powerful and slightly snooty kingdom! Princess Rose is furious and runs off. King Boris, from the other kingdom, arrives and is disappointed to have missed the Princess. As the Royals retire to get acquainted, Nurse Nelly realised she has lots more cooking to do and departs to the kitchens.

Scene Two – A Corridor in the castle

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Featuring: *Malicia, Fairy Forget-me-not, Princess Rose and Prince Rhod*

Malicia enters and explains how her curse has yet to come about and that's not good for her image. She is hatching a plan to fulfil the prophecy and no-one can do anything to stop it. She is discovered by Fairy Forget-me-not but before Malicia can attack her, the good fairy tricks her and scarpers. Malicia departs to carry on her evil plans.

Princess Rose comes on soliloquising about the fact that everyone is always looking after her and molly-coddling her. Who should wander by but the Prince... they don't know who each other are and he moans too about decisions being made for him. A connection is made – love at first sight! They suddenly realise who each other is and sing a love duet.

Scene Three – The Kitchen of the Castle

Main Stage

Featuring: *Chorus, Nurse Nelly, Jingling Jerry, Princess Rose and Voice Over.*

Nurse Nelly joins the chorus in a song and dance and then she starts to prepare treats for the party with the help of Jerry. While Nelly is sorting ingredients, Princess Rose enters and tells Jerry about the Prince. Great news! Jerry would like to share her joy but is stuck with the cooking and would much rather be having fun. He suggests a game of hide and seek and the Princess dashes off. Nurse Nelly returns and Jerry has to stay and help. The scene descends into a slop scene as the pair rely on a special speaking App on Jerry's tablet device to guide them in the cooking and they end up covered in mess. Nelly insists they must head off into the village and get more ingredients.

Scene Four – The top of the tower

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Featuring: *Princess Rose and Malicia*

The Princess is looking for a hiding place and has come to the top of an old, seldom visited tower. She meet Malicia disguised as an old woman at a spinning wheel. After plenty of audience participation Rose is tricked into touching the wheel, pricks her finger and collapses. Is she dead? Malicia certainly thinks so and departs overjoyed that her curse has come true!

Scene Five – The Great Hall of the Castle

Main Stage

Featuring: *Fairy Forget-me-not, Flower Fairies, Nurse Nelly, Jingling Jerry, Chorus (asleep), King Boris and Prince Rhod*

Fairy Forget-me-not describes the effect of the spell. A silly scene as various court members and king and queen all fall to sleep doing things. Nelly and Jerry return with groceries and as they were outside they have not been affected. King Boris and Rhod also enter the castle once more and a plan is hatched to save the Princess.

The Fairy will cast a spell to send the castle and its inhabitants 100 years into the future and the goodies can then return to wake the Princess with a kiss. King Boris is despatched to gather more soldiers to assist. The other help with the spell. Jerry tires to wake the other sleeping chorus but to no avail and they then depart for it to run its course during the interval! A Rousing hero song at end...

ACT TWO

Prologue

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Featuring: *Fairy Forget-me-not*

Précis of what has happened to the Sleepy Kingdom, everyone still fast asleep and castle environs have been forwarded 100 years.

Scene One - The Great Hall, but overgrown.

Main stage

Featuring: *Prince Rhod, Nurse Nelly, Jingling Jerry and Old Guard (Chorus member)*

The goodies discuss how best to save the Princess and where to go. They are aided in weapons training by a member of the chorus who has aged 100 years having still been awake and in the castle when the spell was cast.

Scene Two – A woodland track

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Featuring: *Malicia and King Boris*

Malicia has been out celebrating her victory and feels a little worse for wear. As she plots her next evil plan, King Boris comes by on his way to collect his soldiers to aid the rescue. Not recognising Malicia he explains that the Princess is only asleep and has to be saved. Malicia is furious and casts a spell on Boris sending him back to the castle with a box of amnesiac chocolates to give to the other goodies so that they will forget their stupid quest. Since Boris starts to eat the chocolates himself before he leaves the stage, Malicia is not confident this plan will work and decides to follow...

Scene Three – A room within the castle

Main stage

Featuring: *Nurse Nelly, Prince Rhod, Jingling Jerry, Chorus, King Rowan, Queen Iris, Malicia and Fairy Forget-me-not*

Back in the castle the trio of goodies are searching for the tower and meet Boris with his box of chocolates. Nurse Nelly smells a rat but then Malicia appears and, using her magic wand, brings the sleeping chorus to battle the goodies like puppets. During the sword fight they manage to knock Malicia's wand out of her hand and her power over the sleepers is lost and she flees. Jerry retains the wand. Fairy Forget-me-not enters to give them some useless advice and off they go up the tower to rescue Rose.

Scene Four – Climbing the Tower

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Featuring: *Nurse Nelly, Jingling Jerry, Prince Rhod and the Behind you creature*

The traditional behind you scene!

Scene Five – The top of the tower

Main stage

Featuring: *All.*

Rhod finds the Princess and wakes her with a kiss. As the goodies congratulate themselves and the rest of the castle's occupants awake and join them, Malicia enters once again. Jerry tries to use the wand but it is password protected and Malicia seizes it back and freezes them all. As she contemplates their fate, Jerry asks for last request and uses his joke book to bore Malicia, distract her and finally wallops her over the head to disarm her. Nurse Nelly feeds her a chocolate so Malicia then forgets what she was planning all along and agrees to be nice. Rhod proposes to the Princess and a wedding is on the cards

Scene Six - Song Sheet

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Featuring: *Dame and Idiot*

Song sheet and final business

During this scene it is revealed that Nurse Nelly forgot to send the invite to Malicia all those years ago and all this was her fault. Nurse Nelly feeds Jerry a chocolate so he forgets it all and can't tell anyone. Her secret is safe!

Scene Seven – Finale

Main stage

Featuring: *Everyone*

Finale / walk down and final couplets.