



Sleeping Beauty

Synopsis

When the King and Queen of Slumberland have a baby daughter they are over the moon and throw an extravagant party to celebrate her christening. Everyone in the kingdom is invited, all except the wicked fairy, Maleficent. When Maleficent discovers this, she is furious and when the time comes for the three good fairies to present the new Princess with their gifts, Maleficent storms in with a surprise of her own. She puts a curse on the Princess so that on her eighteenth birthday, she will prick her finger on a spindle and die. But one good fairy still has her gift to give and although she cannot prevent the curse, she can change it. The good fairy declares that Aurora will not die, but instead she will fall asleep for one hundred years, after which time she will be awakened by a Prince with true love's kiss.

The King immediately orders every spinning wheel in the kingdom to be destroyed but he cannot prevent the curse, and on her eighteenth birthday, Aurora pricks her finger on a spindle and falls into a deep sleep.

The good fairies come together to use their magic powers, so that everyone in the palace also sleeps for a hundred years and the Princess doesn't wake up alone. But Maleficent is determined not to be beaten. To prevent the prince from rescuing Aurora, she creates a deadly forest around the palace; all those who enter the forest mysteriously disappear, never to be seen again!

A hundred years pass by, and just as the good fairies predicted, a Prince arrives to release Aurora from the curse, only to be confronted by the deadly Forbidden Forest. With ghosts and ghouls to contend with, as well as Maleficent and her goons, can Prince Phillip conquer the Forbidden Forest and rescue the girl of his dreams? Or

will Maleficent succeed in getting her revenge? It's all up to Prince Phillip to save his Sleeping Beauty to live happily ever after.

Characters

Princess Aurora – Sleeping Beauty.

Prince Phillip – The dashing hero.

Maleficent – Wicked Fairy.

Nanny Ida Down – Aurora's Nanny.

Frank – The Royal Valet.

Fairy Monica – A good fairy.

Fairy Rachel – A good fairy.

Fairy Phoebe – A good fairy.

King Divan – Aurora's father and ruler of Slumberland.

Queen Divan – Aurora's mother.

The Narrator – The storyteller.

General Bigwig – The Kings General.

Sgt Straight – The Kings Guard.

Sgt Narrow – The Kings Guard.

Maggot – Maleficent's goon.

Mould – Maleficent's goon.

Aladdin – Aladdin Twankee, making a guest appearance. (Small role – one scene.)

Mr Bush – The Gardiner (Just a few lines, could be played by chorus.)

Miss Molly – The Maid. (Just a few lines, could be played by chorus.)

Chorus

Act 1

Scene 1. The Christening

Scene 2. Revenge

Scene 3. The Curse

Scene 4. The Birthday

Scene 5. The Dream

Scene 6. Bake Off

Scene 7. The Search

Scene 8. The Spinning Wheel

Act 2

Scene 1. One Hundred Years

Scene 2. Get The Prince!

Scene 3. Wake Up!

Scene 4. The Escape

Scene 5. The Kiss

Scene 6. The Worms Turn

Scene 7. The wedding

Suggested Songs

Song 1. Footloose (Kenny Loggins)

Song 2. No Place I'd Rather Be (Clean Bandit)

Song 3. The Witch Is Back (From Hocus Pocus)

Song 4. We Are Family (Sister Sledge)

Song 5. A Thousand [Hundred] Years (Christina Perri)

Song 6. Ain't No Mountain High Enough (Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell)

Song 7. Tomorrow (From Annie)

Song 8. We Could Have Been Anything (From Buggy Malone)

Song 9. Marry You (Bruno Mars)

Song 10. Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go (Wham)

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Act 1

The Christening

Scene 1

Front of tabs.

Narrator Once upon a time, there was a kingdom called Slumberland, which was ruled by a King and Queen who were kind and generous. Everyone loved them, and they had everything they could possibly want, except for the one thing they wanted the most... a child. Then one day, the Queen was walking along the riverbank, when she spotted a little frog, gasping for air. She lifted the frog and gently placed him in the water and was about to walk away when she heard a croaky little voice. "You saved my life," said the frog. "To repay your kindness, I can grant you one wish". The queen, who had never heard a frog talk before, was a little taken aback but she decided it couldn't do any harm to tell him her dearest wish and so, she told the frog how she longed for a child. "So be it!" said the frog, then he leapt into the water and disappeared. Soon after, the Queen's wish came true, the royal couple were blessed with a beautiful baby girl, and they named her Aurora. The proud parents decided to throw a grand christening party to welcome the new princess, and the kingdom rejoiced.

The narrator exits. Monica, Rachel, and Phoebe enter opposite.

Rachel We're late!

Phoebe We're late!

Monica For a very important date!

*Monica stops suddenly to look at her watch and the others bump into her. SFX
Cymbal crash.*

Monica Oh my, look at the time.

Phoebe The King will not be pleased.

Rachel It's your fault we're late.

Phoebe My fault?

Rachel You lost your wand!

Phoebe I didn't lose it, I misplaced it.

Rachel It's the same thing.

Phoebe No, it's not.

Rachel Is too.

Phoebe and Rachel notice the audience and stop in their tracks, but Monica carries on oblivious.

Monica I wish you two would stop arguing. It's infuriating! It's enough to...

Phoebe *(Interrupts in a loud whisper.)* Monica.

Monica *(Turns.)* What?

Phoebe nods towards the audience.

Phoebe Who are all these people?

Monica Oh... they must be here for the christening party. *(To audience.)* Hello, I'm Monica and these are my fairy friends.

Phoebe I'm Phoebe.

Rachel I'm Rachel.

Phoebe Are you sure they're here for the party.

Rachel They look rather...

Phoebe Scruffy?

Rachel I was going to say casual.

Monica They're probably from [local town]

Phoebe *(To audience.)* Would you like to come to a party?

Monica Phoebe! You can't invite random strangers to the palace.

Phoebe They're not strangers, they're our friends. Besides, the more the merrier!

Monica What if they don't want to come.

Rachel Who doesn't love a party?

Phoebe (*To audience.*) You'll come to the party, won't you?

Audience responds.

Monica Fine, they can come. (*To audience.*) But you'd better be on your best behaviour, his Majesty won't tolerate rowdy gatecrashers.

Phoebe (*To audience.*) You're in for a treat, it's going to be amazing!

Rachel There'll be singing and dancing.

Phoebe And a grand feast.

Rachel Everyone will be there.

Monica Almost everyone.

Rachel Oh yes, except for she-who-must-not-be-named.

Phoebe (*Loud whisper.*) Maleficent.

Monica & Rachel Shhh!

Phoebe (*Covers her mouth.*) Sorry!

Monica You must never speak her name.

Rachel She's a bad fairy!

Monica A *really* bad fairy!

Rachel She can't be trusted.

SFX Evil sting.

Maleficent Did someone say my name?

Monica Maleficent! What are you doing here?

Maleficent That's no way to welcome a fellow fairy.

Rachel You're not welcome!

Maleficent Why are you all dressed up?

Phoebe No reason.

Maleficent Where are you going?

Rachel Nowhere.

Maleficent I don't believe you!

Monica Go away, Maleficent!

Maleficent I'm just being friendly.

Phoebe You're never friendly!

Maleficent (*Points to audience.*) They'll tell me what's going on, won't you?

Phoebe Oh no they won't.

Maleficent Oh yes, they will.

Phoebe, Monica & Rachel Oh no they won't

Phoebe It's none of your business.

Maleficent What isn't?

Phoebe The party.

Monica & Rachel Phoebe!

Phoebe covers her mouth.

Maleficent A party, eh? Who's this party for, I wonder? (*Thinks.*) Could it be the Princess, perhaps?

Phoebe You're not invited.

Monica & Rachel Phoebe!

Act 2

Scene 1

One Hundred Years

Front of tabs.

The Narrator enters.

Narrator For a hundred years the fairies kept watch incase she-who-must-not-be-named returned, but she never did. The forest grew thicker with every passing year, it was impenetrable. Many who attempted to reach the palace disappeared and eventually people stopped trying, it became a place of folklore and legend. Finally, the day arrived for the sleeping palace to wake ready for the prince to arrive and lift the curse.

SFX Crowing rooster. Fairies enter.

Monica It's almost time. Only more day and the curse will be lifted.

Phoebe A hundred years, gone in the blink of an eye.

Rachel Speak for yourself, it felt like an eternity!

Monica Everyone in the palace will soon be awake.

Phoebe And tomorrow the prince will arrive to wake Aurora with true loves kiss.

Monica He has to negotiate The Forbidden Forest first.

Rachel No one has ever made it through.

Monica We'll figure something out.

Phoebe Maleficent has seen to it that no one can reach the palace.

Monica & Rachel Shhh!

Monica Don't speak her name.

Maleficent speaks from off stage.

Maleficent Did someone say my name?

Rachel Oh no, it's her. She's back!

Maleficent I'm always watching.

Phoebe Go away, Maleficent.

Maleficent No sign of your prince yet.

Phoebe He'll be here.

Maleficent He's not coming.

Phoebe Oh yes, he is!

Maleficent Oh no he isn't!

Phoebe (*Encourages audience.*) Oh yes, he is!

Maleficent Even if he does, he'll never make it through the forest. (*Evil laugh to fade.*)

Rachel She's gone.

Phoebe She's right, if we can't get through, what chance does he have?

Rachel That's if he even turns up.

Phoebe He'll be here.

Rachel How can you be so sure?

Phoebe I sent him an invitation.

Monica You sent who an invitation?

Phoebe The Prince.

Rachel What Prince?

Phoebe And a map, with directions to the palace.

Monica Where did you find this Prince.

Phoebe (*Takes out a smartphone.*) I used this.

Monica What is it?

Phoebe It's a smartphone, it's from the future.

Rachel Where did you get it.

Phoebe I found it in the forest, someone must have dropped it while trying to find palace.

Monica And this...

Phoebe Smartphone.

Monica You used it to find a Prince?

Phoebe Yes, it's very smart. I used a dating app.

Monica & Rachel What's a dating app?

Phoebe It's how people meet in the future. Look, this is his profile.

Rachel (*Reads from smartphone.*) Prince Phillip of Far Far Away. Likes: Adventure, rescuing damsels in distress and thigh slapping. Dislikes: Evil witches, fire breathing dragons and [Insert current tv programme].

Rachel What's [Current tv programme]?

Phoebe Search me! That must be from the future too.

Monica So, you think this chap is our hero?

Phoebe Yes.

Monica What makes you so sure?

Phoebe I have a good feeling.

Fairies exit.

Curtain opens on a village scene. SFX Horses hooves.

Phillip (*Off stage.*) Woah, boy!

Prince Phillip enters, holding a map.

Phillip This looks like the place. (*He looks up and sees the audience.*) A-ha, locals! Hello there, I'm Prince Phillip of Far Far Away. I expect you're wondering why I'm here, I'm not exactly sure myself! I received this map with directions to the Palace of Sleeping Beauty, so here I am.

Straight and Narrow enter.

Phillip Good day, Gentlemen.

Straight & Narrow Morning.

Phillip I seem to be lost; can you help me?

Narrow Of course.

Straight What brings you to these parts?

Phillip I'm looking for the Palace of Sleeping Beauty.

Straight & Narrow *(To each other.)* Tourist!

Narrow Heard about the legend, have you?

Phillip Legend?

Narrow The legend of the Princess they call, Sleeping Beauty.

Straight Cursed to sleep for a hundred years.

Phillip I, err...

Narrow Legend says, she's in the palace.

Straight But you'll never find it.

Phillip Why not?

Straight You must go through the Forbidden Forest.

Narrow No one has ever made it through the Forbidden Forest.

Phillip How do you know so much about this legend?

Narrow Our great grandfathers worked at the palace.

Straight In the king's guard.

Phillip What happened to them?

Narrow It's a mystery.

Straight If you believe the legend, they're still there.

Narrow Frozen in time.

Prince Sounds like an old wives tale.

Straight How did you hear about Sleeping Beauty?

Phillip I received a letter, and this map.

Narrow From who?

Phillip I've no idea.

Straight It's probably junk mail!

Narrow Let me have a look.

(Straight and Narrow examine the map.)