

Sleeping Beauty

A Pantomime by Tom Stevenson

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Cast / Characters

King Bumble - A king with a stutter (*Male/Female as male*)

Queen Bea - A dominate Queen (*Female/Male as female*)

Princess Beauty - The Princess - (*Female*)

Prince Dave - A charming Prince. (*Male/Female as male*)

The Chamberlain - Efficient well-spoken royal officer (*Male/
Female*)

Sparky - The odd Job man (*Male*)

Pipper - A Dame, Friend to Beauty (*Male*)

Prince Harry - A rich Suitor (*Male*)

Prince Charles - Another suitor (*Male*)

Agatha Gadafi - The Witch (*Female*)

The Fairy - A Fairy (*Female*)

Goblin 1 / Goblin 2 (*Male/Female*)

Chorus - Rejected suitors, guards, fairies, townsfolk and creatures.

Act 1

Prologue

In front of the red curtain.

Song 1

Chorus sung happy song, with fairy taking some lead vocals. Fades into the Star Wars theme.

Fairy *[Professional voice]* In a time ago in a galaxy far, far away. A town lay between *[struggling to read]*

Stage hand Bulwell *[or local town reference]*

Fairy and *[struggling to read]*

Stage hand Mansfield *[or local town reference]*

Fairy There lived a King and Queen who wanted to have a baby daughter. They didn't worry how to raise the child, how to change the nappies, or how on earth you open the child safety lids on Calpol. They did not need to worry - as the Good Fairy, Me, being good, did them good, and the Good Fairy, me, granted their wish. A beautiful princess was born. And she was good.

Stage hand And it would be good if she'd get a good thesaurus, which is good.

Fairy A small journey, just down the A611 *[or local bypass]*, there was an evil witch.

Stage hand Who smelled of gone off cheese and looked like Sonya from Eastenders.

[Witch walks across the stage to the other side to grabbing the 'Stage hands' man, dragging him to centre stage angrily. The lighting is all RED]

Witch Alright wise guy. Think it's okay to crack jokes at me? I may be evil but at least I don't still live with my mum!

[Pulls 'Stage hand's' trousers down to show "I love mummy" pants. Then kicks his bottom off the stage]

Witch I am Agatha Gadafi the most evil witch in the West.

Fairy *[aside]* Not the East though.

Witch Yes, the East, and the North, South, and the entire compass. What are you urchins staring at? You saw what I did with that little RAT back stage. I am not afraid to destroy each and every one of you. *[Evil Laugh]*

Fairy *[Walks towards the witch]* Phew, who let one rip? Was it you? *[Gesture to a child in the audience]* Smells like you're cooking cabbage. Agatha what have you been eating?

Witch What do you want my stupid twin sister?

Fairy An air freshener? It's true - This is my twin sister, people just call me 'The Fairy Queen'. Because I have all the looks

Witch I have all the brains.

Fairy And a big nose!

[A small snippet of Barbara Streisand by Duck Sauce plays. The witch and fairy look off stage in despair]

Witch What do you want, you vile girl?

Fairy party I was wondering if you want to see my new frock - for the royal party tonight?

Witch Party? What Party? Where is my initiation?

Fairy The christening of the royal baby. Did they not send you a text? *[To the audience]* To stay away!

Witch How dare they? I will have my revenge.

Fairy Revenge for what? Why would they invite a wicked old witch?

Witch Erm... a wicked old powerful sorceress. They will pay if they think they can treat me this way. That doesn't impress me much.

[A small snippet of Shania Twain That don't impress me much plays. The Witch pulls the Stage hand onto the stage again comically kicks his bottom off stage]

Fairy Well, I think it will be good if you come to the party. Because without you - there is no story.

[Fairy Exits]

Witch

You horrible lot, I will boil you alive. The King and Queen will pay for their foolishness. I will curse their baby girl, and there isn't a thing you lot can do about it [*Evil Laugh and exits*]

Scene 1

The Royal Palace Hall - Full stage

Song 2 - a cheerful song and dance number. Sung by Chamberlain and the royal servants.

Chamberlain His Royal Majesty, King Bumble the 28th

*[Royal Fanfare to the tune of Barbie Girl]
[Enter King]*

King I thought I was the t-t-twenty seventh?

Chamberlain No, Your Majesty - that is your father

King Are you sure?

Chamberlain That he was your father?

King No you fool.

[the Queen enters and slaps the chamberlain across the head]

Chamberlain Her Royal Majesty - Queen Bae.

King I know who she is. I call her that because she is my Bae *[Acts street]*

Queen And I call you my buzzy little bumble *[Turns to king]* Well?

King Yes thank you.

Queen Oh Bumble - I remember when you used to talk to me all-romantic. Once we were on a weekend away, in Skegness, I was bent over the 2p machine. You pulled me in, held me close, you whispered in my ear. Hey Honey, I got money - Are you an alien cos' you're out of this world. *[Becoming deeply engrossed in the memory, King looking embarrassed]*

Chamberlain The Christening is about to begin. We must go.

[Enter villagers, servants and other people who huddle around the king and queen centre stage. The queen greets all the men. They settle into a position then a long pause begins]

Queen Anyone bother to bring the baby on stage? Anyone turn up to rehearsal more than twice? No?

[Queen walks to the side of the stage to grab a prop baby from the stage hands - then storms back on stage and roughly hands the prop baby to one of the servants]

Queen Don't you people remember anything? *[to the Chamberlain]* I bet you even forgot to invite all 10 of the fairies in the land.

Chamberlain Because of the age-old superstition - if a single fairy is not invited to the christening; she'll curse the family?

King I-i-i-i-I. Yes

Chamberlain I'll... just... go and check

[A dance of 8 fairies and THE fairy come onto stage to bless the baby]

Chamberlain *[Notices the fairies]* Ta'da! The Fairy Queen, boys and girls

Dance number - while king and queen try to count the dancing fairies

Fairy Hello Boys and Girls. Sorry I'm late.

Queen That's okay - The baby has only just arrived *[Dart look to servant who forgot baby, hands her to the fairy]*

Fairy *[Picks up baby, looking at the face]* Oh she is cute - Looks just like you Queen Bae. She doesn't look much like you my king. *[Looks at the baby's bottom]* Now I see the resemblance.

[Fairy dancers dance off the stage]

Queen Why can't they just walk off? *[Over compensating]* I was just saying to my husband - I do hope we invited all 10 fairies to tonight's party.

Fairy Well, you only invited 9. Agatha wasn't there. But I'm not sure she counts as a real fairy.

Queen *[Over the top worried]* Darling we forgot a fairy. The curse. Oh dear the curse!

[A sound of lightning is heard followed by the stage in utter darkness as the wicked witch walks on. There is a low red light]

Witch Forget to invite me?
Oh how dare they?
Let's see what the night will bring

Fairy Can you turn up the lights? I can't see a thing!

[Lights come up]

Witch *[to audience]* To become a wicked witch you must curse a family. The more powerful the family, the more control I have as an evil witch. Now to become the most powerful witch ever, by cursing ... your daughter!

Queen What are you going to do to Beauty?

Witch Give me just a second and I will tell.
With the oil of bats and a snail's shell
I will put her under my spell...

[Grabs baby and holds her aloft like the lion king. The soundman plays the Lion king song]

Witch RIGHT! I've had it with you

[goes off stage and a punch and falling down noise is heard]

Witch Where was I? Oh yes. I will put her under my spell!

King You'll put her under your smell?

Queen Spell - You idiot

King Y - o - u - I - d - I - o - T

Fairy Cut to the important bit. What is the spell?

Witch You will have to wait and see.
This is what happens when you anger me.
I will lay a curse that will damn society
And leave the King and Queen with anxiety.
But what I have done I will not say.
You will find out in 18 years from this very day!

[Lights dim, witch to the front of stage, spotlight on her]

Witch *[Evil Laugh]* Oh I bet you think you know. You think you know what this curse is? Anybody hazard a guess? *[Audience interaction]* Spindle? Ha! Nobody knows what they are. There are no spindles in Hucknall. I'm far more evil than that. The first time she stubs her toe - she will die!

[Evil Laugh, runs off stage to a thunder effect]

King W-w-w-w-w [*Becomes a stuttering mess*]

Queen Oh sweetheart - This is what happens when he's upset.

King W-w-w-w-w

Chamberlain Wearing winter wellies?

King W-w-w-w-w

Chamberlain Waltzing with Anton Du Beke?

King W-w-w-w-w

Fairy Wheezing wolves wondering wildly in Whitby?

King W-what are you going to do about it Fairy?

Fairy Oh... I don't know. I'll go find out - phone me if you need me!

[The Fairy exits]

King Right. The party is cancelled until we can work out what to do!
Everyone please leave.
[Everyone ignores the king and continues to chat amongst themselves]

Queen GO HOME!

[Everyone Scarpers]

Queen Come along my Kingy wingy buzzy bumble - lets see if you can't cheer me up

[The King and Queen also leave]

[The Queen storms back on stage to collect Beauty, who had been left on stage]

Song 2.5 - Chorus enter with a song about the passage of time.