

CINDERELLA?

*(Based very loosely upon the tales by the
Bros. Grimm. First produced at Brown
Ledge Camp, 1975.)*

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

FAIRY GODMOTHER

STEPMOTHER: JUDY ANDREWS

STEPSISTERS: PATSY
MAXI
LEVINE

CINDERELLA

KING

QUEEN

PRINCE

HERALD

THE BUNCH OF PEOPLE

SETTING: As simple or elaborate as budget will allow.

REQUIREMENTS: Stool for Fairy, 2 short stools (Thrones).

COSTUMES:

Requirements - Large full-skirted dress (MOM)

2 Matching Ball Gowns (CINDERELLA and FAIRY
GODMOTHER)

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Scene 1

(AT RISE: The CURTAINS open on a dark stage. We hear the following:)

CAST: Dum – dee – dum – dum ... Boy, does this sound
DUMMMMMM!

(The first section of the FAIRY GODMOTHER'S line is spoken in the dark - possibly on tape.)

FAIRY: *(With little useful expression.)* This is the land.
Fairy-tale land. A bunch of people live here. Some nice ...
some nasty. Kings, queens, princes and paupers. Wise
men and worms. Every one of them wants something he
doesn't have. Some of them steal ... some of them don't.
That's where I come in ... *(LIGHTS up on FAIRY
GODMOTHER. If previous was taped, she now speaks to
audience.)* My name's Tuesday. I'm a Fairy Godmother. I
carry a wand. *(If possible, SHE is followed by
SPOTLIGHT.)* I try to patch things up around here. Here
in Fairy-tale Land, I weld together break-ups. I mend
tears. Close friends call me Tuesday Glue. It was 8:30,
Friday night. I was working nightwatch, Step-Daughter
division. Commander was Captain Merryweather. The
call came in. I answered it. A young girl was crying. Her
Stepmother and Stepsisters had gone to the Prince's Ball
at the Palace. The young girl was forced to stay home.
Obviously an 807 ... 234... 195 ... 6. I had to check it out.
I pulled out the file. Then the Captain made me take a
speech course. Said she couldn't stand my diction. I
suggested she sit down. She suggested something else
to me. I took the speech course.

*(FAIRY GODMOTHER crosses to stool. She picks up file
and sits down. Cuts speech pattern.)*

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SISTERS: Was it yoooooooouuuuuuuu????

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CINDERELLA: Oh, no, dear Stepsisters. I don't have any air spray any more. I used to have air spray when I lived alone with my father, but when he remarried your mother, all my spray was taken away for I wasn't the heir any more.

PATSY: Well, then you have no time -

MAXI: To sit and chatter with us.

LEVINE: You better get back to work. *(SISTERS exit.)*

CINDERELLA: Well, I think I'll go play in the cinders by the fire.

(CINDERELLA exits. The FAIRY GODMOTHER re-enters, crossing to stool as LIGHTS fade down to a SPOT on her. She watches Cinderella go off and then speaks to the audience:)

FAIRY: Cinderella? It sounded a little strange to me, so I checked it out. It seems that it was only an alias. Her real name was Beulah Yenkowitz. I made a mental note to tell her to stick with Cinderella. But I still wanted to know where she got saddled with that handle.

(LIGHTS down on FAIRY GODMOTHER. LIGHTS come up on JUDY, PATSY and MAXI.)

PATSY: Hey, mom,

MAXI: We wanted - *(Beat, beat.)*

PATSY: How she -

MAXI: Ever got - *(Beat, beat.)*

PATSY: Of -

MAXI: Cin - *(Beat.)*

BOTH: - ella?

MoM: Say what? *(LEVINE rushes in.)*

LEVINE: Sorry I'm late.

MOM: Okay, take it from the top.

PATSY: Hey, mom,

MAXI: We wanted -

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LEVINE: To know -

PATSY: How she -

MAXI: Ever got -

LEVINE: The name -

PATSY: Of -

MAXI: Cin -

LEVINE: - der -

SISTERS: - ella?

MOM: I named her that because she's always playing in the
cinders and making an ash of herself.

(SISTERS give thumbs down with a razzberry.)

CINDERELLA: *(Enters carrying a letter.)* Stepmother, Step-
sisters, look what just came in the mail!

MOM: *(Taking letter and opening it.)* Let me see that!

PATSY: What's it -

MAXI: - say, -

LEVINE: - Mom?

MOM: It says that the Prince is having a big blow-out up at
the Palace tonight and we're invited.

CINDERELLA: And the messenger who delivered the letter
said that the Prince will choose the fairest girl in the
kingdom to be his bride!

PATSY: The fairest -

MAXI: - girl in the -

LEVINE: - kingdom.

MOM: Well, girls, just keep your fingers crossed. Hopefully
she won't show up and you'll have a chance.

PATSY: What else -

MAXI: Does it -

LEVINE: Say, Mom?

MOM: Let me see ... "Fairest girl at the Ball becomes
Prince's bride; lovely consolation prizes, door prizes, party
hats and favors. Decision of the Prince will be final. Party
begins promptly at 9 o'clock, doors will open at 8:30.

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