



The Snow Queen

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Characters

Kai

Gerda

Children x 3 speaking parts

Villagers x 3 speaking parts

Flower seller

Snow Queen

Snivel - The Snow Queen's minion

Grovel - The Snow Queen's minion

Hugh Kindheart - kai's father

Nanny Rose - Gerda's grandmother (The Dame)

Anna - Villager

Sylvia - Villager

Gemma - Villager

Fairy Snow

Fairy Flake

Young Snow fairies - as many as wanted

Daisy - Talking and singing flower

Poppy - Talking and singing flower

Pansy - Talking and singing flower

Fran Giapani - A white witch

Princess and Prince Opal

Robber family - Father, girl and boy

Bae - The reindeer

Songs are suggestions only and songs with words altered are at the end of the script.

Prologue -The Snow Queen

SQ enters Stage left in darkness...lights come up just a little...eerie green or blue light

SQ: *I am the snow queen
A rarer beauty never seen!
Never does a day go past
Without I look into the glass
And every day I see myself
I love *me* even more
And when Kai sees me, very soon,
He'll love me too, I'm sure.
I'll bewitch him with my beauty,
I'll place ice into his heart
And a shard of glass into his eye
So... let the Panto start.....*

Flash of lightening and crash of thunder -SQ runs down centre aisle cackling

Act 1 Scene 1

Village green or small town square, market day...very colourful by contrast

SONG 1: On a Wonderful Day Like Today - Anthony Newley

(For whole cast minus NR, SQ, Hugh, Snivel and Grovel)

Gerda: Kai, do come and look at these beautiful roses. They're for sale and Nanny would probably love them for her window box.

Kai: Gerda, you're so sweet. You're right, they *are* lovely, she would indeed love them.

Gerda: She has been like a mother to me since I lost my parents in that terrible snow storm. Now that I have come of age I'll buy them with my first earnings and take them to her as a surprise.

Kai: I 'll help you carry them and we'll tend them together.

Gerda: How much are these please?

Fl seller: They are two pennies each my dear.

Gerda: Oh, I only have 3 pennies with me, what a shame.

Kai: No matter, I'll pay the other penny.

Gerda: Will you Kai? Thank you so much. You are a very dear friend and I am so glad that we live next door to each other.

Kai: I'm glad too (*aside*) and I hope that one day we can be more than just friends.

Child 1: Ooooh! Love birds...

Kai and Gerda move to one side..

Child 3: Did you hear that the Snow Queen has been around these parts recently?

Child 1: Was that yesterday? I did notice it was a bit chilly last night.

Child 2: What's *she* doing where she's not welcome?

Child 3: Yes, I wonder what she's up to.

Child 1: Mischief no doubt.

Child 2: They say she glides around the town looking into people's windows. Her gaze is so cold that she can freeze your breath.

Villager 1: You must be talking about the Snow Queen. I remember last time she came, she made it snow in July! It was freezing for 3 whole weeks.

Villager 2: Yes, the farmers couldn't harvest as I recall. She ruined the crops.

Villager 1: And then we had that big thaw and everywhere flooded.

Villager 2: My Fred's parsnips rotted under the ground.

Child 1: Why do you suppose she's so mean?

Villager 3: Rumour has it that she had a curse put on her by a wicked sorcerer. A shard of glass entered her eye and made her cruel and evil. She was always the Snow Queen but now she's a wintry old witch as well.

Child 3: That's very scary.

Villager 1: Stop filling the children's heads with old legends. No need to be scared my pet. That was all a very long time ago and look, the sun is shining and the flowers are blooming.

Child 1: ...And its only June

SONG 2: June Is busting Out All Over - Rogers and Hammerstein

(For Whole cast) see end of script

As the song ends the lighting turns from a warm yellow to a cold blue

Enter the Snow Queen with S and G...Snivel and Grovel are a few paces behind but don't stand near the queen

SQ: What's all this merriment for? Horrible noise, horrible flowers, horrible little children!

Children cower and hide behind the adults

Child 1: Is *that* the Snow Queen?

Villager 2: It most certainly is!

Child 2: Oh, we were just talking about her.

SQ: So glad you weren't wasting your breath. Now... it's far too hot here, let's take the temperature down a little, shall we? *Cackles*

Villager 3: No please don't do that, it's summer and we want it to stay that way until Autumn.

SQ: Well I don't! Brings on my hot flushes. *(To the audience)* Yes, yes, I *am* a woman of a certain age...you wouldn't know it to look at me would you?

Audience ...Oh yes you would etc.

SQ: Well, I don't care what you think! How's this for magical powers then?

Waves her wand and snowflakes start to fall. Lighting ...take colour down still further. Everyone looks really worried

Villager 1: Come along children it's time we all went home for tea.

Villager 2: Yes, and it's getting very cold.

Villager 3: Very, very, unusually cold.

Reprise song 1: **On a Wonderful Day Like Today- Anthony Newley** (words altered)

SQ: Oh no! there'll be no more heat while I'm here. Can't abide the heat. It brings on my hot flushes with a vengeance.

Villager 1: Pack your things away everyone and we'll close the market for today.

Everyone exits with all their market goods.

SQ: Was it something I said? Oh well, they were only making the place look untidy. Far too much colour and noise and that *dreadful* singing!

Audience boo

SQ: *(To the audience)* What's the matter with you lot eh? You're an untidy lot too. Just look at *you* with that hideous colourful tie and *you* with that ghastly coloured dress!

More audience booing

SQ: Who asked your opinion anyway? I hate colour. I only like white, pure and bright like me or black, black as ebony. The only colours I will tolerate are gold and silver...befitting a queen.

Audience boooo etc.

Grovel: *(Aside to the audience)* Who's she trying to kid?!

Snivel: Pure?! Bright?!

Grovel: She's delusional!

SQ: Ah! So there you are! Where have you been you imbeciles?

Snivel: What's an imbecile? What does it mean Grovel?

Grovel: It means 'stupid,' you idiot.

Snivel: Well, she can't mean me then. I am neither stupid nor an idiot. You on the other hand...

SQ: *(Interrupts)* Stop that bickering and get over here...NOW!

Grovel: Yes, Your Iciness.

Snivel: Coming your Frostiness.

Grovel: What is your desire, Oh Cold One?

SQ: We need to find a young man named Kai. *(To audience)* Have you seen him?

Audience yes/no etc

Grovel: What does he look like?

SQ: Well, last time I came he was just a boy... but a very handsome boy with raven dark hair and beautiful eyes... with the longest lashes...

Snivel: Ooh, I do remember him. He was lovely, kind and if I remember rightly, very fond of a young girl called Gerda who lived next door to him.

SQ: Yes, that's him. I'm hoping that by now he has grown into a handsome young man and is fit and ready to marry me!

Grovel: Marry *YOU?*

SQ: Yes, and why does that surprise you?

Snivel: Because you're an old, nasty queen and he's a handsome, young man?

SQ: How dare you speak to me like that?! I'll have you know I am considered pretty by people who matter.

Snivel: Pretty ugly!

Grovel: *(Takes Snivel to one side)* You see, you *are* an imbecile Snivel! Talk to her like that and she'll freeze the pants off you.

Snivel: But my mother always taught me to tell the truth and the truth is she *is* old and nasty. The meanest queen there's ever been.

SQ is creeping up behind them and listening in

Grovel: And there are times when you say nothing or you'll get yourself into hot water. Or in this case freezing cold water. I mean, I'd never call her a nasty old queen to her face even though she is one.

SQ: Oh no I'm not! How dare you!

Audience oh yes you are etc

SQ: What do I care what you think anyway. I know I'm beautiful and as for you two (*to Sn and G*) Just be careful or I'll turn you into ice cubes and leave you here to melt in their ridiculous sunshine. Do I make myself clear?

Snivel: Yes, Your Dankness, perfectly clear. Absolutely, totally, utterly, certainly, categorically, definitely, positively, unquestionably (*Grovel nudges him*) ...clear as glass.

Grovel: (*to Snivel*) Stop acting like an idiot.

SQ: Who says he's acting? Find Kai for me! I *repeat*, am I making myself clear?

Grovel: As clear as an ice cube Your Evilness.

SQ: Now get to work and find out where Kai lives. I shall be preparing my potion and spell. I shall pierce his eye with a splinter of glass and freeze his heart. He will no longer be in love with Gerda but will see me for the beautiful queen that I am.

Snivel and Grovel stand there mouths open in amazement

Well go ...get on with it! You incompetent, contemptible beings.

SQ Exits with a snow flurry

Snivel: (*Goes and sits down, head in hands*) Oh Lord...You've done it now...You've made her angry.

Grovel: *Me?* You started it by calling her a nasty old queen.

Snivel: And *you* said it again, *out loud* for her to hear. Now who's the idiot?

Grovel: Oh no I didn't.

Snivel: He did, didn't he everyone?

Audience Oh yes you did etc.

Grovel: There's a few idiots out there in the audience.

Snivel: Really? I can't see any.

Grovel: That's because you're stupid. Besides, you'd have to be an idiot to pay money to come and see this panto.

Snivel: (*Looking sad again*) Oh, do you really think I'm stupid?

Grovel: No, I don't think you're stupid. I *know* you're stupid!

Snivel: *(To audience)* I'm not, am I?

Audience banter

Grovel: Well if you're not stupid you have very, very bad luck with your thinking. Anyway, we must get down to business or she'll turn us into ice cubes. Have any of you seen Kai today?

Snivel: Which way did he go?

Audience banter...Snivel and Grovel both point in different directions and head off to left and right then walk backwards and bump into each other etc

Grovel: Well, we'd best get off and start looking. Oh and if you see the Snow Queen before *we* do, can you let us know by shouting out ?

Snivel: We don't want her creeping up on us again do we Grovel?

Grovel: Definitely not. So please shout 'The Snow Queen... The Snow Queen...The meanest Queen there's ever been!'

Snivel: Shall we have a practise?

Audience banter

Enter Hugh Kindheart (meant to sound like huge kind heart)

Hugh: Oh it's you two again. Long time, no see. *(to audience)* I'm pleased to say. *(Turns back to Sn and Gr)* What are you doing here anyway. Are you with that awful old Snow Queen? I was rather hoping that she'd never come back again.

Snivel: Yes, we're with her. She's our boss you see. She wants us to find someone.

Hugh: Oh?

Grovel: A boy called Kai...She wants to marry him.

Hugh: You *MUST* be joking!

Snivel: No, no he's not. He's Grovel not Jo and I'm Snivel.

Hugh: They're not very nice names.

Grovel: I used to be called Edward.

Snivel: So did I.

Hugh: Really? How extraordinary.

Grovel: Yes, the Snow Queen didn't like it. She couldn't tell us apart so she renamed us.

Hugh: That's a pity...two Eds are always better than one. Hahahaha

Snivel and Grovel look at each other and shrug not getting the joke.

Hugh: Oh well never mind. About Kai...The Snow Queen surely doesn't want to marry him. You must have that wrong.

Snivel: No, he's right.

Hugh: But he's practically engaged to Gerda and besides The Snow Queen's so much older than him, not to mention evil!

Grovel: Yes, best *not* to mention evil!

Snivel: But she's our boss and terrifyingly cruel so we have to do what she says and *she says* find Kai!

Grovel: You ask them out there what they think. (*Motions to audience*)

Snivel: Tell him what she's like. we've already practised so you know what to say.

Audience ... The Snow Queen, The Snow Queen, she's the meanest queen there's ever been!

Hugh starts to pace up and down

Hugh: Oh dear oh dear... I must warn them!

Enter Nanny Rose

NR: Hugh, my dear, what is it? You look all of a fluster.

Hugh: Oh...It's that wicked old Snow Queen. She's back and threatening to marry Kai!

NR: Marry Kai? I'm flabbergasted...In fact my flabber has never been so gasted! But you don't need to worry about that. Kai would never marry *her*. Not even if she was the last person on this planet!

Hugh: You don't understand. She's evil and will do anything to get her own way. Ask this lot they've only seen her once so far and already they know what she's like. Tell her... go on...

Audience ... The Snow Queen. The Snow Queen, she's the meanest queen there's ever been!

NR: Well, what *can* she do? She can't *make* Kai fall in love with her.

Hugh: Well, he *is* in love with Gerda and just this very day, Kai has come to tell me that he intends to propose to Gerda. He will be coming to *you* soon to ask for your blessing.

NR: Oh joy! I always hoped that those two would marry.

Hugh: Me too.

NR: *(Sidles up to Hugh)* Then we'll be related. Won't that be fun?! It might bring us closer together. *(Gives him a squeeze and pinches his bottom.)*

Hugh: Well really Nanny Rose!

NR: Go on Hugh, you know you like it.

Hugh: I know no such thing. You are very presumptuous!

NR: Be like that then...From now on just think of me as a missed opportunity.

Grovel: *(Aside)* Mistake, more like it.

NR: What did you say?!

Grovel: Er... nice day I said...didn't I?

NR: I don't know what's nice about it. Hugh, you're never loving towards me despite all the meals I cook for you and your boy Kai. Well...that's the last time I let you have *my* dumplings!

Hugh: Come on Rose. Put those thorns away. Don't be so prickly.

NR: Well come here and give me a cuddle then. We make the perfect pair, you know we do. I've been lonely ever since Gerda's parents died in that terrible snow storm and you know you've not enjoyed being alone with Kai.

Hugh: *(Ignores this and says)* Well, I must dash home and warn Kai about the Snow Queen's intentions.

Hugh exits

Grovel: Let's follow him. We'll find out where Kai lives.

Snivel: Will we? Why?

Grovel: *Groans and drags him off by the scruff*

NR is left alone on stage and starts to sniff..

NR: Why can't he love me?! I'm not such a bad catch am I? I mean, I might be getting on in years but I'm still rather gorgeous even if I do say so myself. I don't know if I can hold on for him much longer. If he's not careful I shall look elsewhere. Yes, I will. (*Looks around the audience...*) I can see one or two out there who would want me...I might just...but oh it's Hugh I really love...sorry lads.

Song 3: Song for NR: I'm All Out Of Love - West Life song (lyrics adapted and sung very dramatically) *see adapted song lyrics at the end of the script.*

NR breaks down and sobs lights down - end of SC 1

Act 1 - Scene 2

In Nanny Rose's house

Kai and Gerda are sitting talking to each other quietly.

Enter NR

NR: Thank goodness that you're here and together!

Gerda: Nanny look we've bought you a present.

NR: (*Very distracted just glances at the rose bushes.*) Oh yes, lovely, lovely but...

Gerda: What is it Nanny, what's the matter you look flushed and worried.

NR: Well, the Snow Queen is in town and...

Kai: Yes, we know that, she came to market today and emptied the place out. It was so cold wasn't it Gerda? What's she up to then Nanny Rose?

NR: No good...of that you can be sure!

Gerda: I had heard that she was once very beautiful but her evil and cruel disposition now shows in her face and she has not aged well.

NR: Do you know the story of how she came to be so cold hearted?

Kai: No...do tell us Nanny.

Gerda: Yes, do.

NR: Long, long ago there was an evil old sorcerer...

Lights down and snow starts to fall outside.

He created a magic mirror... It was a bad mirror. Anyone who looked in it could only see evil and ugliness. It disturbed the purest of hearts. The sorcerer was proud of his invention and thought it highly amusing that beauty looked ugly. All the nasty hobgoblins who worked for him were equally impressed and looking in the mirror made them even worse than they already were.

They laughed aloud as they saw beautiful people become crestfallen at their distorted images and they wanted to take the mirror to heaven to mock the angels.

Kai: Why would they do that Nanny?

NR: They thought that if the angels saw themselves as ugly it would bring them down a peg or two.

Kai: And did it?

NR: Well...as they flew higher and higher the mirror took on a life of its own and shook so violently that they lost their grip of it.

Gerda: A good thing too I should think.

NR: It fell to earth and smashed into millions of billions of pieces or maybe even more.

Kai: Even better. The evil magic will have been destroyed.

NR: Ah yes, you would think so but some of the fragments of glass were smaller than a grain of sand and these went flying through the world. Some went into people's eyes and distorted their vision so that they only saw the bad in things.

Gerda: How terrible Nanny!

NR: A few people even got a splinter of glass in their hearts and that was the most awful thing for it turned their hearts to ice and they no longer loved or cared about anyone except themselves.

Kai and Gerda look at each other and realisation dawns

Kai/Gerda: The SNOW QUEEN!!

NR: Precisely. And now she is heartless, mean and evil and what's more she wants to marry Kai and make him the Snow King!

Kai: Me, marry her?! Never! I would *never* do that, *never*! Besides, I love *you* Gerda and was to ask you to be my wife just as soon as I had sought Nanny Rose's blessing.

Gerda: Oh Kai, how wonderful! Nanny do you approve? Please say you do, oh please!

Kai: May I have your blessing Nanny Rose?

NR: Of course my dears, you were made for each other. I *always* knew that and I secretly hoped that one day you would marry.

Gerda: We've always been together since childhood...you've always been my dearest friend Kai.

Kai: And now we'll be together forever, wherever we go and whatever we do.

Song 4: Excerpt from **Together, Wherever We Go** -music by Jule Styne and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim - (For Kai and Gerda)

Enter Hugh

Hugh: Ah, I thought I'd find you here.

Kai: Father...Good news! Gerda has agreed to be my wife and Nanny Rose has given us her blessing.

Hugh: Splendid, splendid! *(Kisses Gerda and shakes hands with Kai)*

NR: *(Sidles up to Hugh again)* Won't it be lovely Hugh?! We'll all be one big happy family.

Hugh backs off and NR flutters her eyelashes at him

NR: Come on Hugh, don't be shy, after all we're almost family now.

Hugh looks embarrassed

Hugh: I must go I'm afraid...I'll see you back at home later Kai.

NR looks dejected but goes over to her cooking. Kai moves to the window and gazes at the snow falling.

Kai: How heavily the snow falls and how quiet and peaceful it makes the world.

Gerda: It is *so* cold and the quiet... a little eerie.

NR is humming softly to herself as she bustles about cooking

Gerda: I should like a wedding gown as white as the snow and beautiful roses from Nanny's garden for my bouquet. I love roses don't you Kai?

Kai: Yes, roses *are* beautiful... like *you* Gerda.

Gerda: I always think of *you* Kai when I see roses.

NR: This one's gruesome. *(Pointing to one on the window sill.)*

Gerda: Gruesome? What do you mean Nanny? I think it's beautiful.

NR: I planted it, I watered it and it grew some! Hahahahaha...Oh I do make myself laugh!

Kai: Dear Nanny Rose, always a smile on your lips and love in your heart.

NR: I wish your father saw me in that way. We've lived next door to each other for *soooo* long and he's only ever polite to me. The only complimentary thing he's ever said to me is that he likes my dumplings. *(Aside to audience)* I suppose it's a start.

Kai: I know he's very fond of you Nanny. Perhaps he's a little shy.

NR: Well, *I'm* a little love sick, can't he see that? Every time I think of him I see stars before my eyes.

Kai: Have you seen a doctor?

NR: No, just stars. - Oh Kai, can you help me out?

Kai: Certainly, which way did you come in?

Nanny grins and Kai laughs

Kai: That's it Nanny, look on the bright side.

Gerda: Oh Nanny, don't worry, I'm sure now that Kai and I are to be married you'll have plenty of time together and you know what they say? Roses grow on you!

NR: Well, I hope you're right. I shall just go on being my own little self, demure and yet tantalising and maybe he'll notice me more when you two are gone.

NR moves off to busy herself in the kitchen again, Kai moves over to the window and gazes out.

Kai: *(Suddenly shouts)* Ow! *(covers his eye)* There's something in my eye! Ow, Ow, It's so sharp! *(Then clutches his chest)* My chest hurts too.

Gerda runs over to him

Gerda: What is it Kai? Whatever's happened. Here, let me look at your eye.

Kai pushes her away roughly

Kai: Don't fuss. I'll be alright...Oh for goodness sake, get out of my way!

NR: Let me help you Kai.

Kai: *You...help me!* You must be joking. I don't want any help from you. Just stop interfering.

Gerda: But Kai, Nanny is only trying to help, as am I.

Kai: I don't want *her* help or *yours* for that matter. I'm going home. It's boring here.

NR: But Kai, I've just finished cooking your supper...stew and dumplings. Everyone loves my dumplings!

Kai: No thanks, I don't like your cooking, never have, and as for your dumplings they're stodgy and tasteless.

Gerda: Kai! What *has* got into you?! I've never known you to be so unkind.

Kai: Well perhaps you don't really know me at all. I'm off.

Gerda: Shall I come too?

Kai: No, I want to be alone, I'm sick of you hanging around me all the time. *(Gerda starts to cry)* And stop that stupid crying. It makes you look ugly.

Kai storms out... Gerda sobs...NR puts arm around her

Lights down scene change

Act 1 Scene 3

On the village green again, some weeks later and after the thaw.

Group of friends talking together Nanny Rose talking to Gerda.

Gerda: I wonder where Kai is now Nanny..

Nanny: I think it's time we accepted that Kai has gone dear. Look to the future.

Anna: At last the sun is shining again.

Sylvia: Yes, that cold spell in June was so unexpected!

Anna: I'm so glad it is nice again for I am to be married in just 3 weeks time!

Gemma: What flowers will you have in your bouquet?

Anna: I 'm having lilies. I love their perfume.

Sylvia: I will have sunflowers when it's my turn they are so bright and make me feel happy.

Gemma: And what would you have Gerda?

Gerda: I was to have roses... *(Looks away dreamily)* We used to tend Nanny's roses together...Kai always said *I* was as beautiful as a rose. Oh, how I miss him...*sighs*

Anna: So terrible the way he disappeared like that, never to be heard of again.

Enter Hugh carrying a sledge

Hugh: Gerda, Samuel has just brought this to me.

Gerda: Kai's sledge!

Hugh: Yes, he said he found it in the river. He thinks that Kai must have had an accident and drowned.

Gerda: Oh dear an accident, I must find Kai...he might have had an accident and be hurt, concussed...that would explain his disappearance...he might have lost his memory!

NR: Oh dear Lord, the poor boy drowned...dead! The poo, dear boy!
There is no point you searching for him Gerda.

Gerda: I don't believe it! I feel it in my heart that he is *not* dead. I *thought* that he had changed his mind about the wedding and left town to avoid us all, but I feel *sure* that he is not dead. His sledge is a clue. He has had an accident! I will search for him!

NR: Let me come with you.

Gerda: No Nanny, you must stay and care for everyone here the way you always do. You have looked after me since I was a little girl and sacrificed your own life for me. I am older now and I must do this alone.

Sylvia: What about that rumour that the Snow Queen took him away?

Anna: He would never go with her willingly. I don't think that can be the case.

NR: Ah, yes but she has special powers and Kai behaved very strangely before he disappeared. It was as if his heart had grown cold.

Gerda: Yes, I often think of that day. He certainly wasn't his usual kind, gentle self...he changed very suddenly...as suddenly as the summer became winter.

NR: Yes, just as the unusual cold spell began.

Hugh: And what a long, cold spell it has been. The most, harsh weather I've experienced for a long while ...made worse by the loss of my beloved son. *(Takes out a hanky and wipes his eyes.)*

Nanny bustles over to him and pushes his head into her ample bosom

NR: Come here dear man...let me comfort you.

Gerda: So, Nanny, Hugh. I must make haste and set off in search of Kai.

Exit Gerda

Anna: Poor Gerda, she has always loved Kai since she was a little girl.

Sylvia: I know, but how on earth will she find him?

Gemma: True love will often win through!

Sylvia: Let's hope so!

Song for chorus here?

NR: Oh Hugh, I don't want to lose my Gerda as well but she'd never let me go with her.

Hugh: Perhaps we should follow at a safe distance, just to ensure her safety.

NR: What? *You* come too!?

Hugh: Yes.

Now Hugh says yes in between each of NR's questions

NR: Just you and me? **Yes** Together? **Yes** On our own? **Yes** Maybe at night? **Yes** In the dark? **Yes** *(aside to audience)* Things *are* looking up!

Hugh: Gerda might just be right, after all this is a panto and must surely have a happy ending.

Act 1 Scene 4

Outside SQ's palace Snivel and Grovel talking...several Snowflake fairies on stage..

Maybe a dance for the Snowflake fairies to open the scene.

Snivel: So, she's captured the young man then?

Grovel: Yes, she put a splinter of glass in his eye and a shard of ice in his heart.

Snivel: Oooh! Mean! She's the meanest queen there's ever been...isn't she everyone? Well come on let's hear you!

Audience participation SQ approaches from behind...audience shout 'She's behind you'... shout it louder

Snivel: What did you say?

Audience repeat She's behind you

Snivel: I can't hear you properly...What a rabble can't you say it in unison. Come on now I'll count to 3 and you all say it together OK? ...1,2,3!

Audience She's behind you

Snivel: Who is?

Audience The Snow Queen. The Snow Queen, she's the meanest queen etc

Grovel: Shhhhh! she'll hear you!

Audience shout She's behind you!

Snivel and Grovel: *(turn around and yell)* ARGH!!!

SQ hits them around the head with her wand

SQ: Get out of the way you pathetic pair of fools. Make way for Kai or I shall give you frostbite!

So, Kai, here you are at last. I have long waited for this day.

Kai: Where am I?

SQ: Act 1 Scene 4 -The Palace gardens.

Kai: But *why* am I here?

SQ: Because *I* am the Snow queen and I *want* you here.

Kai: If you are the Snow Queen, where is the Snow King?

SQ: Well, that's the thing you see...There *is* no Snow King...yet.

Snowflakes all laugh and point at Kai...they flirt and flit around him

Kai: But I don't understand.

SQ: You don't *have* to understand. You just have to do as you're told.

Kai: Why should I?

SQ: Because if you play your cards right, *you* can become the Snow King and all this will be yours to share with me! Fairy Snow go and bring Kai a drink. A *special* drink to celebrate.

Fairy Snow: Yes, your Chilliness. Is it the drink you bought from Iceland?

SQ: Don't be ridiculous! Of course not! I concocted this one myself... Especially for you Kai. *(SQ turns away)*

Fairy Flake: *(Whispers to Kai)* Don't drink it Kai...It is a bewitching potion.

Kai: Bewitching? What do mean? *(They go off to one side talking while SQ sings)*

Song 5: - Excerpt from **Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered** - Rogers and Hart
- for SQ

SQ: So Kai...how do you like the look of my Ice pad? Beautiful, isn't it?!
And these lavish gardens. All created just for me! *(to the audience)* Oh use your imagination for goodness sake! We've only got a small budget for this panto.

Kai: Well I must say I'd prefer it if it were a little warmer.

SQ: *(Takes Kai's hand)* Here let me warm you.

Kai: *(Jumps back)* OOH! You're freezing too!

SQ: Cold hands, warm heart.

Fairy Flake: Watch out Kai, She's lying. Her heart is as cold as ice. Like the rest of her.

Kai: What do you want of me?

SQ: I've told you...To marry me and become, The snow King.

Kai: But you're old enough to be my mother!

SQ: *(Shouts)* How dare you refer to age! *(She takes out an icicle pendulum and swings it before his eyes. Then in a softer hypnotic voice)* Look closely Kai and you will see that I am indeed beautiful and young at heart. I am beautiful and desirable, you are falling in love with me. *(Repeats this a few times.)*

Kai stands transfixed and slightly swaying...SQ walks away to side of stage laughing

Grovel: *(Aside to audience)* Cryogenics might have kept her heart young but it hasn't done much for the rest of her!

SQ: Fairy Flake! Bring me my scent, the one from Alaska,

F.FL brings it

SQ: Ah this will do the trick...Eau De Zero.*(Sprays it around herself)*

Snivel: Eau de Ant powder more like!

Fairy Flake: Eau De Zero? That's what it would score out of 10!

Grovel: Call it scent?! It should be sent back!

SQ: *(Shouts into the wings)* Now where's that potion? I mean drink
(Aside) All I need is one kiss from Kai and he will be mine forever!

Fairy Snow: Here is Kai's drink Your Coldness.

SQ: *(Snatches it rudely)* Give it here! Now dear boy, drink this it will warm you. *(aside)* Towards me I hope!

Fairy Flake motions to Kai behind SQ's back not to drink the potion.

SQ turns away and Kai slips the drink into a pot containing some sort of ice statue or plant which promptly dies or changes colour or something!

Kai: Thank you Your Frostiness.

SQ: How are you feeling now Kai? Warmer...towards me? Am I not beautiful?

Kai: Yes, Your Iciness...I think you are very beautiful...but I keep remembering something...someone...I can't quite put my finger on it...roses, beauty... *(SQ swings her pendulum before his eyes again)* no it's gone again.

SQ: Thank the Devil for that! He must not remember Gerda. The splinter of glass in his eye must be slipping. But no matter, nothing will melt the ice in his heart except true love's kiss and he won't find that around here! *(Cackle)* Come let me show you around the palace grounds.

Fairy Snow: Ooh can I come too?

Fairy Flake: I'd love to show you around!

Fairy Snow: No let me!

Kai: But it's so cold out here, couldn't we go inside?

SQ: No, no... It's beautiful out here...a Winter Wonderland!

Song 6: Walking In A Winter Wonderland - Music Felix Bernard and lyrics Richard B. Smith (For SQ, Fairies and Kai)

Fairy Flake: Come on then let's go.

Fairy Snow: I think he'd rather come with me wouldn't you Kai?

SQ: Well, you can just think again!! Get out of my sight the pair of you. Come Kai.

Kai and SQ exit

Fairy Snow: Well Kai is certainly blinded by the ice if he thinks she's beautiful!

Fairy Flake: At least he didn't drink the love potion. She'll not get a kiss from him until he does.

Snivel: I've half a mind to tell him the truth about what's happened to him.

Grovel: You've half a mind, full stop! If you do that the Snow Queen will turn us into slush puppies or at the very least give us frostbite.

Fairy Snow: I'm sure Kai would rather be with me.

Fairy Flake: No... me!

Fairy Snow: Oh no he wouldn't

Fairy Flake: Oh yes he would...wouldn't he everyone?

Audience participation

Fairy Snow: Oh, he's so awfully handsome, isn't he?

Fairy Flake: Yes, indeed (*sighs*) but I think we can *both* forget about it. After all he's still in love with Gerda.

Fairy Snow: He doesn't know that at the moment while the splinter of glass is in his eye and the shard of ice in his heart.

Fairy Flake: Shame though! I'd rather like him for myself.

Fairy Snow: Just looking at him makes me melt!

Fairy Flake: Me too. Although that could be a problem couldn't it as we are snowflake fairies?!

Fairy Snow: I really think he'd prefer one of us to the Snow Queen, don't you?

Fairy Snow: Yes, but don't let old Icy Knickers hear you say that!