



Cinderella

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CAST LIST

- Cinderella** - Arabella is the beautiful young daughter of the late Baron Broke. Forced to work as a servant to her cruel stepmother and two step sisters, she is a kind, happy and thoughtful young woman.
- Baroness Broke (Baroque)** - Cinderella's vile and usurping step mother. She has squandered all of her late husbands fortune and is desperate to marry off her own daughters to men of good fortune, whilst running Cinderella into the ground. Presents a pleasant exterior in front of others.
- Horatia Broke** - Also known as 'Hotty', the brighter of the Broke twins. She likes to think of herself as very well read and berates her 'younger' sister Tatiana. Both girls are very flirtatious man eaters!
- Tatiana Broke** - Better known (in her opinion!) as 'Totty', Tatiana is a simple girl who follows her sisters lead.
- Fairy Flush** - Cinderella's fairy godmother, a fairy of a certain age who is plagued with memory loss, moments of panic and ill-timed flushes! She is choc full of good intent and adores Cinderella.
- Fairy Blush** - Fairy Flush's young daughter. She is a beautiful young lady and Insta ready at all times! Shadowing her experienced mother to learn her trade, Blush fluctuates between teen frustration at her mother's scatty nature and kind support in her moments of need.
- Buttons** - Cinderella's best friend and ally in Broke Manor, Buttons is a fun-loving guy and would do anything to win Cinderella's heart.
- King Bob** - Ruler in the land of Crowthornevale (town name can be changed to represent the locality of the show) Bob is a good-natured old gent, keen for his only son and heir to marry well and secure the Kingdom for future generations. Frustrated by his sons 'laddish' and youthful attitude to the future.
- Queen Mother** - Bobs mother – devoted to her son and Grandson and eager to have the family move with the times

- Prince Charming** - Handsome and fun loving heir to the Kingdom of Crowthornevale, and front man of Charm'dd. A bit immature initially and doesn't take life too seriously...until he sets his eyes upon Ella that is! Love steals his heart and makes clear his ambitions for his own future.
- Dan** - Prince Charming's right hand man, an attractive young cad who loves good times and the attentions his friends status brings him, but is loyal to his core.
- Deany** - Prince Charming's 'Left' hand man, the third member of the fun loving trio but somehow lacks the charm of his peers. Less lucky with the ladies but no less eager to have a good time.
- Petunia and Peony** - Friends of Cinderella, the girls are very feminine and girly. They live in Crowthornevale and are keen to win the heart of the dashing Prince Charming.
- Chorus** - Each has their own items to sell, money to spend, characteristics etc to build a mini community in scenes.
- Parts can be combined to suit a smaller cast as required.
- 3 members are 'clip cloppers' – to follow Charm'dd when on horseback with coconuts, a running gag throughout the show. Ideally suited to confident youngsters who can work a bit with the audience.

Act 1

Prologue

Flourish - Fairy Flush enters stage left with a flourish and a beaming smile in front of tabs

Flush - Welcome, welcome, one and all to this panto full of fun!
I thought I'd better pop on first, to check on everyone.
I bet you haven't guessed it yet, but I'm a Fairy sweet and pure,
Though my boss is keen to state, that I'm getting quite 'mature'!
My name is Fairy Flush, and I guess it's rather apt,
Though I do hope that my sweating won't affect the way I act!
As a Fairy of a 'certain age' I hope you'll understand
If certain spells (or lines I guess) don't come out quite as planned

Blush - *(off stage right)*

Psssst! Mum.....

(Flush looks around, confused)

Fairy Blush enters stage right

I'm over here...where you're supposed to be!

Flush - Oh blast it Blush! Did I get it wrong? Perhaps they didn't see?!
Flush rushes to join Blush on stage right

Blush - Don't worry mum, you're here now and that's what really matters,
Now crack on and tell the story, this scene is quite in tatters!

Flush - Yes indeed! I'm here today, with a story I must tell,
Pin back your ears, get comfy but be sure to listen well.
Our tale is set in Crowthornevale, the home of Baroness Broke,

Blush - A spiteful, selfish woman and her daughters – quite the joke!

Flush - But in the servants' quarters, her stepdaughter resides,
The heroine of our story, my goddaughter – my pride!

Blush - Despite their cruel treatment (they consider her their slave!)
Arabella is so kind and cheerful and knows how to behave.
She cooks, cleans, sweeps the floor and helps them with their hair,
She washes all their clothing and even scrubs their underwear!
She stays down in the kitchen, the place she's made her home,
Befriending other servants so she's never quite alone.

Flush - That's right my dear, sweet Ella really is such a delight,

I do hope that our story can make her dreams take flight
Now, enough of all this babbling, Blush, I'm suddenly rather
hot...
So please, enjoy our story, or something...my line I've quite
forgot!

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Scene 1

- *Tabs open to reveal the village of Crowthornevale, bustling with villagers buying, selling and sweeping etc.*

Song 1 –*involving all the chorus members*

Buttons

- Well look at this, we have visitors to the village! Hello you lot of weirdly cheerful intruders! Welcome to Crowthornevale – a village

in the beautiful Kingdom of Berkshireum, ruled by our charming King Bob Charming and home to the one and only Prince Charming (*covers ears from the expected screams of excitement – then uncovers to look confused at the audience – P&P swoon and flush at his name*) You must have not heard me correctly, but I said the home of the one and only PRINCE CHARMING!!! (*again looks confused at the lack of response – P&P giggle and flush again*). Blimey have you lot been living under a boulder! Prince Charming is not only the most handsome dude in the kingdom...

Chorus 10

- You can say that again! (*fans herself*)

Buttons

- He's also the face of 'Charm'dd' (*no response*)....from YouTubington?...Charm'dd?! If you haven't heard of them then you haven't lived, they ROCK!
Look, I'd better introduce myself since it looks like you are all settled in for the night! My name is Buttons, and I'm one of the servants working over there at Broke Manor. I'm in charge of all things lifting, carrying and driving! Yep, I'll lift your spirits, carry your troubles and drive you potty!
I confess, I'm not a natural born servant me. No, I've had loads of jobs before this one. I once worked as a Zookeeper but they fired me...to be fair there were signs everywhere that said 'Don't feed the animals'! (*shrugs as if still doesn't understand his error*) Then I got a job as an electrician...but my wiring was SHOCKING! Next I lost my job at the bank, this old lady asked me to check her balance...so I pushed her over! Finally, I was asked to leave my job at the chess factory...all because couldn't work Knights! I never saw myself in service though, no. I'm a guy with a dream, a dream of music, a dream of fame, a dream of scratching vinyl over other peoples tunes...but life as a DJ didn't work out for me, Nobody came to my gigs. I still miss those heady days as 'DJ – No Entry'!

So here I am stuck working over at Broke Manor for Baroness Broke and the gruesome twosome. But do you know what, it's not all bad, there are plenty of lovely people here in the village, and I work with the Baroness's stepdaughter Arabella. Do you know what, I actually really love it here...

Petunia

- Love 'it'!

Chorus 1

- Or love a certain someone?!

Buttons

- (*flushes and looks coy*) I don't know what you could possibly mean!

Chorus 2

- Oh don't you now Buttons?!

- Peony** - Yeah, we all know the real reason you stick with your job at Broke Manor.
- Petunia** - And it's certainly not for the truly fetching uniform!
- Buttons** - Hey! I thought girls liked a man in uniform?! (*petunia and Peony giggle to themselves*) And I do like it there...I like it when...ummmm....when....ummmm...I like it when the terrible trio go to bed at night?!
- (*Chorus and Petunia and Peony stand in a semi circle around Buttons staring at him, knowingly*)
- Oh OK, OK, OK! I admit it! I like Arabella!
- Chorus all** - Like?
- Buttons** - (*squirming under their intense gaze*) Alright! I love her! But it's meant to be a secret and now all this lot know! Since you all know my biggest secret I recon I ought to get to know each of you a bit better too, does that sound like a good idea? Great! Well you all know who I am but I don't know any of you (*picks front audience child*) Hi, I'm Buttons! What's your name? (*child replies*) Nice to meet you (*looks to next child*) Hi I'm Buttons! What's your name? (*child replies etc repeat to 3ish audience members*)
- Chorus 9** - Buttons, did you really think this through?!
- Peony** - Yes, we have to leave the hall by 10 you know!
- Buttons** - You are right. I tell you what, maybe we could do it all at once to make it quicker? So what I'll do, I'll introduce myself then you lot can all reply at once OK?! Shall we try it? Here we go... Hi, I'm Buttons, What's your name? (*audience all shout out names together*) Nice to meet you (*reel off super fast list of random names*). Now we are all good friends!
- Look, around these parts everywhere I go I greet people with a 'Hi folks', whenever I do that, my friends shout back at me 'Hi Buttons', and since we are pals now I recon you should do the same. Shall we give it a try...Hi folks! (*audience shout back – Buttons goes to clear out his ears with a finger*) Did you do it? Only I couldn't hear you. Lets try again....Hi folks! (*audience shout back*). That's perfect!
- Chorus 5** - Buttons, I've got your order of sweets here. Are you collecting them today?
- Buttons** - Sweets? But I didn't order any sweets?

- Chorus 5** - Well, the order has your name on it, see! *(they all lean in to see)*
- Chorus 2** - That looks suspiciously like Horatia's handwriting, and a really bad fake signature...it must be for them!
- Buttons** - For Horatia and Tatiana?! Well, I'm not being made to look a fool by those awful girls! I'd rather bin the lot than have them think they had got away with making me feed their sweet tooth greed. *(goes to throw away)*...unless...unless you lot might be willing to eat the evidence?! You think you could do that for me? *(Throws sweets out to the audience)* Thanks so much folks, you really are great pals!
- Cinderella** - *(offstage)* Buttons?
- Chorus 6** - Why, here comes the lovely Arabella now.
- Buttons** - *(looking nervous)* Please keep my little secret between us won't you? Shhhh....
- Cinderella** - *(Enters centre stage holding a small shopping basket)*
Buttons? Oh Buttons there you are! I was hoping to catch you as stepmother has added a few things to the shopping list she that gave you.
(noticing the audience)
Goodness, how busy the village is today! *(P&P come to join her)*
I've never seen so many visitors to Crowthornevale!
- Buttons** - Arabella, allow me to introduce you to all my new friends! Hi folks! *(audience reply)* See!
- Cinderella** - I do see indeed! Buttons, you really are friends with everyone aren't you? Well, I must introduce myself, so you don't all think me frightfully rude. My Name is Arabella Broke, but mostly my friends just call me Ella. *(curtsies politely)*
- Buttons** - So...what have I missed off the list this time? *(Picks up full shopping basket from side of stage)* I've got all the usuals – tea, bread, fruit, hairspray, face primer, blusher, eyeliner, day cream, night cream, contour cream, highlighter cream, squirty cream...*(squirts a big dollop straight into his mouth)*
- Cinderella** - You have been busy! It's just one or two extras, and a little... personal.
- Petunia** - Personal you say? Oh do tell!
- Cinderella** - I really shouldn't, this was just meant for the ears of Buttons.

- Peony** - Oh go on Ella, we promise not to tell! (*Peony, Petunia and Buttons all huddle together – chorus are standing slightly away and all obviously trying to listen in*)
- Cinderella** - Well...as long as you promise...
She needs more bust firming lotion
(*chorus giggle amongst themselves and mime applying*)
She's also low on breath freshener
(*chorus waft as if smelling her bad breath*)
And finally...her 'special eye cream'
(*chorus all look confused to each other*)
- Buttons** - Her 'special eye cream'?
- Cinderella** - Yes, the (*coughs*) 'special' eye cream?
- Buttons** - Hmmm, special eye cream, special eye cream....
(*pondering and not getting the hint*)
- Petunia** - I don't get it Peony, do you? What's so special about it?
- Peony** - Yes, if it's all that special maybe we need some Petunia?
- Cinderella** - Believe me girls, you don't want this 'special' eye cream!
- Buttons** - Ooooh! I get it, the 'special' eye cream! (*winks knowingly and taps the side of his nose*) You should have said! (*pause*)
Honestly, who knew HEMORRHOID cream was so good for wrinkles eh?

(*Chorus P&P look confused – Buttons mimed out the application of the cream to his bottom and mouths 'BOTTY CREAM'*)
- P&P & Chorus** - BOTTY CREAM!!!! Eugh!
- Cinderella** - Shhhhhh! You lot will all get me into such trouble, and I'm already in stepmothers' bad books this morning. Look, I'd better get back and crack on with the chores.
See you later Buttons! Good bye!
(*waves to friends and audience and exits stage right*)
- H&T&B** - Buttons!
- Chorus 7** - Uh oh! Here come the Broke sisters now!

(*Chorus scurry off leaving just 3 dancers (can inc P&P if needed) who turn their backs as if trying to hide/not see the sisters*)

Buttons

- Speak of the devil! I recon that's my cue to make myself scarce too! See you later folks!

(Buttons hides as Baroness, Horatia and Tatiana enter stage left)

Baroness

- Here we are my beautiful daughters. Don't spend all day mingling with the common people now will you. And NO sweeties today, you girls will rot your perfect teeth.
Take care, there looks to be some very dodgy sorts in the village today, more so than usual!
I mean, look at the face on that one! *(Points to an audience member)* Eugh!
Still, I suppose not everyone can be as pretty as us three now can they?
Have fun girls, I shall see you back at the Manor for tea.

(Exits stage right)

Song 2 - to tune of 'Wellerman'

Chorus dance to TikTok dance - H&T sing

Oh we are girls from the House of Broke
We're on the hunt for the perfect bloke
Quite the reaction we provoke
When our faces are on show (huh!)

Soon Cinderella will come
Horatia - To floss my teeth
Tatiana - and to wipe my bum!
Then when our make up's done
We'll take our leave and go

We'll strut down the streets of Crowthornevale
Attracting attention from every male
Prince Charming is our Holy Grail
The one we'd like to know (huh!)

Soon all the fellas will come
Our gorgeous beauty strikes them dumb
We can't wait to tell our mum
So take our leave and go

Da da da da da da da
Da da da da da da da da da
Da da da da da da da da da da da da da

We're home in time for cake and tea
Which Ella serves - she's scum to see

Not quite our class of dignitary
So living down below (huh!)

So what is Ella is glum
That Buttons chap her only chum
One day when the chores are done
She'll take her leave and go

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- Horatia** - Yoohoo! Buttocks! Butter! Buttals! Butthead! Where are you?!
- Tatiana** - I don't think he's here
- Horatia** - Oh I bet he is sister, I bet he's right here in this very street. Yoohoo!
- Tatiana** - Well I can't see him sister...
- Horatia** - Of course you can't you nincompoop! He will be hiding. You know what a work-shy freeloader that boy is. You lot can't see him can you? *(Buttons is slowly trying to creep off the stage and 'shhh's' to the audience)*
(Audience – Nooo!)
Are you sure? *(Buttons is shaking his head)*
(Audience – Yesss! – This can be repeated/padded out to suit audience - Buttons silently thanks them as he sneak off stage right)
- Tatiana** - That boy, he's a waste of space!
- Horatia** - Indeed sister! No more use than a one legged man at a bum kicking contest! But how annoying that he is not here, we need him to collect our sneaky sweetie package for us!
Oh, hello boys and girls, hello mums... and more importantly, hello dads!!!
My name is Horatia – better known around these parts as Hotty!
- Tatiana** - ...and I'm Tatiana, but the boys all call me Totty!
- Horatia** - That's right lads, we are
- H&T** - Hotty Totty!!! *(they snort, laughing at their own joke)*

- Tatiana** - We are THE most eligible maidens in the village you know! Not only are we GORGEOUS, but we are also sisters, in fact we are twins.
- H&T** - *(the girls fist bump)* Twinkles!!!
- Horatia** - Identical twins – as I’m sure you can tell! But I’m the eldest so I got all the brains! Totty is a bit simple you see. She is so thick that when I told her that she’d lost her mind...she went looking for it! She’s so dumb that she took a ruler to bed, to see how long she could sleep! And last week, she returned a donut to the store because it had a hole in it!
- Tatiana** - Well, I may not have got the brains Hotty, but I got all the beauty! She is so ugly, mummy used to sit her in front of the mirror as a punishment! In fact she’s soooo ugly, when she tried out for ‘The Voice’, the judges turned their chairs around, then turned them back again! And when she tried to join an ugly contest they said “No Sorry, We don’t accept professionals!”
- Horatia** - Ooooooh you MAMOUTH!
- Tatiana** - You MOOSE!
- Horatia** - You *(eyes set upon a man in the front row)*...Hooo young man! You look like a fella with an eye for a good thing! What’s your name handsome?
Man responds
Well ‘Richard’ you really are a bit of eye candy! What do you do may I ask? *(make a comment on his job and ad lib with him)*
Now I know our hearts have just collided and it feels like we were MEANT to be, but I must tell you Richard, I do have a bit of a thing for Prince C, he is just so rich and famous how could a girl not keep her options open!!!
- Tatiana** - Oh sister, you might as well dance into the sunset with Richard now, there’s no way Price Charming would pay you any interest, not with a buxom beauty like me by your side.
Mind you, it takes much more in a man to capture my interest, *(to audience)* she’s always having boyfriends you know! I’d look out if I were you Richard, her last boyfriend died of a ‘mystery illness’ isn’t that right Hotty?
- Horatia** - That’s right Totty, I tried to help by rubbing oil all over him...he went downhill very fast after that!
But surely with all these fine strapping men to feast your eyes on there is someone to tickle your fancy sister?
- Tatiana** - I don’t want my ‘fancy’ tickled thank you very much!

- Horatia** - No, no, no! I meant there must be a fella that takes your eye?
- Tatiana** - (*checking both her eyes are still there*) Oh I do hope not! What a horrible thing to say!
- Horatia** - No! what I meant was...oh forget what I meant...all the more choice for me eh?!
- Tatiana** - We still haven't found Buttocks though Hotty, so this has been a wasted trip. Did any of you lot see what he did with our secret sweetie order boys and girls?
(*Nooooooo*)
Are you sure?
(*yesssss*)
You ate them, didn't you?
(*oh no we didn't*)
Oh yes you did!
- Horatia** - Well, they seem pretty certain, despite the empty packets and sugar high grins!
Sister, before we go lets impress all these gorgeous men with our stunning sisterly pose!
- Tatiana** - Oh yes, lets! Lighting man, can you put on that special lighting effect that makes us look totally amazing? (*blows lighting person a kiss*)
- H&T** - Twinkles! (*they go to pose as the light BLACKOUT*)
How RUDE!!!
Tabs close

Scene 2

Flourish - Front of tabs. Fairy Flush enters stage right

- Flush** - Ooooooh, those girls are horrid, They really make me cross!
Thinking they are special 'cause of lashes and lip gloss.
I'm certain it will take more than that to win the Prince's heart,
- Blush** - *(Enters behind her mum, wafting the air)*

Mum, did you just let out a really stinky f....?
- Flush** - *(blushing)* Enough of that Fairy Blush, please don't make a fuss
We all do it sometimes, but it's not kind to discuss!
The point that I was making was, oh hold on...I forget
- Blush** - Don't worry mum, I'll take over so don't you get upset.
Our Prince sure is a handsome dude, nobody can deny
But I doubt those ugly sisters would ever catch his eye!
The Boys in 'Charm'dd' could really take their pick
But no one has ever made it yet, to be the Prince's Chick.
- Flush** - He's happy filling up his time with YouTubington and streaming,
Attracting hordes of followers and leaving girls day dreaming.
For now, that is at least...so let's go and meet the gang
I do hope that this Royal scene will go off with a bang!

Scene 3

Tabs open

In the Palace. Prince Charming, Dan and Deany are centre stage, Dan is filming on his phone using a selfie stick.

Front tabs right and left chorus members as servants are 'listening in at the door' and giggling, swooning etc.

Song 3 sung by the Charm'dd – Boyband style song/dance

- Prince** - We really hope you loved this video – if you did do be sure to click like it and subscribe to our channel! I've been Prince Charlie
- Dan** - I've been Dan
- Deany** - And I've been Deany
- All** - And you've been watching 'Charm'dd'!

(The boys pose for a moment, before breaking the 'act' and whooping, laughing and slapping each other on the back etc.)

- Prince** - Great video boys! Quick edit and I think it will be ready to go don't you?
- Dan** - Totally! And I'd say it's one of our best yet! If this one takes off, then we are certain to get that contract on Strictly!
- Deany** - I'd say it's in the bag already Dan, with Prince Charming fronting our channel, who is going to turn us down hey?
- Prince** - Hold on Deany, it's not all about me you know. You guys are my rocks, you know that!
- Deany** - We know, but the girls don't subscribe to see us two...surely you can see that?
- Prince** - You boys don't know how lucky you are! Sure, it's flattering to have all the maidens throwing themselves at me, but maybe I'd like to meet someone I could have a real conversation with for a change?
- Dan** - What are you on about?
- Prince** - I'll show you...

(Calls out to the servants he knows are listening in)

Ladies? Might you come in the room for a moment?

(The ensemble girls make their way to the central area of the stage, giggle, fluttering their eyelashes and brushing down their dresses.)

Deany - And? They all look lovely young ladies to me. I'm sure any one of them would love to have a 'real conversation' with you sire! What about her for example? *(Points out one of the chorus girls)*

Prince - You recon? Just you watch this...

(He smartens his jacket, preens himself and swaggers over to a chorus member and stands, manfully alongside her)

Hi!

(The maiden smiles and then faints into the arms of her fellow chorus members, who carry her off stage. Prince returns to Dan and Deany)

Do you see what I mean now? Honestly, everywhere I go it's the same. Dad is on at me to 'settle down' and find myself a 'nice girl', but it's never going to happen if I can't even talk to any of them! And to be fair, I'm not sure if 'settling down' is even what I want right now.

Deany - I'm sure that was just a fluke, I have no doubt the same thing would happen for any of us!

Dan - Go on then Deany, show us how its done!

Deany - OK, I will.

(Smartens himself up, checks his breath and swaggers over to chorus member on the opposite side of the stage.)

How you doin'?

(She slaps him on the cheek and storms off.)

Dan - Yep, that looked IDENTICAL!

(Deany is resetting his jaw as Dan laughs)

Prince - So you see boys, I know you think I have it easy, but as yet I've not managed to meet anyone I can spend any quality time with or even get to know.

Still, enough of my moaning, shall we start editing that video now? Get me out of meeting with dad and the privy council for a bit longer?!

Dan - Sure thing!

(They huddle round Deany phone...)

King - *(from the back of audience)* Enough!

(Ensemble quickly rush about and exit the stage from all sides.)_

(King Bob and Queen Mother enter from rear of the hall)

Charles Charming young man, you promised me you would join us in the Great Hall to discuss the future of our Kingdom over an hour ago! Yet here you are, still playing 'influencers' with your friends.

Dan - Good afternoon Mr C, I mean Your Majesty.

(He and Deany bow low.)

King - Please Dan, I say this every time, you can call me Bob.
(He turns his attention back to Prince C)

Well, what do you have to say for yourself?

Prince - Gosh, was that today? *(he feigns surprise)* Brain like a sieve me!

King - Yes it jolly well was today, as well you know! This is no joking matter son, the Kingdom is treading a very narrow line right now.

Queen Mother - We need to remain 'current' and 'move with the times' to keep the good will of the peasants.
Your father getting old and fusty, they find him dull and irrelevant.

King - Why thank you mother dearest.

Deany - King Bob, you could never be irrelevant!

Dan and Deany - All Hale King Bob! Huzzah!

King - Thank you boys, if only your friend here showed me the same level of enthusiasm eh? But no, here he is, wasting his life when he should be by my side, planning for all of our futures.

Prince - But what does that even mean father? Sitting in a boring meeting about what statue we might erect in the village to keep everyone

happy? Prancing about the Kingdom on a horse so the workers feel that we are 'men of the people'?
My YouTubington Channel is designed to bring people together, to unite them in excitement and chatter. To bring joy to our people and give them time away from the tedium of their daily lives. Isn't that enough?

What EXACTLY do you want from me?

King - *(he sighs a deep sigh)* Son, since your dearest mother died, we seem to have lost our way a bit.

Queen Mother - Of course we want you to be happy, and I know your little streaming thing gives you a bit of something to do away from Palace life. We don't want to stop any of that, but your father won't be around forever you know, and it's important to us we know that he is leaving the kingdom in strong hands.

Prince - I AM strong hands grandmother, the people love me!

King - Of course they do! But do you know what best brings a Kingdom together?
A celebration! *(Pause)* A wedding for example...

Prince - Not this AGAIN! Dad, I'm a young man, I'm not ready for marriage yet.

King - I know, you have told me many times over, BUT I have a new idea! Have you ever heard of a little something called 'Kingder'? It's a bit like Tinder. You see son it's a way of narrowing down potential brides without all the hard work of meeting and courting them all.

(The three lads look dubious)

Please, for me? Give it a little try.

(2 villagers enter stage left holding a large ornate frame to represent the phone screen, and stand centre stage. Alternatively, if there is a back centre entrance this can be lit to serve as the phone screen. This is to show the audience what the boys are seeing on the phone)

Prince - If I really must. How does it work?

(the three boys and Queen look into Dan's phone)

King - You simply swipe right if you like the look of the maiden, or swipe left for those that don't 'float your boat'
Look, here's the first now.

(Peony enters stage right and poses in the frame – the boys continue to look at the phone)

Dan - I'll show you mate...Ooooh, now she's lovely! Swipe right!

Prince - I see

Queen Mother - Not so hard is it? Shall we try another together?

(Petunia enters stage right and poses in the frame)

Deany - Swipe right for sure! If you like of course, it's not for me to decide.

Prince - OK, swipe right *(he gestures a right swipe again)*

King - Good, good! And another

(Chorus 2 enters and poses in the frame)

Prince - Swipe left? *(He tentatively swipes left – the girl runs off left - sobbing)* Sorry! Swipe right, swipe right! *(this gag can be repeated several times with various badly dressed chorus if desired – ie man in a bad wig, small child etc)*

Dan - Too late! I'm not sure that will make you any more popular! Try another...

(Horatia and Tatiana enter and pose together in the frame)

Prince - Gosh! Swipe left! What even was that?! How do I uninstall this?! Look dad, I don't think this 'Kingder' thing is for me.

Queen Mother - Well, we could always go back to basics if you like?

Dan - What do you mean Sire?

King - We could always try doing things the 'old fashioned way', like how I met your mother. I'll hold one of my Giant Royal Balls!

(Dan, Deany and the Prince giggle)

Deany - A Ball eh? That sounds like it could be a blast!

King - Yes Deany, a 'blast' would be had by all.

(He sees that Prince C is not convinced)

- Queen Mother** - Maybe Charm'dd could make a guest appearance and stream the event to the kingdom?
- Prince** - IF we do this dad, and it's a big IF, I want all the maidens in the Kingdom to be invited. Not just the stuffy ladies of the Court, but all of them. That would increase our subscribers and I'd have a much better chance of meeting someone new.
- King** - If that's what you would like my boy, then so it shall be! Dan, Deany?
- Dan and Deany** - Yes King Bob?
- King** - Get the message out to the kingdom of a Grand Ball here at the Palace. ALL eligible maidens are invited to come.
- Queen Mother** - Prince Charming will be in attendance and 'Charm'dd' shall be streaming some of the event LIVE.
- King** - Oh boys, I'm so excited, I simply can't wait!
This is your time to shine my son, you mark my words! This is your time to shine!
Da-da-da dat-da, da-da-da da-da-y-da.....(sing as per "You'll be Back' from Hamilton)

Tabs close

- Scene 4** - *Flourish - Front of tabs – (Fairy Blush enters stage right)*
- Blush** - So, here I find myself, standing quite alone
Waiting for my mother who's again misplaced her phone!
I'm trying hard to follow her to earn my fairy wand
Though confess it puts a strain on the 'mother/daughter' bond!
(under her breath to stage right) Huh hum!!! Mum!
- Flush** - Are we really on dear? That scene went rather fast!
I was so engrossed in TikedyTok, I'd not noticed time had passed!
- Blush** - Yet I'm the one still learning, my wand licence yet to gain
And you forgetting what comes next's becoming such a pain!
- Flush** - I'm sorry Blush, you are quite right, I promise I'll improve.
We've so much work still here to do, I need to find my groove.
Let's check in on Arabella, down in the Kitchen cold
(There's nothing like seeing kids grow up to make a gal feel old!)

(The fairies exit stage right)

Scene 5

Tabs open

The kitchen at Broke Manor. Set should include a table holding a few kitchen essentials – a pan, shopping basket, veg etc and a fireplace clearly visible.

Cinderella

- *Enters stage Right and moves to centre*

Well, here we are with another looooong list of chores sent from my stepmother upstairs. There's certainly enough here to keep me out of mischief... in fact there's enough to keep me, Buttons and the entire cast of Bluey out of mischief! Honestly, I barely get a moment to myself these days. Since my dearest father passed away, the Baroness (my step mother) has really had it in for me. I have to do all the housework, shopping, cooking and washing as well as acting as ladies maid to her and my two step sisters. Not only that, she's spent all of Daddy's fortune. There's barely a penny left and what there is she spends on new dresses and treats for her own girls. So here I am, forced to sleep on the kitchen floor amongst the cinders and work as a servant in my own family home. They've even started to call me 'Cinderella' rather than Arabella. *(signs)* Still, I'm not one to grumble, at least I have the fire to keep me warm.

Buttons - *(Enters centre stage)*

Hi folks! Hi Ella! What are you up to?

Cinderella - Hi Buttons! Oh I was just explaining to all our lovely new friends that the Baroness really isn't all that nice to me these days.

Buttons - Isn't all that nice? Isn't all that nice?!!! Ella, she's VILE! Honestly, she makes Voldemort seem like a teddy bear!

Cinderella - Oh Buttons, you are silly! She's not all that bad. There was that one time she gave me flowers...

Buttons - Yeah, plain and self-raising then left you to bake afternoon tea for all her stuck-up cronies!!! Don't forget the reason you sleep down in the kitchen Ella, because she gave your little bedroom to Tatiana as she said that her darling Horatia needed their room all to herself to help her to 'grow as a person'! Well, she certainly has 'grown as a person', but maybe not in the way she'd hoped! *(they giggle)*

Cinderella - Oh Buttons, I'm so lucky to have you here to keep my spirits up! You truly are the best friend a girl could wish for!

Song 4 -

Buttons - Awwwww, shucks! Best friends eh? *(To himself)* I guess I shouldn't hope for more...

Cinderella - Sorry Buttons, did you say something?

Buttons - Oh no, nothing important Ella.

Baroness - *(From off stage Left)*

Cinderella? Cinderella where are you?

Cinderella - There she is now, what have I done wrong this time? *(Calling)* I'm here stepmother!

Baroness - *(Enters stage Left dragging a sack behind her. Hopefully the audience 'Booo's')*

(to the audience) Really? You call that a 'Boo'? I get better boos at Lid!

Oh there you are you miserable excuse for a step daughter! Where have you been all morning? I had to flush the toilet myself as you were nowhere to be seen.

You expect me to house and clothe you when you do so little in return, you should be ashamed of yourself.

- Cinderella** - I'm sorry stepmother. After I had cleared away the breakfast things, hung out the washing and helped you to wash and dress I made my way into the village, as you asked.
- Baroness** - As I asked? I don't recall asking such a thing.
- Cinderella** - Yes stepmother, you sent me to ask Buttons to get your extra shopping bits, remember? The bust lotion, breath freshener and the botty cre...
- Baroness** - I requested no such things! I am a NATURAL beauty, you must be mistaken! In fact, I've been told I have the face of a Saint.
- Buttons** - Yeah, a St Bernard!
Oh, well then you won't be needing these then ma'am (*he holds out the items*). In which case I'd better get your precious money back and return them to the village.
- Baroness** - (*Shrieks and snatches the shopping*)...No! (*calmer*) No, no Buttons, I'd hate to waste your time. I might as well take them and erm, throw them in the dustbin, or something.
- Buttons** - Alright Baroness Broke, keep your knickers on!
- Baroness** - It's Baroque, you fool!
- Buttons** - Is it? Well it wasn't when I picked it up! You must have baroken it yourself! (*he titters at his own joke*)
- Baroness** - How dare you! I am your mistress, and as such demand your respect. You pair of simpletons are the only servants we have left but don't think that you're not expendable boy!
- Buttons** - No mistress, sorry mistress, I won't do it again mistress.
- Baroness** - Good. (*To Cinderella*) I do wish your useless father hadn't bothered keeping you all these years, then maybe he'd have left us more money when he popped his clogs!
Now Buttons, as Cinderella has been so lazy today I've had to drag this sack of dirty knickers down to be washed and darned myself. That should keep you both out of trouble.
- Buttons** - (*goes to pick up the sack – it is too heavy, so he limbers up and tries again. The strain causes him to let out a fart*)
- Baroness** - Buttons! How DARE you fart before me!

- Buttons** - Sorry ma'am, I didn't know *you* wanted a turn!
- Baroness** - Now, Cinderella, I'm hungry. Make us a batch of that wonderful Joe Wicks soup that I so enjoy for supper.
- Cinderella** - Joe Wicks Soup stepmother?
- Baroness** - Yes, you know the one, its thick and healthy!
- Cinderella** - Of course stepmother. I shall get the ingredients from the village right away.
- (she goes to the table and gathers are basket ready to leave)*
- Baroness** - Good! Now get out of my sight you disgusting little maggot, and take this idiot with you.
- (Cinderella and Buttons exit stage left, Buttons is dragging the sack of pants. Baroness moves to centre stage.)*
- Eugh, ungrateful little wretch! Why won't she learn that her attitude and insolence will get her nowhere with me! *(she laughs evilly)*

Tabs close