

SCENE SIX: The Palace

KING FOSTLEWORTH is pacing. QUEEN FOSTLEWORTH sits reading.

KING: Shouldn't he be back by now?

QUEEN: You insisted on putting her up in that tower. Talk about making life difficult!

KING: A man needs a challenge if he's to feel a sense of achievement.

QUEEN: Let's hope he does achieve, then.

KING: Maybe I should go and look for him?

QUEEN: I don't think so.

KING: What about trying to find the witch and getting her to undo the spell?

QUEEN: You know as well as I do that witches never undo spells.

KING: Well, we can't just sit here doing nothing.

QUEEN: We can. If we interfere we'll just mess it up.

KING FOSTLEWORTH sighs and starts pacing again.

KING: *(Pleading)* Couldn't we just try and talk to the witch?

QUEEN: *(Sighing)* All right. But don't say I didn't warn you.

They exit.

SCENE SEVEN: *The Tower*

PRINCESS FOSTLEWORTH is sleeping. PRINCE HANDSOME gazes at her for a moment then takes her hand and kisses it tenderly. PRINCESS FOSTLEWORTH wakes up.

PRINCESS: Who are you?

PRINCE HANDSOME: I am a handsome prince who has woken a beautiful princess to claim her hand in marriage.

PRINCESS: You what?

PRINCE HANDSOME: I have faced danger, arduous terrains and difficult questions to wake you, and take you as my wife.

PRINCESS: But I don't want to be your wife!

PRINCE HANDSOME: Pardon?

PRINCESS: I don't want to be your wife. Who said you could wake me anyway?

PRINCE HANDSOME: *(Flustered)* Well, the witch cast... The Queen said... The King told me to...

PRINCESS: I was having a lovely dream.

PRINCE HANDSOME: Sorry.

PRINCESS: Did anyone record Eastenders?

PRINCE HANDSOME: I don't think so.

PRINCESS: Typical! *(Pause)* So, now that you've woken me up I'm supposed to be your wife, is that it?

PRINCE HANDSOME: Well, yes. *(Pause)* I have faced great danger, arduous...

PRINCESS: Yes, yes, you said all that! Who cast this stupid spell?

PRINCE HANDSOME: The witch.

PRINCESS: *(Getting up, determinedly)* Right.

PRINCESS FOSTLEWORTH goes to leave.

PRINCE HANDSOME: Where are we going?

PRINCESS: I don't know where you're going, but I'm going to find the witch.

PRINCE HANDSOME: Er, can I come with you?

PRINCESS: *(Sighing)* If you must.

They both exit.