INTO THE WOODS

SCENE FIVE

#36 - Act I Finale, Part 1

"(If the MYSTERIOUS MAN is played by the same actor as the NARRATOR, the transition from one to another can be revealed here.)

NARRATOR

(ENTERING)

And so the Mysterious Man died, having helped end the curse on his house. For the Baker, there would be no reunion with his father, and he and his wife, bewildered, returned home.

(BAKER and BAKER'S WIFE EXIT)

The Witch, who had been punished with age and ugliness that night when her beans had been stolen and the lightning flashed, was now returned to her former state of youth and beauty (WITCH strikes pose, then EXITS)

(WITCH strikes pose, then EALLS)

And Milky-White, after a night of severe indigestion, was reunited with the now wealthy Jack.

(IACK and IACK'S MOTHER EXIT with MILKY-WHITE and HARP)

As for the Prince...

(FANFARE)

he began his search for the foot to fit the golden slipper.

(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and STEWARD ENTER on horseback

When he came to Cinderella's house, Cinderella's stepmother took the slipper into Florinda's room.

(FLORINDA tries on shoe; STEPMOTHER struggles to help her, LUCINDA watches)

FLORINDA

CAREFUL, MY TOE - 1

STEPMOTHER

DARLING, I KNOW-

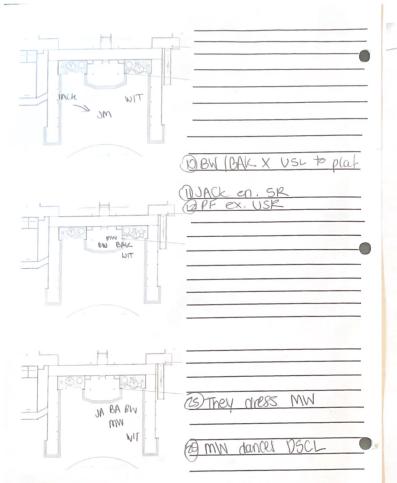
FLORINDA

WHAT'LL WE DO?

STEPMOTHER

IT'LL HAVE TO GO-

(FLORINDA reacts as STEPMOTHER suddenly brandishes a knife),



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She's dead.

BAKER

We thought you'd prefer a live cow.

WITCH

Of course I'd prefer a live cow! So bring me the dead cow and I'll bring her back to life!

BAKER

You could do that?

WITCH (D)

(WITCH hits BAKER with SPELL; BAKER'S WIFE and BAKER scamper UPSTAGE towards MILKY-WHITE'S grave and we see dirt flying into the air as they dig into the grave; JACK comes running ONSTAGE with a golden HARP that SINGS)

(Upset)

There you are! I've been worried sick.

JACK

Mother, look. The most beautiful harp. JACK'S MOTHER

You've stolen too much! You could have been killed coming down that plant.

BAKER

(OFFSTAGE)

She's too heavy.

(Perturbed, the WITCH goes over towards the grave)

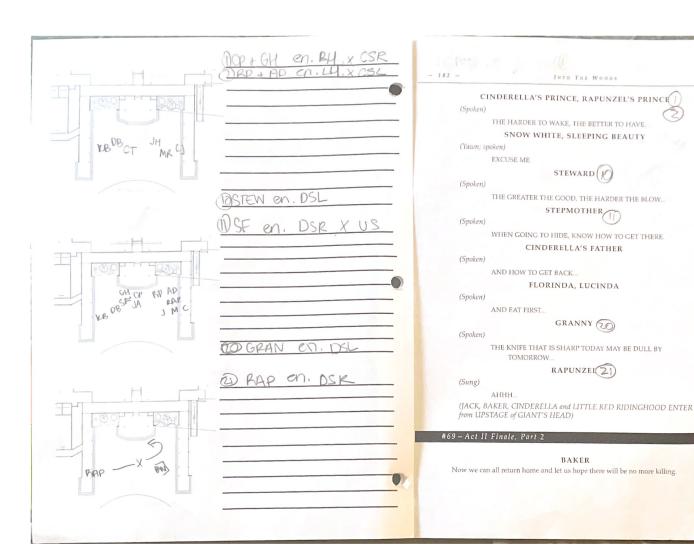
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(WITCH waves her hand, causing a puff of SMOKE. MILKY-WHITE suddenly stands and is restored to life. BAKER and BAKER'S WIFE bring MILKY-WHITE forward)

(filky-Whitel New Years) What's happening?

Milky-Whitel Now I have two friends. A cow and a harp.

WITCH Quiet! Feed the objects to the cow!



(ALL)

INTO THE WOODS,
THEN OUT OF THE WOODS —
AND HAPPY EVER AFTER!

CINDERELLA

... I WISH...

(Pause.

CHORD. -> Confetti Cannon

BLACKOUT)

#72 – Bows and Exit

THE END FINAL PIC

STE SM WC AD BP CPGH

MT JM NAR

MM RAP CJ MW

WIT BW BAK JM JA