

SPINNING OUT

A Kidstock! Original Musical

CHARACTERS

CAST A

THE IMPS

Rumpelstiltskin (a strange, mischievous imp who delights in making deals and using magic)

Whuppity Stoorie (looks like a fairy godmother but certainly won't be helping for free- she delights in drama and riches)

Tarandando (a fashion forward, bold, and sassy imp who is not afraid to speak her mind)

THE PARENTS

Mr. Tom Miller (down on his luck as things are not going well at the mill but too embarrassed to let the villagers know)

Ms. Barbara Baker (a bubbly and happy baker with perfect pies and perfect lies who wants everyone to think her life is wonderful)

Mr. Gregory Thatcher (an aging but hardworking thatcher struggling to do his job lately and needing help from his daughter)

THE DAUGHTERS

Margaret Miller (a young woman living with her father who is struggling financially and unsure how she can help)

Brenda Baker (the delightfully sweet baker's daughter with a positive outlook and delicious cupcakes)

THE ROYALS

King Richard (a young king obsessed with wealth and always looking for an easy way out of a problem)

Queen Mother Agatha (the king's mother who is over-the-top in her concern for her son and his kingdom)

Princess Esmerelda (the king's younger sister who is always excited to stir up drama and keep life interesting)

Princess Bella (the king's younger sister who loves gossip and is always sharing what she overheard in town)

PROLOUGE

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

You might think you know the story of the strange imp Rumpelstiltskin.

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Or in Scotland, Whuppity Stoorie.

TARANDANDO

Tarandando in Italy.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

But you don't know the whole story.

WHUPPITY STOORIE

You think we're the villains?

TARANDANDO

Think again.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

You've heard the rumors. This is the real story.

WHUPPITY STOORIE

The whole story.

TARANDANDO

Let us spin you the tale.

(ROYALS, DAUGHTERS, and PARENTS enter whispering things they have heard in town. The whispers grow louder and louder.)

SONG: SPINNING OUT!

[CHORUS]

Spinning out, spinning 'round,
The world is tilting upside down!
Faster, louder, can't slow down,
We're spinning straw right into gold!
We're spinning truth where lies were told!
We're spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning out!

[VERSE 1]

The Miller boasts with foolish pride,
(spoken) "What is he saying?"
His bragging mouth won't be denied!
(spoken) "Why would he say that?"
He claims more riches than his head,
His boasts bring chaos, fear, and dread!

(spoken by Miller) "I promise she can spin it all! She can do it—trust me!"

He's spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning out!

[VERSE 2]

The daughter's trapped in schemes so wild,
Impossible demands compiled!
Straw to gold, a hopeless test,
She spins in circles, stressed, distressed!
(spoken by Daughter) "I can't! I won't! What do I do?!"
(spoken by Miller) "She'll make it happen, just you see!"
She's spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning out!

[VERSE 3]

The greedy king craves endless gold,
A pile of treasure to behold!
"More!" he demands or else he'll shout,
His need for wealth is spinning out!
More! More! MORE!

(spoken by Daughter) "I don't have gold, I only have straw!"
He's spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning out!

[VERSE 4]

And Rumpelstiltskin spins his thread,
With darker plots inside his head.
A name unspoken seals the deal,
He spins a curse with wicked zeal!
(spoken) "Round and round and round it goes!"
(spoken) "More gold! Bring me more gold!"
We're spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning out!

[CHORUS]

Spinning out, spinning 'round,
The world is tilting upside down!
Faster, louder, can't slow down,
We're spinning straw right into gold!
We're spinning truth where lies were told!
We're spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning out!

[FINAL VERSE]

So round and round the chaos goes,
Where it will stop, nobody knows!
But through the madness we'll be grinning,
Spin a tale with a happy ending!

[FINAL CHORUS]

Spinning out, spinning 'round,
The world is tilting upside down!
Laughing, singing, hear us shout
We'll spin a happy ending out!
Yes, spin a happy ending out!
We're spinning, spinning, spinning, spinning out!

SCENE ONE

Daughters in the Village Center

BRENDA BAKER

(bright and chipper with a tray of desserts)

Good morning, Margaret! Want to try my new treats? I've been experimenting with butter cream.

MARGARET MILLER

(taking one)

Oh, I'd love to! Wow, Brenda honestly this is incredible.

BRENDA BAKER

Where's Tanya? I want her to try one.

MARGARET MILLER

You just missed her. She went to work for her father thatching a roof on the other side of the village.

BRENDA BAKER

That's a beautiful necklace! Is that new?

MARGARET MILLER

Yes actually! Tanya just gave it to me.

BRENDA BAKER

Wow, it looks so special. Why would she give that away?

MARGARET MILLER

Just to cheer me up. She said it's because I've been looking sad lately. Which is probably true.

BRENDA BAKER

Tanya is so generous. She is the sweetest. She ends up with scraps when she thatches and makes baskets with them. She wove one for me to use at the bakery.

MARGARET MILLER

Yeah, she's the best. Thanks for letting me try this. I better go. *(exits)*

BRENDA BAKER

I wonder what is going on with Margaret. Maybe things aren't going well at the mill. Something's going on for sure. She looks so miserable.

SCENE TWO

Parents in the Village Center

(Brenda exits as Barbara Baker and Gregory Thatcher enter)

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Good morning, Barbara. I've got to get these tools to Tanya.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Good morning, Gregory! Isn't it a beautiful day! She's working with you again today? How wonderful to have someone help you.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

She has really become an expert thatcher. She's so talented.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

How are you, Mr. Miller? Enjoying the bird song, the sunshine, the smell of the cupcakes baking?

MR. TOM MILLER

(clearly feeling down)

Yes. Of course. Sure. Good bird song.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Has something got you down? Do you need a lemon cream? Raspberry tart?

MR. TOM MILLER

That is very kind, thank you. I'm heading to the mill this afternoon. When do you want your delivery?

MS. BARBARA BAKER

I don't need any flour this week- going with a flourless torte today.

MR. TOM MILLER

You'll need flour next week though, right?

MS. BARBARA BAKER

I don't believe so, no. But you must have plenty of other customers. Business is going well?

MR. TOM MILLER

Well actually it's, um... well you see... I...

MS. BARBARA BAKER

The bakery is *thriving*. And my daughter- you know my daughter, Brenda? She's won three awards for her cupcakes in the last three weeks!

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Oh! Tanya got an award. For her basket weaving. She's been donating them to the orphanage in the next village over.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Isn't that lovely. What about Margaret? How is she doing?

MR. TOM MILLER

She is doing well. She's working on many, many things. All kinds of things. She's very good at the... at the... things she is doing. She's been developing skills.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Oh. What kind of skills?

MR. TOM MILLER

Too many skills to discuss really. I've got to go... help her with... her skills.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Well isn't that nice.

SCENE THREE

The Royals in the Castle

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

(sweetening him up to pitch her idea)

Dearest brother, I fear the castle's been boring. We need something exciting to do. Wouldn't you just love it if we -

PRINCESS BELLA

(blurting it out)

We want to have a ball!

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

Bella! I was explaining it. It was *my* idea.

KING RICHARD

Sorry Esmerelda, we can't have a ball. Some of the villagers are coming up short on their taxes. We don't have the money.

PRINCESS BELLA

I heard from the shopkeep that heard from the stableboy that the butcher isn't doing well. And I heard from the maid who heard from the groundskeeper that the candle shop might close.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

Well let's talk to the tax collector and figure it out. I'm thinking a full orchestra, flower garlands...

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

In times like this dear, we should be helping the people- not asking the people to help us. And certainly not planning parties. Richard, I've been thinking about it a lot and you really need-

KING RICHARD

Mother! Not this again.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Well you *do* need a queen by your side and I won't always be here to guide you.

PRINCESS BELLA

I can help him rule the kingdom. I know just about everyone in the whole land. I even know the farmer that lives by the river. He told me the farrier said that the blacksmith ate a moose. Who eats a moose?

KING RICHARD

I don't want help. I want to rule on my own. This kingdom is mine. It's my responsibility. If the villagers don't have enough, I'll find a different way to increase our funds.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

It's not about money. It's about the whole future. You need someone to make decisions with. Someone smart, someone reasonable, someone skilled.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

I don't envy you. I wouldn't want the responsibility of the whole kingdom on my shoulders.

PRINCESS BELLA

The butcher's daughter has gotten quite famous for her fashion designs. She's skilled. And Brenda has become quite the baker.

KING RICHARD

I'm sure she has. I'm sure she's lovely.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Oh good then you'll meet her!

KING RICHARD

No, I -

PRINCESS BELLA

We'll have a whole event! Invite everyone in town!

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

It will be better than a ball!

KING RICHARD

I didn't mean I -

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

We'll head straight out to make the announcement!

SCENE FOUR

The Imps

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Well now imps, what sort of mischief should we stir up today?

TARANDANDO

We could rock a boat? Lead a traveler astray?

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Hide a child's toys? Rearrange all the contents of the kitchen cupboards?

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Let us rob a bank.

TARANDANDO

Wow, wow- take it easy Rumpelstiltskin. We're looking for a playful shenanigan not a full blown crime.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Is that the king's horses I hear? Royals in the village square... surely we can have a bit of fun with this!

(The imps hide as the royals enter)

SCENE FIVE

Royal Announcement in the Village Center

PRINCESS BELLA

Hear ye, hear ye! All who are able gather round for a royal announcement!

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

At noon tomorrow all who have a suitable daughter are cordially invited to seek presence with the king. The king will be selecting a truly skilled person to become queen.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

We look forward to you visiting the castle.

KING RICHARD

(defeated) That will be all.

(the royals exit)

BRENDA BAKER

Mom! This is so exciting! I could be queen!

MS. BARBARA BAKER

You will be queen, Brenda! Of course it will be you!

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Aha! It's been getting harder for me to get up on the ladder. I can't work much longer. But if my daughter was queen we wouldn't have to work at all! *(exits)*

MR. TOM MILLER

Margaret, our chances are not good but we really need this. At this point I can barely afford food.

MARGARET MILLER

I'll find a job. We'll make it work.

MR. TOM MILLER

There's no jobs for you here. You don't really have a trade. You're going to need to look for work in other villages.

MARGARET MILLER

This is the only home I know. I don't want to leave. I think I'm going to sell Grandmother's bracelet. I know we need any money we can get.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN, WHUPPITY STOORIE, TARANDANDO

(sneaking out when the others leave)

This should be interesting... very interesting. *(they exit laughing)*

SCENE SIX

At the Castle

PRINCESS BELLA

We are ready to see you now.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Welcome, welcome. As you know my son is looking for a queen. We want someone smart, worldly, talented.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

We look forward to hearing why your daughter is the best fit.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Your highness, thank you for the opportunity. My Brenda makes award winning baked goods.

She excels in math. I am sure you will find she is perfect in every way.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

My daughter works with me. She is hardworking, responsible, and generous.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Oh she sounds like she is exactly what we are looking for.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

My daughter has become an eloquent poet and a graceful dancer. She-

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Tanya is a fisher and a huntress.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Brenda volunteers with the elderly.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

My daughter is very crafty. She is very resourceful with straw. She does basket weaving,
wreath making-

MS. BARBARA BAKER

And she teaches baking classes to the children at the-

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Tanya volunteers at the orphanage. She can make anything out of straw! She made a raft!
She's working on boatmaking. She can even-

KING RICHARD

Mr. Miller, what about your daughter?

MR. TOM MILLER

Well, your highness. She... also... works with... um... well... straw.

PRINCESS BELLA

She does? What does she do with it?

MR. TOM MILLER

She... donates it.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

She donates straw?

MR. TOM MILLER

She... makes things with it first. Then she donates it.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

What does she make?

MR. TOM MILLER

She... spins it! Into thread. But the thread is gold.

ALL (except MR. TOM MILLER)

What?!

KING RICHARD

Tom, is this true?

MR. TOM MILLER

Of course, yes. (*confidently now*) She spins straw into gold.

KING RICHARD

I want to see it immediately.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Richard dear, this is preposterous. She can't possibly do that. Be realistic, son. Let's see what the others can do.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

Thank you everyone. You are dismissed. Please send in your daughters.

BRENDA BAKER

(*holding out a tray of treats*) Your highness, I can bake just about anything you can imagine!
You can try these at your leisure.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

(*bringing baskets*) My daughter is at work and couldn't make it here today. These are her handicrafts. Her gift to you.

BRENDA BAKER

I have also prepared this dance. (*completes a brief dance and the royals applaud*)

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

She caught these fish. Would you like a fish?

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

(disgusted by the fish) No, thank you. How did she make a raft?

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Well she *wants* to make a raft. She didn't exactly make a raft yet.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

Mr. Thatcher, you said she had to work today but doesn't she work for you? Aren't you her boss?

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Yes and her boss wouldn't give her the day off.

PRINCESS BELLA

You are dismissed. *(to Brenda)* I've never heard of the baking class you teach- tell us all about it!

BRENDA BAKER

The baking class? I don't know what you mean.

PRINCESS BELLA

You don't teach to children?

BRENDA BAKER

I'm afraid I don't.

PRINCESS BELLA and PRINCESS ESMERELDA

You are dismissed!

KING RICHARD

All of the parents have lied. Bring in the Miller's Daughter.
(to Margaret once she enters) Your father said you can spin straw into gold. I will have a room ready for you full of straw. If it is not all turned to gold by sunrise, you will be sent to the dungeon.

SCENE SEVEN

In the Tower

(King Richard leads Margaret Miller to the tower and locks the door behind her.)

MARGARET MILLER

(desperate and tearful)

What am I going to do?! I can't possibly do this.
(cries on her knees)

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

(entering with a mischievous laugh)

In a bit of drama I see?

TARANDANDO

(strutting in and flipping her hair)

Got yourself in a jam?

WHUPPITY STOORIE

(sweetly)

We can probably help with that.

MARGARET MILLER

(looking at Whuppity Stoorie hopefully)

Are you... my fairy godmother?

(the three imps laugh wildly)

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Nothing like that really. But we do have magic. And it looks like you could use a little of that.

TARANDANDO

So tell us. What kind of pathetic mess are you in?

MARGARET MILLER

My father told everyone I can spin this straw into gold. And if I can't... I'll go to the dungeon.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Delightful!

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Suspenseful!

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

We'll do it!

MARGARET MILLER

You can do that?

TARANDANDO

For a price.

MARGARET MILLER

But I don't have anything!

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Tootaloo! It will be fun for you in the dungeon I think!

MARGARET MILLER

Wait, no! Don't leave! I'll give you my necklace.

WHUPPITY STOORIE

It looks real.

TARANDANDO

It's a deal.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Now then I suppose it's time for me to get to work!

SONG: NIGHTS OF GOLD PART 1

ENSEMBLE

On the first night she was led inside,
The tower walls were tall and wide.
A pile of straw, not small, but neat,
Was waiting there at her weary feet.
The story starts, the tale is told—
The first of three Nights of Gold!

MARGARET: I can't do this! No one could!

RUMPELSTILTSKIN: No one... but me.

ENSEMBLE

Spin it, twist it, watch it gleam,
Straw becomes a golden dream!
Round the wheel, the threads unfold,
Straw is turning into gold!

RUMPELSTILTSKIN: Round and round... Brighter, brighter.

MARGARET: It's shining... it's really shining!

ENSEMBLE

The candle fades, the wheel grows still,
The night is gone, the room is filled.
The sunlight climbs, the shadows fall,
The King approaches, key in hand, the lock-

SCENE EIGHT**Word Spreads****QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA**

(to Richard)

You can't be serious. She couldn't have possibly.

KING RICHARD

If she did it once she could do it again. Think of the money! Riches beyond compare! I'm locking her in for another night.

PRINCESS BELLA and PRINCESS ESMERELDA

The miller was telling the truth?!

BRENDA BAKER

Did you hear that?

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

That can't be right.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

If she could make gold why wasn't she making it before?

BRENDA BAKER

Good point, this is some kind of trick.

ALL (except MR. TOM MILLER)

I can't believe she actually did it.

MR. TOM MILLER

She did?! I mean of course she did. She did?

ALL

And she has to do it again tonight!

SCENE NINE**The Second Night****MARGARET MILLER**

(crying on her knees when she sees the imps appear)

Oh thank goodness, you're back! Can you help me again?

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Not for free we can't.

RUMPELSTILSKIN

Never for free, never for free.

TARANDANDO

Whatcha got for us tonight?

MARGARET MILLER

I barely have anything. My bracelet- you can have my bracelet.

RUMPELSTILTSKIN and TARANDANDO

It's a deal.

WHUPPITY STOORIE

I'll take the wheel.

SONG: NIGHTS OF GOLD PART 2

ENSEMBLE

On the second night they locked the door,
The pile of straw was twice, then more!
The greedy King gave orders bold,
"Spin it again, more Nights of Gold!"
Her fate was trapped, her fear controlled,
The second of the Nights of Gold!

MARGARET: It's even more than yesterday!

WHUPPITY STOORIE: And yet... I'll spin it anyway.

ENSEMBLE

Spin it, twist it, watch it gleam,
Straw becomes a golden dream!
Round the wheel, the threads unfold,
Straw is turning into gold!

WHUPPITY STOORIE: Round and round... Brighter, brighter.

MARGARET: It's shining... it's really shining!

ENSEMBLE

The candle fades, the wheel grows still,
The night is gone, the room is filled.
The sunlight climbs, the shadows fall,
The King approaches, key in hand, the lock-

SCENE TEN**The Queen Shall Be Chosen****KING RICHARD**

We're rich! This solves everything. If she can do it again, I'll make her the queen.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Do it again? You don't need any more gold. Son, I'm afraid you've got your priorities all wrong.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

This means there will be a coronation ceremony!

PRINCESS BELLA

I can't wait to make the announcement! Everyone, everyone! Did you hear? There will be a coronation!

MS. BARBARA BAKER

This can't be happening! My daughter should be queen. Margaret must be a witch!

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

It's magical! Unthinkable! And to think I've been working with straw my whole life!

SCENE ELEVEN**The Third Night****MARGARET MILLER**

(pacing in the room and stops when the Imps appear)

I knew you'd come. I need your help but I do not have anything left to give.

WHUPPITY STOORIE

You'll have to think of something, honey. What's in your pocket? Got anything shiny in there?

MARGARET MILLER

I don't have anything. I really don't. Please, I beg you!

RUMPELSTILSKIN

You're in quite a mess, deary. So many lies. Well good luck with that. Goodbye then.

MARGARET MILLER

Wait! I'll give you my... you can have my...

RUMPELSTILSKIN and WHUPPITY STOORIE

Yes? Spit it out.

MARGARET MILLER

My first born child!

TARANDANDO

Wow. Reign it in, girl. That's a lot to unpack. You're going from a little jewelry to full blown baby? *(to the imps)* Do we want a baby? *(the imps shake their heads)* She must be really desperate this time. It's kind of sad.

(to Margaret) Alright sure whatever. We'll take your baby I guess. Let me at the wheel.

SONG: NIGHTS OF GOLD PART 3

ENSEMBLE

On the third night straw filled the room,
A mountain high of certain doom!
The King cried out, "Make treasure fast,
Prove your worth, this is the last!"
Her future now by threads controlled,
The last of these Nights of Gold!

MARGARET: There's no escape... this will never end!

TARANDANDO: Unless you make a bargain, friend.

ENSEMBLE

Spin it, twist it, watch it gleam,
Straw becomes a golden dream!
Round the wheel, the threads unfold,
Straw is turning into gold!

TARANDANDO: Round and round... Brighter, brighter.

MARGARET: It's shining... it's really shining!

ENSEMBLE

The candle fades, the wheel grows still,
The night is gone, the room is filled.
The sunlight climbs, the shadows fall,
The King approaches, key in hand, the lock-

SCENE TWELVE

The Ceremony at the Castle

KING RICHARD

(to Margaret) You have made enough gold to last me a lifetime! Many lifetimes. We shall crown you immediately.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

(to Margaret) You poor dear. You mustn't have slept a wink. Dust yourself off, the ceremony is about to begin.

PRINCESS BELLA

Hear ye, hear ye! Gather round, gather round. All bow to the new Queen Margaret.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

Long live Queen Margaret!

ALL

Long live Queen Margaret!

(then everyone freezes)

MR. TOM MILLER

Years passed with Margaret on the throne.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

She was a kind ruler, always thinking of what was best for the people.

BRENDA BAKER

We put our jealousy aside the best we could.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

She guided the king in many ways but she couldn't stop his greed.

MR. TOM MILLER

He kept all the gold for himself.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

He hosted lavish parties, bought expensive jewels, and he didn't share his wealth with those in need.

BRENDA BAKER

As he grew in riches, we grew in poverty.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Until the day that everything changed.

MR. TOM MILLER

When Margaret had a child.

(Margaret holds her baby as everyone admires how cute the infant is. With mischievous laughter, the imps appear!)

IMPS

We're back! Give us your baby! *(more laughter)*

VILLAGERS

(gasp) What is happening?/ Who are they?/ Aaah!

WHUPPITY STOORIE

You didn't tell them? You've kept up the lie all this time, I see?

ROYALS

What is she talking about?

MARGARET MILLER

I've made a terrible mistake. I didn't turn the straw to gold. They did. In exchange for my first born child.

VILLAGERS

(gasp) No!/ It can't be! /How could you?!/ Aaah!

TARANDANDO

Gosh, we haven't had this much drama in years! I'm loving this. Now give me the baby.

MR. TOM MILLER

No! There must be another way! A different deal we can make.

TARANDANDO

Please hold. *(huddles together with the imps)* We don't really want that baby, do we? It won't exactly fit in with our lifestyle.

RUMPELSTILSKIN

(to the imps) It will be hard to balance playing pranks with childcare. I say we make it a game!

IMPS

A game!

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Alright everyone. If you want this child to stay, you have to correctly guess our names.

RUMPELSTILSKIN

And you only have three days!

IMPS

Or the baby is ours forever!

ALL

(gasp) No!/ It can't be! /How could you?!/ Aaah!

SONG: GUESS THEIR NAME! Version 1

[CHORUS 1: ALL]

Guess their name, guess their name,
If you lose, it's you to blame!
Three sly imps will win the game,
Unless you guess their name!
Guess their name, guess their name,
This is no child's guessing game!
One wrong word, you're trapped in shame.
You've got to guess their name!

[VERSE]

KING, QUEEN MOTHER, MARGARET: Is it Derrik? Is it Chad?
PRINCESSES: Bobby? Martha? Mom or Dad?
VILLAGERS: Gary? Carrie? Dave or Grace?
KING, QUEEN MOTHER, MARGARET: JimBob? Bertha? Maeve or Lace?
PRINCESSES: Rhonda? Michael? Liza? Sharon?
VILLAGERS: Must be Franklin! Must be Karen!
ALL: Ziggy Gizmo? Rocket Nash?
Mrs. Bank or Mr. Cash?

ROYALS: There are too many names!

[CHORUS 2: ALL]

Guess their name, guess their name,
Your future hangs on fortune's flame!
Win or lose, it's not the same-
You've got to guess their name!

Guess their name!
BAKERS: Are you Mildred?
ALL: Guess their name!
THATCHERS: Are you Billy?
ALL: Guess their name!
MILLERS: Are you Douglas?
ALL: Guess Again!

SCENE THIRTEEN

Second Day of Guessing

(The imps laugh and exit)

KING RICHARD

(to everyone) Nobody leaves the castle until the names are guessed! Margaret, how could you do this?

MARGARET

How could I do this? Me? You're the one who threatened to send me to the dungeon!

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Your greed got the best of you then and it's getting the best of you now. You can't keep the people here for days like that.

PRINCESS BELLA

Not without a prize at least. You could give them part of your pile of gold if they can guess correctly.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

Oooh, like a fun contest!

KING RICHARD

I won't be giving up any of my gold!

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Tom is responsible for this! You made up that ridiculous lie.

MR. TOM MILLER

I never would have said it if you all weren't making up such absurd things! How could I compete?

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

The things I made up weren't absurd! They were perfectly plausible.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Is it so wrong to be proud of my life and my family? And maybe embellish it a bit for fun?

MR. TOM MILLER

It is a little wrong, yes.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

Oh come on, we all lied. It's everyone's fault.

EVERYONE

(all pointing at different people) It's your fault.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

It doesn't matter whose fault this is. We need to work together and save the baby.

(Time passes as everyone thinks. Then the imps appear again.)

IMPS

Who is ready for more fun?

SONG: GUESS THEIR NAME! Version 2

[CHORUS 1: ALL]

Guess their name, guess their name,
If you lose, it's you to blame!
Three sly imps will win the game,
Unless you guess their name!
Guess their name, guess their name,
This is no child's guessing game!
One wrong word, you're trapped in shame.
You've got to guess their name!

[VERSE]

KING, QUEEN MOTHER, MARGARET: Is it Rose Bush? Is it Plant?
PRINCESSES: Ladybug or Giant Ant?
VILLAGERS: Bartholomew? Hercules?
KING, QUEEN MOTHER, MARGARET: Ginger Spice or Stinky Cheese?
PRINCESSES: Carrot-Carrot? Flower Ghost?
VILLAGERS: Hambone? Lamb Chops? Turkey Roast?
ALL: Corn on the Cob? Jelly Bean?
Apple Pie or Canned Sardine?

PARENTS: There are too many names!

[CHORUS 2: ALL]
Guess their name, guess their name,
Your future hangs on fortune's flame!
Win or lose, it's not the same-
You've got to guess their name!
Guess their name!

KING and QUEEN MOTHER: Are you Froggy?
Guess their name!
MILLERS: Are you Cornbread?
Guess their name!
PRINCESSES: Are you Eyeball?
Guess Again!

(The imps laugh wildly and exit.)

SCENE FOURTEEN Last Chance to Guess

BRENDA BAKER

Oh no! Only one day left. I don't know if I can think of any more names.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

This isn't about you. We need to focus.

GREGORY THATCHER

Or give up. I think they've made this impossible on purpose.

(everyone groans, defeated)

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

Richard, the people are losing hope. You're going to have to do something. Inspire them.

KING RICHARD

With what? How do you propose I do that?

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

With the one thing you have too much of that they have been sorely needing.

KING RICHARD

My gold? It's *my* gold.

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

These are the people of *your* kingdom. They have been needing you. They have been living in poverty and fabricating fake lives. Share what you have. Give them a reason to help you.

KING RICHARD

Fine. *(announcing to everyone)* When the imps come back, if anyone in this kingdom correctly guesses their names you shall all receive enough gold to last you for years to come.

ALL (except King Richard)

Huzzah!

BRENDA BAKER

Oh, your highness, thank you! Everyone, just think of what our lives could be like!

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

I wouldn't have to climb that ladder as much.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

You weren't climbing that ladder anyway.

BRENDA BAKER

Knock it off, mom. Think about it- we could all spend more time together, without all the lies and competition.

MR. TOM MILLER

How about without *any* competition.

BRENDA BAKER

Let's all make a deal. We'll all work together as one community. Always honest. Always sharing. Never greedy.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

I will admit that sounds beautiful. I'm in!

ALL

Huzzah!

BRENDA BAKER

Shh! I hear something!

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Ha ha ha! They'll never guess that our names are Whuppity Stoorie, Tarandando and Rumpelstilskin!

(the imps laugh and enter as the villagers and royals exchange excited looks.)

IMPS

We're back! Last time to play!

SONG: GUESS THEIR NAME! Version 3

[CHORUS 1: ALL]

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If you lose, it's you to blame!
Three sly imps will win the game,
Unless you guess their name!
Guess their name, guess their name,
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You've got to guess their name!

[VERSE]

KING, QUEEN MOTHER, MARGARET: Is it Hamlet? Is it Pete?
PRINCESSES: Doctor Donut? Leather Seat?
VILLAGERS: Captain Pickle? Cousin Bruce?
KING, QUEEN MOTHER, MARGARET: Muffin Cake or Mother Goose?
PRINCESSES: Banana Peel? Sir Doodle-Doo?
VILLAGERS: Princess Pogo? Winnie Lou?
ALL: Candle Wax or Mister Heat?
Bagel Bite or Sheriff Tweet?

IMPS: There are so many names!

[CHORUS 2: ALL]

Guess their name, guess their name,
Your future hangs on fortune's flame!
Win or lose, it's not the same-
You've got to guess their name!
Guess their name!
ROYALS: Whuppity Stoorie?
Guess their name!
PARENTS: Tarandando?
Guess their name!
DAUGHTERS: Rumpelstiltskin?
Guessed it Right!

RUMPELSTILSKIN

(Playfully sarcastic) Ooooh noooo! You must have heard us talking loudly about our names.
And now you've won the game.

TARANDANDO

(Playfully sarcastic) Ooooooh nooooo! Now we don't get to keep that needy baby? What will we do now?

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

It seems pretty obvious now that they never actually wanted the baby.

PRINCESS BELLA

Well that was a lot of suspense for no reason.

BRENDA BAKER

Actually, I think this is working out pretty fantastically for all of us.

MR. TOM MILLER

Yeah, this means we still get a share of the gold!

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

And we've all agreed no more lies between us.

ALL (except Mr. Tom Miller)

Especially you, Tom.

MR. TOM MILLER

Yes indeed. You have my word.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

I think a celebration is in order. A big party! Oooh! Let's have a ball!

PRINCESS BELLA

Yes! All are invited!

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

Even us?

MARGARET MILLER

Yes, even you! You saved me.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

And you changed us all.

MARGARET MILLER

Let's celebrate with a feast!

MS. BARBARA BAKER and BRENDA BAKER

We'll bring dessert!

QUEEN MOTHER AGATHA

(to the imps) You can stay as long as you'd like.

TARANDANDO

That sounds fun! Oooh could we have jobs? I've never had a job before. Can I be your fashion designer?

WHUPPITY STOORIE

Oh, can I be the village librarian?

RUMPELSTILTSKIN

I've always wanted to be an exterminator.

PRINCESS BELLA

I say we declare a holiday.

PRINCESS ESMERELDA

Yes! And celebrate it every year.

MR. GREGORY THATCHER

That's a great idea!

BRENDA BAKER

So we never forget our story.

MR. TOM MILLER and MARGARET MILLER

And the mistakes we made.

MS. BARBARA BAKER

Or lessons we learned.

KING RICHARD

The ways we grew.

ALL

And the way we were all spinning out of control.

SONG: SPINNING OUT