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**Act 1 Scene 1**  
**Pevensie Home, 1940**  
**“Bombing London”**

*[It's evening and the Pevensie Family is at home, with the shades drawn. The roar of war planes becomes gradually louder. They start dropping bombs on the houses nearby. Intrigued, Edmund looks out the window.]*

**MRS. PEVENSIE**

Edmund get away from there! Peter! *(to Edmund)* What do you think you're doing?! Peter, quickly, the shelter now!

**PETER**

*(grabs Edmund)* Come on! To the shelter, now!

**LUCY**

Mommy?

**SUSAN**

Lucy, come on! Lucy!

*[The Pevensies are running to the shelter. We hear them shouting.]*

**CHILDREN**

*[adlib]* Hurry up! RUN!

*[Edmund turns around, as if forgetting something.]*

**EDMUND**

Wait...Dad!

*[Edmund runs inside and grabs a picture.]*

**MRS. PEVENSIE**

Edmund! No!

**PETER**

Edmund!

*[Peter follows Edmund back inside the house.]*

**MRS. PEVENSIE**

Peter! Come back!

*[After the kids enter the house, a bomb strikes nearby and the window blows in. Peter and Edmund are thrown to the floor.]*

**PETER**

Come on you idiot! Run, Run!

*[Peter and Edmund run back to the shelter. Peter throws Edmund onto the ground and starts shouting.]*

**PETER**

Why can't you think about anyone but yourself? You're so selfish! You could've gotten us killed...Why can't you just do as you're told?

*[Peter slams the shelter door.]*

**Act 1 Scene 2  
Train Station  
“Evacuation”**

*[It's the following week, and the Pevensie children, along with many other nervous families, are at the train station awaiting to board. Train SFX]*

**ANNOUNCER VOICE-OVER**

Attention! Would all parents ensure that their children have the appropriate identification papers. Please be prepared to show your ticket and identification as you board the train...thank you.

**MRS. PEVENSIE**

*[to Lucy]* You need to keep this on, darling. *[hug]* Alright. You warm enough? Good girl.

**EDMUND**

If Dad were here, the war would be over, and we wouldn't have to go.

**PETER**

If Dad wasn't fighting and the war was over, we wouldn't have to go.

**MRS. PEVENSIE**

You will listen to your brother, won't you Edmund? *[Mrs. Pevensie goes to hug Edmund. He shrugs her away quickly – then speaking to Peter]* Look after the others.

**PETER**

I will, Mum.

*[Mrs. Pevensie hugs Peter – then Susan.]*

**MRS. PEVENSIE**

You be a big girl now, Susan...there now...off you go.

**PETER**

Come on, we've got to stay together. *[to Lucy]* Everything's going to be okay.

*[Edmund snatches papers from Susan.]*

**SUSAN**

Peter!

**EDMUND**

I know how to get on a train.

**PETER**

Bye Mom, we'll miss you.

**MRS. PEVENSIE**

Goodbye, my darlings. *[Children walk to board train]* I love you.

*[Mrs. Pevensie is lost in the crowd as the children pull away.]*

**LUCY**

What's his name again?

**SUSAN**

Who? The Professor? *[Lucy nods]*

**EDMUND**

Professor Kirke...honest Lucy, don't you remember anything?

**PETER**

Edmund!

**EDMUND**

Oh, lighten up! You guys are too uptight.

**LUCY**

So, why do we have to travel so far away? And why can't Mum come with us?

**SUSAN**

It won't be for long. Mum says she'll write soon, and we'll be back home right after the war is over.

**LUCY**

And does Professor...

**EDMUND**

Kirke!

**LUCY**

I know...does Professor Kirke have any children? *[Susan shakes her head "no"]*

**PETER**

I'm afraid not.

**EDMUND**

Well this ought to be a fun couple of months, *[SFX: Train Whistle]* Come on, were going to miss our train!

**Act 1 Scene 3**  
**Professor's Manor - Foyer**  
**"A Cold Reception"**

*[The children walk hesitantly in, looking around. The stuffy room, filled with antiques, is quiet and awkward.]*

**SUSAN**

The Professor knew we were coming, right?

**PETER**

Maybe we got numbered incorrectly. *[looking at his tag]*

**EDMUND**

Let's hope it's the house down the road instead...perhaps it's less dusty than this one... *[not knowing Mrs. Macready is standing behind him]*

**PETER**

Mrs. Macready?

**MRS. MACREADY**

I'm afraid so. Is that it then? Haven't you brought anything else?

**PETER**

No, ma'am. It's just us.

**MRS. MACREADY**

Small favors. The professor is unaccustomed to having children in his house, and as such, there are a few rules we need to follow. There will be no shoutin' or runnin', no improper use of the dumbwaiter, NO touching of the historical artifacts, and above all, there shall be no disturbin' of the Professor.

*[Mrs. Macready begins to usher the children to their room, when they hear the voice of an old man.]*

**PROFESSOR KIRKE**

There you are! We've been expecting you. I received a telegram from your mother just last week.

**MRS. MACREADY**

Yes...I was just showing them to their room. This way...

**PROFESSOR KIRKE**

*[paying no attention to Mrs. Macready]* Let me see, you must be Peter?

**PETER**

Yes sir.

**PROFFESSOR KIRKE**

And you must be Susan.

**SUSAN**

Yes sir.

**PROFFESSOR KIRKE**

Hmmm...and your name? Let me see...

**LUCY**

My name is Lucy. Lucy Pevensie, sir.

**PROFFESSOR KIRKE**

That's right, Lucy...I won't forget now.

**EDMUND**

And I'm Edmund!

**PETER**

Sir...

**EDMUND**

Sorry, sir. I'm Edmund, sir.

**PROFFESSOR KIRKE**

I'll do my best not to get you mixed up. *[starts to walk away]* Oh, Miss Macready...the children must be exhausted from their journey. See that they have a nice meal served up in their own study. They don't want to have to sit up and be polite to an old man.

**MRS. MACREADY**

Well, it may propose an inconvenience to the kitchen staff.

**PROFFESSOR KIRKE**

Oh? Hmmm...how about we invite them up and ask?

**MRS. MACREADY**

NO! That...won't be necessary. Whatever you want, Professor. Your word is law.

**PROFFESSOR KIRKE**

Is it? Well how nice... *[turns to leave]*

**MRS. MACREADY**

This way.

**Act 1 Scene 4**  
**Professor's Manor – The Children's Study**  
**"Hide-and-Seek"**

*[The children are upstairs eating their dinner. Rain is pattering on the window.]*

**RADIO MAN VOICE-OVER**

German aircraft carried out several attacks on Great Britain last night...A number of troops...

*[Peter turns off the radio and tries to distract his brother and sisters.]*

**PETER**

I'd say, what about the old prof?

**EDMUND**

He's peculiar.

**SUSAN**

Why? Because he's old?

**EDMUND**

The way he talks...I keep wanting to laugh.

**PETER**

Very bad form, Edmund. He has given us a home...

**EDMUND**

I KNOW, YOU DON'T HAVE TO KEEP GOING ON ABOUT IT!

**PETER**

I WOULDN'T HAVE TO KEEP ON ABOUT IT, IF YOU...

**LUCY**

Please don't fight! Someone will hear.

**PETER**

I shouldn't think so. It's miles from here to the drawing room.

**SUSAN**

It's the biggest, weirdest house I've ever been in - all the stairs and passageways.

**LUCY**

I think it's a bit spooky, especially now since it's dark.

**EDMUND**

I think that's the only good thing about being here. I like this spooky house. I'm sure, GHOSTS in every corner.



**SUSAN**  
Edmund...

[SFX: Owl]

**LUCY**  
What's that?

**PETER**  
Just a bird outside. Probably an owl.

**SUSAN**  
[reassuring Lucy] We have owls at home, so not to worry...I wonder what other animals we'll find here...

**EDMUND**  
Do you think they have a farm? Or wild horses?

**LUCY**  
I love horses!

**PETER**  
We'll soon find out. We've got weeks and weeks of holiday ahead. Let's start tomorrow exploring the grounds, then the woods, and the fields...

**SUSAN**  
If it's not raining.

**LUCY**  
What if it is raining?

**EDMUND**  
Then we can explore the house.

**PETER**  
This place is huge! We'll be able to do whatever we want. [Lucy is visibly sad, thinking about the rain.] Tomorrow's going to be great. Really.

**LUCY**  
[getting an idea] We could play hide-and-peek!

**SUSAN**  
Now? [Lucy nods]

**PETER**  
It's nearly time for bed!

**LUCY**

Please, please, please!

**SUSAN**

Peter's right. It's been a long day, Lu.

**LUCY**

We haven't done anything fun all day.

**PETER**

One...two...three...four...

*[The children run to play hide-and seek throughout the house. Peter turns his back and counts to 100. The children are hiding behind furniture, changing their minds, and jockeying for position. Susan finds a trunk and gets in.]*

**EDMUND**

*(pushing Lucy out of her hiding spot)* Get out! I was here first!

*[Lucy runs into another room and finds a wardrobe with Peter counting in the background, and the scene transitions.]*

**PETER**

Thirty four, Thirty five...

**Act 1 Scene 5A**  
**Wardrobe/Narnia**  
**“Meeting Tumnus”**

*[Lucy hides in the wardrobe. She walks backwards until her hand pricks the branch of a tree. She turns around and finds herself in a snowy wood. A few moments later, she walks towards a lamppost. She hears footsteps and is scared. Suddenly, a faun steps out from among the trees into the light of the lamppost.]*

**LUCY AND TUMNUS**

AAAUUUGGGGGHHHHH!!! *[Tumnus drops his armful of packages and they both hide.]*

**TUMNUS**

*[slowly walking out as Lucy picks up packages]* Uh, ch, gk, ch *[random noises]*

**LUCY**

Were you hiding from me?

**TUMNUS**

Huh, um, N...n...no, I...I...I didn't want to scare you...

**LUCY**

If you don't mind my asking...what are you? *[They continue to pick up packages.]*

**TUMNUS**

Why, I'm a faun! And you must be some beardless dwarf?

**LUCY**

I'm not a dwarf, I'm a girl! And actually, I'm tallest in my class.

**TUMNUS**

But you're saying...you're a daughter of Eve?

**LUCY**

Well, my Mum's name is Helen...

**TUMNUS**

Yes, but you are, in fact...human?

**LUCY**

Of course!

**TUMNUS**

What are you doing here?

**LUCY**

Well, I came in through the wardrobe in the spare room, and...

**TUMNUS**

Spare Oom? Is that in Narnia?

**LUCY**

Narnia? What's that?

**TUMNUS**

My dear girl, you're in it! Everything from the lamppost, all the way to Castle Cair Paravel on the Eastern Sea...every stick and stone, every icicle, is Narnia.

**LUCY**

This is an awfully big wardrobe.

**TUMNUS**

I'm sorry, please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Tumnus.

**LUCY**

Glad to meet you, Mr. Tumnus! *[extends hand]* I'm Lucy Pevensie. *[Tumnus is perplexed at her gesture.]* Oh, you shake it!

**TUMNUS**

Why?

**LUCY**

I...I don't know! People do it when they meet each other. *[They awkwardly shake hands.]*

**TUMNUS**

Lucy Pevensie, from the shining city of War Drobe in the far land of Spare Oom, how would it be if you came and had tea with me?

**LUCY**

Oh! Well, thank you very much! But I probably should be getting back...

**TUMNUS**

Oh, come on! It's not every day I get to make a new friend! And there's a...roaring fire! And toast and cakes! And maybe...we'll even break into the sardines.

**LUCY**

Well, maybe for just a little while...if you have...sardines.

**TUMNUS**

By the bucket load. Come along.

*[They exit to Tumnus' house.]*

**Act 1 Scene 5B**  
**Narnia – Tumnus’ House**  
**“Lullaby”**

**LUCY**

Can I help you with that?

**TUMNUS**

Why thank you! [Helping Tumnus with his scarf and packages, Lucy then looks at a familiar portrait.]

**TUMNUS**

Oh...that is my father.

**LUCY**

He had a nice face. You look just like him.

**TUMNUS**

No, we’re not alike at all really. [Tumnus prepares tea and cakes.]

**LUCY**

My father is fighting in the war.

**TUMNUS**

My father went away to war too...but that was a very long time ago... before this dreadful winter.

**LUCY**

Winter isn't all bad. [still looking around] There's ice skating and snow ball fights. Oh! And Christmas!

**TUMNUS**

We haven't had Christmas in a hundred years here.

**LUCY**

No presents for a hundred years?

**TUMNUS**

It hasn't always been that way. We had long, long summers and the woods were so green with the whole forest given up to jolification for weeks on end. Oh, and how you would have loved Narnia in Spring! The Dryads and the Fauns would dance all night...but we never got tired. And oh, the music! Such music. Would you...like to hear some now?

**LUCY**

Yes, please! [sitting to drink her tea]

**TUMNUS**

[getting flute out] Now, are you familiar with the Narnia lullabies?

**LUCY**

*[shakes her head]* No, I'm afraid I'm not.

**TUMNUS**

Good, because this probably won't sound anything like one.

*[Tumnus plays his tune. Lucy sips her tea and looks into the fire. A herd of galloping centaurs appears. Lucy stares, but Tumnus nods that it's OK. She looks back into the fire. She sees nymphs dancing, dwarfs feasting, and a flying horse. Lucy is transfixed and her eyes start to drift. She falls asleep and drops her cup. Tumnus looks into the fire and for one moment it takes the shape of a roaring lion. The lights go out. The scene transitions to night.]*

**Act 1 Scene 5C**  
**Narnia – Tumnus’ House**  
**“A Change of Heart”**

*[Lucy wakes up and looks out the window. She sees that it has gotten dark outside.]*

**LUCY**

Oh, I must go!

**TUMNUS**

It's too late for that now. I'm such a bad faun. *[crying]*

**LUCY**

No. You're the nicest faun I've ever met.

**TUMNUS**

Then I'm afraid you've had a very poor sampling.

**LUCY**

You can't have done anything that bad. *[Lucy hands Tumnus her handkerchief.]*

**TUMNUS**

It's not something I have done, Lucy Pevensie. It's something I'm doing.

**LUCY**

What are you doing?

**TUMNUS**

I'm kidnapping you. It's the White Witch, the one that makes it always winter, and never Christmas. She told me that if I ever was to come across a son of Adam or a daughter of Eve, I am supposed to turn it over to her!

**LUCY**

Oh, but Mr. Tumnus, you wouldn't...I thought you were my friend.

*[Tumnus looks up, thinks for a moment, grabs Lucy's hand, and heads back into the woods towards the lamppost.]*

**TUMNUS**

We must move quietly. She may already know you're here. The woods are full of her spies. Even some of the trees are on her side.

*[Lucy glances up at the trees. Finally, Lucy and Tumnus step into the light of the lamppost.]*

**TUMNUS**

Can you find your way back from here?

**LUCY**

I think so...will you be alright? *[Tumnus starts to cry but does his best to keep it in. He tries to return her handkerchief, but she gives it back.]* Keep it, you need it more than I do.

**TUMNUS**

No matter what happens, Lucy Pevensie, I am glad to have met you. You've made me feel warmer than I've felt in a hundred years. Now go. Go!

*[Lucy runs off for the wardrobe and Mr. Tumnus returns to his home.]*



**Act 1 Scene 6**  
**Professor's Manor – The Children's Study**  
**"Still Hide-and-Seek"**

[Edmund is still hiding as we hear Peter, still counting in the background.]

**PETER**

[off-stage] 98, 99, 100...ready or not, here I come.

**LUCY**

[running into room] I'm back, I'm back! It's alright!

**EDMUND**

Shhh, he's coming!

**PETER**

[coming into the room and finding them both] You know, I'm not sure if you two have quite gotten the idea of this game!

**LUCY**

But weren't you wondering where I was?

**EDMUND**

That's the point! That's why he was seeking you!

**SUSAN**

[coming in from the other room] Does this mean I win?

**PETER**

I don't think Lucy wants to play anymore.

**LUCY**

I've been gone...for hours.

**EDMUND**

Batty, quite batty she is.

**LUCY**

But it was just after dinner when I went in the wardrobe, and it has been hours! And I had tea with...

**SUSAN**

Don't be silly, Lucy. You just came out of that room a moment ago. You couldn't have been in there more than a few seconds.

**LUCY**

But I wasn't imagining! It was magic. It's a magic wardrobe! There's a forest inside, and it's snowing, and there's a faun I had tea with, and a witch, and the place is called Narnia.

**SUSAN**

That's enough!

**EDMUND**

Well, I believe you.

**LUCY**

You do?

**EDMUND**

Yah, didn't I tell you about the football field I found in the bathroom closet?

**PETER**

Why don't you just stop it! You always have to make everything worse. Grow up!

**EDMUND**

Shut up! You think you're Dad, but you're not! *[storms out]*

**SUSAN**

Well, that was nicely handled! *[walks away too]*

**LUCY**

It was really there...why don't you believe me?

**PETER**

Susan's right. That's enough. It's time we head for bed. I'm sure you're just tired from a long day. Get some rest. *[exits while Lucy stands in silence]*

*[Blackout]*

**Act 1 Scene 7A**  
**Professor's Manor – The Children's Study – Girls' Bedroom**  
**"Sneaking Out"**

[That evening the children are in bed asleep. Lucy awakes and lights a candle. Checking that Susan is still asleep in the bed next to her, she sneaks out of the room. She walks quietly down the hall, but Edmund is awoken by her footsteps. Lucy makes her way to the room with the wardrobe and Edmund follows her. Lucy enters the wardrobe and closes the door. Edmund is not far behind.]

**EDMUND**

Lucy...Lucy? I hope you're not afraid of the dark. [opens the wardrobe door, and climbs inside]

Lucy, Lucy?

**Act 1 Scene 7B**  
**Narnia**  
**“Meeting the White Witch”**

*[Edmund is now in Narnia. He walks around, sees the lamppost, and is amazed by it all.]*

**EDMUND**

Lucy? I think I believe you now!

*[SFX: Bells of a sleigh in the distance]*

**EDMUND**

Lucy? Is that you?

**DWARF**

*[still in the distance] Yah! [Sounds of a sleigh and a whipping sound get closer. Edmund dives out of the way into the snow. Then the dwarf jumps out, throws a whip around Edmund's legs, and puts a knife to Edmund's throat.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

What is it Ginarrbrik?

**EDMUND**

Tell him to let go of me!

**DWARF**

Is that how you address the Queen of Narnia?

**EDMUND**

Who? I didn't know!

**DWARF**

You will know her better hereafter! *[Ginnarrbrik raises his dagger]*

**WHITE WITCH**

Wait! What is your name, Son-of-Adam?

**EDMUND**

Edmund, your majesty.

**WHITE WITCH**

And how was it, Edmund, that you came to enter my dominion? *[waves Ginnarrbrick off of Edmund]*

**EDMUND**

I'm not sure, I walked through a wardrobe following my sister.

**WHITE WITCH**

Your sister? How many are you?

**EDMUND**

Four. Lucy is the only one that's been here before. She said she met a faun called...Tumnus. Peter and Susan didn't believe her.

**WHITE WITCH**

Edmund, you look so cold! Come and sit with me here on my sleigh. *[Edmund joins her]* Now, would you like something warm to drink?

**EDMUND**

Yes...your majesty. *[She takes a vial and drops a green drop on the snow that becomes a hot drink that the dwarf gives Edmund.]* How did you do that?

**WHITE WITCH**

I can make anything you like.

**EDMUND**

Could you make me taller?

**WHITE WITCH**

I can make anything you like to eat.

**EDMUND**

*[thinking]* Turkish Delight? *[The witch pours another drop of potion in the snow and makes Turkish Delight, and the Dwarf gives it to Edmund.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

Edmund, I would very much like to meet your family.

**EDMUND**

Why? They're nothing special.

**WHITE WITCH**

You see, Edmund, I have no children of my own. And you are exactly the sort of boy who I could see one day becoming King of Narnia.

**EDMUND**

*[mouth full]* Really?

**WHITE WITCH**

*[nods]* Of course, you'd have to bring your family.

**EDMUND**

They're nothing special. Oh, will Peter be king, too?

**WHITE WITCH**

No! But a king needs servants.

**EDMUND**

I...I guess I could bring 'em.

**WHITE WITCH**

Beyond these woods, do you see those two little hills? My house is right between them. You'd love it there Edmund. It has whole rooms simply stuffed with Turkish Delight!

**EDMUND**

Couldn't I have some more now?

**WHITE WITCH**

NO! *[smiles]* Don't want to ruin your appetite. Besides, we are going to see each other soon, aren't we?

**EDMUND**

I hope so...your majesty.

**WHITE WITCH**

Until then...dear one. I'm going to miss you *[The White Witch drives off and Edmund is left alone. Edmund staggers back to the lamppost when confronted by Lucy.]*

**LUCY**

Edmund? Oh Edmund!!!! *[hugs her brother]* I saw Mr. Tumnus again, and he's fine!!! The White Witch hasn't found out about him helping me!

**EDMUND**

The White Witch?

**LUCY**

She calls herself the Queen of Narnia, but she really isn't. Edmund? Are you okay? You look awful.

**EDMUND**

Well, what do you expect! It's freezing! How do we get out of here?

**LUCY**

Come on...this way.

**Act 1 Scene 8**  
**Professor's Manor – The Children's Study – Boys' Bedroom**  
**“Edmund Betrays Lucy”**

[Lucy and Edmund enter the boys' room, turn on the light, and jump on Peter.]

**LUCY**

Peter, Peter wake up! It's there, it's really there!

**PETER**

[rolling over, still half asleep] Lucy, what are you talking about?

**LUCY**

Narnia! It's all in the wardrobe, like I told you!

**SUSAN**

[entering] What's all the fuss? You're going to wake the professor.

**LUCY**

I saw Mr. Tumnus again! Oh, and this time...Edmund went too.

**SUSAN**

Oh Lucy, you've been dreaming.

**PETER**

[to Edmund] You saw the faun?

**LUCY**

Well, he didn't actually go there with me. What WERE you doing there Edmund?

**EDMUND**

I...I was just playing along. You know what little children are like these days. They just don't know when to stop pretending. [sits on his bed looking smugly at Lucy]

[Lucy starts to cry and runs out of the room. Susan runs after her and so does Peter, who shoves Edmund over.]

**EDMUND**

Ow!

[Lucy runs down the hall and smack into the Professor, who was awoken by all the commotion. She looks up a little frightened, and then starts her crying all over again, hugging him. Susan and Peter enter and see Lucy hugging the Professor. Mrs. Macready enters while speaking.]

**MRS. MACREADY**

You children are one shenanigan shy of sleepin' in the stable...oh, Professor! I told them you were not to be disturbed.

**PROFESSOR**

Oh, it's alright, Mrs. Macready. I'm sure there's a logical explanation. But I think this one needs some hot cocoa.

**MRS. MACREADY**

Yes, Professor. Come on, dear. [Mrs. Macready takes Lucy down the hall. Peter and Susan turn to go.]

**PROFESSOR**

\*Ahem\* [the two turn back to the Professor, heads down in shame] You seem to have upset the internal balance of my housekeeper.

**PETER**

We are very sorry, sir. It won't happen again.

**SUSAN**

It's our sister, sir. Lucy.

**PROFESSOR**

The weeping girl?

**SUSAN**

Yes sir. She's upset.

**PROFESSOR**

Hence the weeping.

**PETER**

We can handle it! [takes Susan's sleeve to leave]

**PROFESSOR**

Oh, I can see that.

**SUSAN**

She thinks she's found a magical land in the upstairs wardrobe.

**PROFESSOR**

What did you say?!

**PETER**

The wardrobe upstairs. Lucy thinks she's found a forest inside.

**PROFESSOR**

What was it like?

**SUSAN**

Like talking to a lunatic!



**PROFESSOR**

No, not her...the forest!

**PETER**

You...you actually believe her?

**PROFESSOR**

Well, don't you?

**SUSAN**

Of course not. I mean, logically, it's impossible.

**PROFESSOR**

What do they teach at schools these days?

**PETER**

Edmund said they were only pretending.

**PROFESSOR**

And he's the more truthful one, is he?

**PETER**

No, this would be the first time.

**PROFESSOR**

Well then, if your sister isn't lying and isn't mad, then logically we must assume that she is telling the truth. She's your sister, isn't she? You're a family! It's high time you start acting like one!

*[The professor starts to leave as Lucy walks back in with a cup of cocoa.]*

**PROFESSOR**

*[turning back to them and noticing they haven't left]* Shouldn't you be heading back to bed now? You wouldn't want Mrs. Macready to find you wandering the halls...

*[The professor continues to leave and the lights dim.]*

**Act 1 Scene 9A**  
**Professor's Manor – Foyer**  
**“Cricket”**

[Mrs. Macready is giving a tour to her bridge club.]

**MRS. MACREADY**

And this piece is from the late 14<sup>th</sup> century...a classic example of pottery from the Ming dynasty. Notice the intricate detail of the scales of this dragon...very unique for this type of glazing.

[Edmund and Lucy enter “talking,” not noticing the house guests.]

**EDMUND**

Why can't we play hide-and-seek again?

**LUCY**

I thought you said that it was a kid's game. Besides, we could all use the fresh air.

**EDMUND**

Not like there isn't air inside.

[Mrs. McCreedy eyes the children right away and tries to distract her guests' attention to another room.]

**MRS. MCREADY**

[speaking to her guests, while giving the stink eye to the children] And down the hall I think you'll find our newest addition to the collection quite fascinating...the Egyptian headdress of Princess Nitocris.

[The house guests exit and Mrs. Macready quickly approaches the children.]

**MRS. MACREADY**

[whispering] What have I told you about being down here while I am entertaining guests?  
[exiting towards her guests] If I catch you out here once more...

**LUCY**

Yes ma'am... [The children look at each other and are about to exit when Peter and Susan come in with items to play cricket.]

**PETER**

I thought you wanted us to meet you outside.

**EDMUND**

I did, but Mrs. Macready got in the way.

**PETER**

Well, what are you waiting for Dolly Daydream?

[Peter pushes past Edmund and tosses the ball to Edmund. Edmund tosses the ball back to Peter, but Peter is not ready to catch it and bumps into the dragon vase and it falls, crashing to the floor. The children freeze staring at the broken vase.]

**SUSAN**

Well done, Ed!

**EDMUND**

He threw it first!

[They start to clean up the pieces when we hear Mrs. Macready in the distance.]

**MRS. MCCREADY**

What was that? Is everything alright in there?

**SUSAN**

Mrs. Macready is coming!

**PETER**

Run! We've got to hide!

[The children exit. The Professor enters, sees the vase, and bends over to pick up the ball. Mrs. Macready enters right on his heels and the lights fade.]

**Act 1 Scene 9B**  
**Transition to the Wardrobe Room**  
**“A Revelation”**

**EDMUND**

*[Runs to the wardrobe room and the other children follow. He opens the door.]* Come on!

**SUSAN**

You have got to be joking.

**PETER**

Go!!!

*[The kids, one after another, pile into the wardrobe.]*

**SOUNDS OF KIDS** *[gripping]* Move back! Stop shoving! Oww! You're on my foot! Don't push!  
Watch out! Stop it!

**Act 1 Scene 10A**  
**Narnia**  
**“Into the Forest”**

*[Peter and Susan trip...into snow! They look back and gasp as they realize they have entered a snowy wood.]*

**SUSAN**

Impossible!

**LUCY**

Don't worry, it's probably just your imagination!

**PETER**

I don't suppose saying we're sorry would quite cover it?

**LUCY**

No, it wouldn't. But this might!

*[Lucy nails Peter in the face with a snowball. He throws one back at her and a snowball fight begins. Susan hits Ed in the arm with one.]*

**EDMUND**

Ow! *[rubs his arm]* Stop it! *[They all realize that Edmund lied.]*

**PETER**

You little liar!

**EDMUND**

You didn't believe her either!

**PETER**

Apologize to Lucy. *[He just looks at her.]*

**PETER**

Say you're sorry! *[Peter steps up to him.]*

**EDMUND**

Alright! I'm sorry.

**LUCY**

That's alright. Some little children just don't know when to stop pretending. *[looks at him smugly]*

**EDMUND**

Very funny.

**SUSAN**

Maybe we should go back.

**EDMUND**

Can't we at least take a look around?

**PETER**

I think Lucy must decide!

**LUCY**

I want you all to meet Mr. Tumnus!

**PETER**

Well, Mr. Tumnus it is!

*[Lucy leads the others, walking toward Mr. Tumnus' cave through the snow.]*

**LUCY**

You're going to love Mr. Tumnus. We can have tea and... *[sees a note on the knocked down door]*

**SUSAN**

Peter, what is that?

**PETER**

*[reading]* The former occupant of these premises, the Faun Tumnus, is under arrest and awaiting his trial on a charge of high treason against her imperial Majesty Jadis, Queen of Narnia, Chatelaine of Cair Paravel, Empress of the Lone Islands, also for comforting her said Majesty's enemies, harboring spies and fraternizing with humans. Signed Maugrim, Captain of the Secret Police. Long live the Queen!

**SUSAN**

Now, we really should go.

**LUCY**

But we have to help him!

**PETER**

It's out of our hands now, Lu.

**LUCY**

You don't get it, do you? I'M the human!!! He helped ME!

**PETER**

Maybe we should call the police.

**SUSAN**

These ARE the police!

**EDMUND**

Besides, he's a criminal!

**PETER**

Don't worry Lucy, we'll think of something.

**ROBIN**

Psst!

**SUSAN**

Did you hear that?

**PETER**

Hear what?

**ROBIN**

Psst!

*[They look outside and see a robin.]*

**SUSAN**

Did that bird just 'psst' us?

*[They exit outside again and watch the robin fly away. They hear rustling around them. They look around, frightened. Then, a beaver comes into sight.]*

**LUCY**

It's a beaver.

*[Peter approaches the beaver, clicking his tongue.]*

**PETER**

Here, boy *\*clicks\** come here... *\*clicks\**

*[Peter holds out his hand. Mr. Beaver stares at it, then sits upright.]*

**MR. BEAVER**

Well, I ain't gonna smell it if that's what you want!

*[All but Lucy are shocked that the beaver is talking to them.]*

**PETER**

Sorry.

**MR. BEAVER**

Lucy Pevensie?

**LUCY**

Yes? [Mr. Beaver hands her a handkerchief.] This is the handkerchief I gave to Mr...

**MR. BEAVER**

Tumnus. He gave it to me just before they took him.

**LUCY**

Is he alright?

**MR. BEAVER**

Further in. [Mr. Beaver scurries off. Peter starts to follow. Susan grabs Peter by the arm.]

**SUSAN**

Peter, what are you are doing?

**EDMUND**

She's right. How do we know we can trust this beaver?

**PETER**

He says he knows the faun.

**SUSAN**

He's a beaver...he shouldn't be saying ANYTHING!

[Beaver re-enters]

**MR. BEAVER**

Is everything alright?

**PETER**

Yes. We were just talking.

**MR. BEAVER**

That's better left for safer corners.

**LUCY**

He means the trees.

**MR. BEAVER**

Come on. We don't want to be caught out here after nightfall.

[They begin to walk to Beaver's dam through the cliffs and under a bridge.  
Then they see the Dam.]



**Act 1 Scene 10B**  
**Narnia**  
**“A Prophecy Foretold”**

**MR. BEAVER**

There it is. Home sweet home!

**LUCY**

Oh, what a beautiful home, Mr. Beaver.

**MR. BEAVER**

Merely a trifle. Still plenty of work to do. Ain't quite finished yet. Oh, blimey! Looks like the old girl has got the kettle on. Nice cup of rosy-lee!

**MRS. BEAVER**

Is that you Beaver? I've been worried sick. If I find out you've been out with Badger again I'll...Oh, they're not Badgers. I never thought I would see this day. *[to Mr. Beaver]* You couldn't give me ten minutes warning? Look at this fur.

**MR. BEAVER**

I would have given you a week if I thought it would help.

**MRS. BEAVER**

Well, you must be cold and hungry! Let's get you inside for some food and civilized conversation.

*[Lucy, Susan & Peter follow Mrs. Beaver inside. Edmund sees the Witch's castle in the distance.]*

**MR. BEAVER**

Enjoying the scenery, are we?

*[Edmund shakes off that comment & enters the dam. Mr. Beaver follows him.]*

**MRS. BEAVER**

Fish and sticks, dear. *[Edmund shakes his head no. Mrs. Beaver continues to serve them.]*

**PETER**

Is there nothing we can do about Mr. Tumnus?

**MRS. BEAVER**

Well...there's hope dear!

**MR. BEAVER**

Oh yeah, there's a right bit more than hope! *[leans forward]* Aslan is on the move!

**EDMUND**

Who's Aslan?

[Mr. Beaver laughs. Mrs. Beaver sees they are serious and lays her hand on Mr. Beaver.]

**MR. BEAVER**

Aslan...you silly little blighter...you don't know, do you?

**PETER**

Well, we haven't actually been here very long.

**MR. BEAVER**

He's only the King of the whole wood, the true King of Narnia...and he's waiting for ya!

**LUCY**

Waiting for us?

**MR. BEAVER**

You got to be joking! Look, Aslan's return, Tumnus' arrest...the secret police! They're all happening because of you!

[Edmund sneaks out.]

**SUSAN**

You're blaming us?!

**MRS. BEAVER**

Not blaming you dear, thanking ya.

**MR. BEAVER**

There's...a prophecy: When Adam's flesh, and Adam's bone, sits in Cair Paravel on the throne, the evil is over and done.

**SUSAN**

You know that doesn't really rhyme.

**MR. BEAVER**

I know, but you're missing the point!

**MRS. BEAVER**

It's long been told that two sons of Adam and two daughters of Eve will appear to defeat the White Witch and restore peace to Narnia.

**PETER**

And you think we're the ones???

**MR. BEAVER**

Well, you'd better be! Aslan's already fitted out your army!!!

**PETER**

I think you've made a mistake. We're not heroes!

**SUSAN**

We're from Finchley!

**PETER**

I think it's time we were going.

**LUCY**

But what about Mr. Tumnus?

**SUSAN**

Mum sent us away so we wouldn't get caught up in a war.

**PETER**

Sorry, Lucy. It's out of our hands.

**SUSAN**

Thank you for your hospitality, but we really have to go.

**PETER**

I'm sorry, but it's time the four of us were getting home. Ed? Ed, time to go...Ed? [looks around the room] I'm going to kill him.

**MR. BEAVER**

You may not have to...has Edmund been to Narnia before?

[They exit the house except for Mrs. Beaver]

**MRS. BEAVER**

What about dinner?

[The children and Mr. Beaver look out over the woods, watching Edmund as he scurries towards the castle.]

**PETER**

Where is he going?

**MR. BEAVER**

He's heading straight for the Witch's castle!

**SUSAN**

ED!

**MR. BEAVER**

Shhh...

**LUCY**

[shouting] Edmund!

**MR. BEAVER**

Shh! They'll hear ya!

*[Peter starts to run after Edmund, but Mr. Beaver grabs him by the sleeve of his coat.]*

**PETER**

Get off me! We just can't let him go!

**MR. BEAVER**

You're playing into her hands! Don't you get it?! He's the bait! She wants all of ya in there!!! To kill ya!

**PETER**

Why?

**MR. BEAVER**

To stop the prophecy from coming true!

**SUSAN**

*[to Peter]* This is all your fault! None of this would have happened if you had just listened to me in the first place! We should've left while we still could!

**PETER**

So you knew this would happen?

**SUSAN**

I didn't know what would happen...

**LUCY**

Stop, this fighting isn't going to help Edmund.

**MR. BEAVER**

She's right. Only Aslan can save him now.

**PETER**

Then take us to him.

**MR. BEAVER**

We'll have to hurry! The Witch will soon find out you're here and her police will be here soon. Quickly. Back to the house!

*[They quickly run back inside.]*

**MRS. BEAVER**

Beaver, your dinner's getting cold!

**MR. BEAVER**

Hurry Mum. The time is now! We've got to get to Aslan! They'll be after us right away!

**MRS. BEAVER**

Right then...

*[Mrs. Beaver furiously starts packing up everything in sight.]*

**PETER**

What are you doing? Shouldn't we be going? *[Susan looks through the window worriedly, wrenching her hands.]*

**MRS. BEAVER**

Don't worry, you'll thank you me later. It's a long journey and Beaver gets pretty cranky when he's hungry.

**MR. BEAVER**

I'm cranky now!

*[Susan helps Mrs. Beaver pack. SFX: wolves in the background]*

**LUCY**

What's the Witch going to do to us?

**MR. BEAVER**

If we're lucky, turn us to stone, but she'll want to do more than that I'm afraid.

**SUSAN**

*[to Mrs. Beaver]* Do you think we should bring jam?

**PETER**

Only if the Witch serves toast!

*[SFX: Sleigh bells in the distance]*

*[SFX: A loud pounding at the door]*

**SUSAN**

What was that?

**LUCY**

Should we hide?

**MR. BEAVER**

It's too late they're onto us.

*[SFX: A loud pounding at the door. They lay silent, not knowing their next move. It's all too much for Lucy and she starts to cry. Susan quickly comforts her to keep her silent.]*

*[Blackout]*

**END OF ACT 1**

**Act 2 Scene 1**  
**Narnia – Beaver’s Home**  
**“A Visitor”**

[SFX: A loud pounding at the door]

**SUSAN**

What was that?

**LUCY**

Should we hide?

**MR. BEAVER**

It’s too late they’re onto us.

[SFX: A loud pounding at the door. They lay silent, not knowing their next move. It’s all too much for Lucy and she starts to cry. Susan quickly comforts her to keep her silent. There are a few moments of silence.]

**LUCY**

Maybe she’s gone.

**PETER**

I suppose I’ll go and have a look.

**MR. BEAVER**

No, you’re no good to Narnia dead.

**MRS. BEAVER**

Neither are you, Beaver.

**MR. BEAVER**

Thanks, dear.

[Beaver climbs out to investigate. After a long pause, Beaver appears, startling them.]

**LUCY**

Ah!

**MR. BEAVER**

I hope you’ve been good, because there is someone here to see you.

[They exit and see Father Christmas standing there.]

**LUCY**

Merry Christmas, sir!

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

It certainly is, Lucy. Thanks to you.

**SUSAN**

Look, I've put up with a lot since we got here. But this...?

**PETER**

We thought you were the Witch.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

Yes, sorry about that. [looks back at his sleigh] But in my defense, I have been driving one of those longer than the Witch.

**SUSAN**

I thought there was no Christmas in Narnia.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

There hasn't been for a hundred years. But the hope you have brought, your Majesties, is finally starting to weaken the Witch's power. Still, I dare say you could do with these!

[He takes his bag, which is over his shoulder, and throws it to the ground.]

**LUCY**

Presents?

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

Lucy, Eve's Daughter. These are for you. The juice of the fire flower. If you or one of your friends are wounded, one drop of this cordial will restore them. [hands her a bottled potion] And though I do not expect you to use it, this. [hands her a small knife]

**LUCY**

Well, I think I could be brave enough.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

I'm sure you could. But battles are ugly affairs. Eve's Daughter, Susan, trust in this bow, for it does not easily miss. [hands Susan a bow and arrow]

**SUSAN**

What happened to, "battles are ugly affairs"?

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

And, though you don't seem to have trouble making yourself heard, this. [hands Susan a horn] When you put this horn to your lips and blow it, wherever you are...like a prayer, help will come.

**SUSAN**

Thanks.

**FATHER CHRISTMAS**

*[hands Peter a sword and shield]* And Peter, these are tools, not toys. The time to use them may be soon at hand. Like the armor of God, they will protect you. Bare them well! I best be off! The Witch's police are not far behind me. Winter is almost over, and things do pile up when you've been gone a hundred years. Long live Aslan! And Merry Christmas! *[exits]*

**THE CHILDREN**

Bye...Merry Christmas!

**LUCY**

Told you he was real!

**PETER**

Did you hear what he said...winter is almost over. You know what that means...

**SUSAN**

Wait, maybe we should think about this.

**PETER**

We don't have time.

**SUSAN**

I was just trying to be realistic.

**PETER**

No, you're trying to be smart...as usual! *[SFX: sound of a wolf's howl]*

**SUSAN**

Maybe we better be going.

*[Blackout]*



**Act 2 Scene 2**  
**Narnia – Witch’s Castle**  
**“Turkish Delight”**

*[Edmund is walking through the courtyard of the castle and sees a stone statue of Giant Rumblebuffin. He walks further in and sees a stone lion. Edmund continues through the courtyard. He steps over what he thinks is a log of some sort...only to be lurched on by Maugrim, the wolf!]*

**MAUGRIM**

Stand still stranger! Or you’ll never move again! Who are you?

**EDMUND**

I’m a Son of Adam. I met the Queen in the woods!

*[Maugrim gets off him.]*

**MAUGRIM**

My apologies, fortunate favorite of the queen - or perhaps not so fortunate.

*[Maugrim escorts Edmund into the throne room and exits.]*

**MAUGRIM**

Wait here!

*[Edmund sees the throne and sits on it longingly. Then the Witch comes up behind him, with Maugrim and the Dwarf, startling him.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

You like it?

**EDMUND**

*[jumping up]* Ye...yes, your majesty!

**WHITE WITCH**

I thought you might. *[sits on the throne]*

**WHITE WITCH**

Tell me, your sisters, are they deaf?

**EDMUND**

No.

**WHITE WITCH**

And your brother, unintelligent?

**EDMUND**

Well I think so, but mom says...

**WHITE WITCH**

Then HOW DARE you come alone! Edmund, I ask so little of you.

**EDMUND**

They just don't listen to me!

**WHITE WITCH**

Couldn't even do that!

**EDMUND**

I...I did bring them halfway. They're at the house of the Beavers!

**WHITE WITCH**

Well...I guess you're not a total loss then.

**EDMUND**

Is there any chance I may have some more Turkish delight now?

**WHITE WITCH**

Ginnabrick, our guest is hungry.

**GINNABRICK**

This way...for your num nums... [forcing Edmund's hands behind him]

**WHITE WITCH**

Maugrim!!!! You know what to do...

[Maugrim lets out a howl]

**MAUGRIM**

After them...

[Edmund realizes the horrible truth that his family is in danger, as wolves dart out of the castle, heading for the Beavers' home.]

[Blackout]

**Act 2 Scene 3**  
**Narnia – The Woods Crossover**  
**“Are We There Yet?”**

**LUCY**

How much longer ‘til we’re there? We’ve been walking for hours!

**BEAVER**

We’re getting closer by the minute. Aslan’s camp is near the Stone Table, just across the river.

**MRS. BEAVER**

*[whispering to Beaver]* Maybe we should take a break for the little ones.

**MR. BEAVER**

There’s no time to waste, and Aslan and his army are waiting for us.

**MRS. BEAVER**

*[to Lucy]* How about a snack while we walk, dearie? Do you like sardines?

**MR. BEAVER**

Come on, humans, while we’re still young.

**PETER**

*[to Susan]* If he tells me to hurry up one more time, I'm going to turn him into a big fluffy hat.

**SUSAN**

He IS getting kinda bossy...

*[They exit]*

**Act 2 Scene 4**  
**Narnia – The Castle Dungeon**  
**“Edmund Meets Tumnus”**

*[Edmund is now in chains in the Witch’s dungeon. He attempts to eat the food he is given, but coughs and spits it out because of its taste. He then attempts to drink a cup, which is frozen, and throws it on the tray.]*

**MR. TUMNUS**

*[from the other prison room]* If you’re not gonna eat that... *[Edmund gives him the food]* I’d get up, but...my legs. *[he is in shackles]*

**EDMUND**

Mr...Tumnus?

**MR. TUMNUS**

You’re Lucy Pevensie’s brother?

**EDMUND**

I’m Edmund!

**MR. TUMNUS**

You have the same nose. Is your sister alright? *[no answer]* Is she safe?

**EDMUND**

I...I don’t know!

*[The White Witch and Dwarf enter. Edmund and Tumnus go back to their places.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

My wolves tore that Beaver Dam apart. Your little family was nowhere to be found. *[lifts Edmund off the ground]* Where are they?!

**EDMUND**

I don’t know...

**WHITE WITCH**

Then you are no longer any use to me... *[throws Edmund down and raises her wand]*

**EDMUND**

Wait! They said something about Aslan!

**WHITE WITCH**

Aslan?! Where?

**MR. TUMNUS**

He’s a stranger here, Your Majesty. He can’t be expected to know anything! *[Ginarrbrick knocks Tumnus back.]*

**EDMUND**

I left before I could hear anymore...I wanted to see you again.

**WHITE WITCH**

Guard! [Guard enters, speaking to Tumnus] Do you know why you are here?

**MR. TUMNUS**

Because I believe in a free Narnia.

**WHITE WITCH**

You're here because he [points at Edmund] turned you in...for sweeties. [turning to dwarf and guard] Take him [Edmund] upstairs and ready my sleigh. Edmund misses his family.

[They exit as the lights fade.]

**Act 2 Scene 5**  
**Narnia – Aslan’s Camp**  
**“Meeting Aslan”**

*[Mythical creatures and animals fill the stage, preparing for battle, banners raised. A centaur sees the children in the distance and blows a horn, announcing their arrival. Lucy waves to a dryad. Fauns, centaurs, satyrs, cheetahs, and other creatures stare at them in amazement as they walk through the camp.]*

**SUSAN**

Why are they all staring at us?

**LUCY**

Maybe they think YOU look funny.

**MR. BEAVER**

*[brushing her fur]* Oh stop your fussing! You look lovely.

*[The children reach a great tent, the pinnacle of the camp, guarded by the Centaur. Peter draws out his sword.]*

**PETER**

*[to Oreius]* We have come to see Aslan.

*[Aslan’s army faces the tent and they kneel. Aslan comes from the tent and the children kneel.]*

**ASLAN**

Welcome Peter, Son of Adam. Welcome Susan and Lucy, daughters of Eve. Welcome Beavers. You have my thanks. But where is the fourth?

**PETER**

That's why we are here. We need your help. Our brother's been captured by the White Witch.

**CROWD**

Captured! How could this happen?

**MR. BEAVER**

He betrayed them, your Majesty!

**OREIUS**

Then he has betrayed us all!

**ASLAN**

Peace, Oreius. I'm sure there's an explanation.

**PETER**

It is my fault really. I was too hard on him.

**SUSAN**

*[putting her hand on Peter's shoulder]* We all were.

**LUCY**

Sir, he's our brother!

**ASLAN**

I know, dear, and that makes the betrayal all the worse. It may be harder than you think. Meanwhile, let a feast of celebration be prepared for our honored guests. *[The crowd cheers and exits to prepare the feast.]* Mr. and Mrs. Beaver?

**BEAVERS**

Yes sir?

**ASLAN**

Take Susan and Lucy in the tent to change and rest as the others prepare the feast. Peter and I will join you later.

*[Beavers, Susan, and Lucy exit. Peter and Aslan wander to a quiet spot.]*

**ASLAN**

Off in the distance to the East, that is Cair Paravel of the four thrones, one of which YOU must sit on as High King.

**PETER**

*[. . .]*

**ASLAN**

You doubt the prophecy?

**PETER**

No, that's just it...I'm not who you think I am!

**ASLAN**

You are Peter Pevensie, formerly of Finchley. You once threatened to turn your friend Beaver into a hat. *[he laughs]* Peter, there is an evil more powerful than any of us that rules over Narnia. It defines right from wrong and governs all our destinies. Yours and mine.

**PETER**

But I couldn't even protect my own family.

**ASLAN**

You've brought them safely this far.

**PETER**

Not all of them.

**ASLAN**

Peter, I will do what I can to help your brother. But I need you to consider what I ask of you. I too want my family safe.

*[SFX: the distant sound of a horn.]*

**PETER**

What was that?

**ASLAN**

Your sister's horn.

**PETER**

Father Christmas told her to blow it when she was in trouble.

*[They exit]*



**Act 2 Scene 6**  
**Narnia – Aslan’s Camp**  
**“Peter Is Tested”**

*[Two wolves have entered the camp, surrounding Susan, Lucy and the Beavers.]*

**VARDAN**

Please don’t run. We’re very tired and we prefer to kill you quickly.

**MAUGRIM**

*[circling them]* So the great Aslan has returned? My queen will be interested in this news. But before I go, I’m afraid your time has come to return to the dust by which you were formed.

*[Peter and Aslan enter with a roar. Aslan pins Vardan to the ground, and Peter draws his sword to Maugrim.]*

**MAUGRIM**

Put that down, boy. Someone could get hurt.

**MR. BEAVER**

Run him through!

**MAUGRIM**

Leave now while you can, and your brother leaves with you.

**SUSAN**

Stop Peter! Maybe we should listen to him.

**MAUGRIM**

Smart girl.

**MR. BEAVER**

Don't listen to him! Kill him! Kill him now!

**MAUGRIM**

Quiet! This isn’t your war.

**SUSAN**

Look, just because some man in a red suit hands you a sword, it doesn't make you a hero! So just drop it!

**MAUGRIM**

What's it gonna be, Son of Adam? I won't wait forever.

**MR. BEAVER**

Peter, gut him while you have a chance!

*[Hearing the ruckus, Oreius and Cheetah enter.]*

**ASLAN**

Stand down. This is Peter's battle.

*[Vardan and Peter circle and Vardan attacks Peter. They both lay silent on the floor.  
Everyone thinks Peter is dead.]*

**SUSAN AND LUCY**

*[Adlib]* Peter...no!

*[Susan and Lucy run to Peter and see he is alive. They show a look of disgust in  
response to the dead wolf. Aslan releases the other wolf, and it runs away.]*

**ASLAN**

Follow him! He'll lead you to Edmund. *[Oreius and Cheetah follow the wolf.]* Peter, clean your sword and kneel. *[Peter wipes his "bloody" sword on his shirt and kneels at the foot of Aslan. Aslan places a paw on Peter's shoulder.]*

**ASLAN**

Rise, Sir Peter Wolfsbane, Knight of Narnia. Your new name will tell the world that you destroyed the Witch's great wolf.

*[Peter stands and places his sword back in its sheath.  
Lucy and Susan run and embrace Peter.]*

**ASLAN**

And now, let's go to the pavilion and commence our celebration dinner. If all goes well, they will return with your brother before nightfall.

*[Blackout]*

**Act 2 Scene 7**  
**Narnia**  
**“Edmund Rescued”**

*[Edmund leads the sleigh as the Witch and her dwarf ride impatiently.  
Edmund is panting with exhaustion.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

At this pace, it will be difficult to reach the Stone Table before the humans do – unless they were delayed along the way.

**EDMUND**

*[dropping to his knees]* Please, Your Majesty, can't we rest – just for a bit?

**WHITE WITCH**

No, you fool. We must continue to move ahead. *[Edmund delays]* I said “move”.

*[Vardan enters]*

**WHITE WITCH**

What's this? Where is Maugrim? *[Vardan is catching his breath.]* Speak, I say!

**VARDAN**

Your Majesty...the other son of Adam...has slain your beloved Maugrim.

**WHITE WITCH**

How can this be?

**VARDAN**

At the bidding of As...Aslan.

**WHITE WITCH**

Do not dare speak his name to me.

**DWARF**

Now the prophecy WILL surely come true.

**WHITE WITCH**

No! There are four thrones in Cair Paravel. If only three are occupied, the prophecy can never be fulfilled, and HE can never rule over Narnia.

**DWARF**

Then we better do what we have to do at once.

**WHITE WITCH**

Untie him.

[The Dwarf releases Edmund from the harness. Vardan goes on lookout for Aslan's army who had been following him.]

**EDMUND**

What are you going to do to me?

**WHITE WITCH**

The very same thing that your wretched brother did to my captain.

**ASLANS ARMY**

[Adlib] There they are! After them! Get the boy!

**VARDAN**

Retreat! We are out-numbered...

[Vardan, the Dwarf and the Witch escape to hide. Edmund faints. Aslan's Army enters.]

**ASLANS ARMY**

[Adlib] Where did they go? Come out and fight, etc. [They circle Edmund who is lying on the floor.]

**OREIUS**

Is he dead?

**ANIMAL 1**

He's alright.

**ANIMAL 2**

I think he's only fainted.

**OREIUS**

Quickly, let's get the boy back to Aslan before the Witch returns.

[They pick up Edmund and exit. The Witch, Vardan and the Dwarf who have been looking on, re-enter as Aslan's army leaves.]

**DWARF**

What now, Your Majesty?

**WHITE WITCH**

Aslan, yes I can speak the name...will soon be mine. Perhaps he has forgotten, but the Deep Magic is on my side. Vardan, summon my troops! [Vardan exits] *Ginnabrick, we must call upon our allies...to meet at once! The Ghouls, the Boggles, the Ogres. Bring forth the Cruels, the Spectres and the Hags. If it is a war that Aslan wants – then it is a war that Aslan shall get!*

**Act 2 Scene 8A**  
**Narnia – Aslan’s Camp**  
**“Edmund Returns”**

*[Peter, Susan and Lucy are at Aslan’s camp at his side.]*

**PETER**

I’m worried, Aslan. We should have gone with the others to help rescue Ed.

**ASLAN**

No, we cannot put to chance losing any more of you. I have every confidence in those who followed the wolf. *[Voices of a crowd are heard off-stage.]*

**SUSAN**

Listen, I think someone is coming.

**LUCY**

Is Edmund with them?

**PETER**

I can’t tell. *[Aslan’s army enters, with Edmund at the rear.]* Yes, I think he is.

**LUCY**

Edmund! *[gives Edmund a hug]*

**EDMUND**

Hello...

**SUSAN**

What happened?

**PETER**

Ed, are you alright?

**EDMUND**

The Queen...I mean the Witch, she...she...it was awful *[starts to get emotional]*

**ASLAN**

It’s alright, my son. What’s done is done. There is no reason to bring up the past with your brother.

**EDMUND**

I’m sorry, Lu.

**LUCY**

It’s alright, Edmund.

**SUSAN**

We're glad your safe.

**PETER**

Welcome back, brother! *[The children embrace.]*

**SUSAN**

So, can we go home now?

**PETER**

YOU can. I promised I'd keep you three safe, but there's no reason I can't stay and help.

**LUCY**

But they need us...all four of us!

**PETER**

Lucy, it's too dangerous. Edmund was almost killed!

**EDMUND**

Which is why we have to stay. I've seen what the White Witch can do, and I've helped her do it, and we can't leave these people behind to suffer for it.

*[Beaver runs in]*

**MR. BEAVER**

Peter, Susan - It seems the welcome party is over...you better come quick! The White Witch has requested a meeting with Aslan...she's on her way!

**Act 2 Scene 8B**  
**Narnia – Aslan’s Camp**  
**“The Exchange”**

**DWARF**

Make way for the Queen of Narnia! Bow down to your queen.

*[The White Witch arrives at the camp with a host of her crew, carried in on a palanquin. The two camps split, and the White Witch is lowered to the ground in front of Aslan.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

You have a traitor in your midst, Aslan.

*[Everyone gasps.]*

**ASLAN**

His offense was not against you.

**WHITE WITCH**

Have you forgotten the laws upon which Narnia was built?

**ASLAN**

Do not cite the teachings to me, Witch. I was there when it was written.

**WHITE WITCH**

Then you will remember that every traitor belongs to me. *[turns to crowd]* That boy *[points to Edmund]* must die on the stone table. His blood is my property.

**PETER**

*[drawing his sword]* Try and take him then.

**WHITE WITCH**

Do you think that a mere force can deny me my right, little king? Aslan knows that unless I have blood as the law demands, all of Narnia will be overturned and perish in fire and water. You dare not refuse me.

**ASLAN**

Enough! I shall talk with you alone.

*[The Witch follows Aslan into the tent. There is a long pause and time passes with shift of light.]*

**LUCY**

Oh, Edmund!

**SUSAN**

Why did we ever leave that wardrobe?

**EDMUND**

I wish we could go back.

**PETER**

So do I. But I'm not sure we could find our way. At any rate, we're needed here.

*[The Witch exits the tent, followed by Aslan. She returns to her palanquin.]*

**ASLAN**

The Witch has renounced her claim on the son of Adam's blood. Edmund is free.

*[Narnians cheer!]*

**WHITE WITCH**

How will I know your promise will be kept?

*[Aslan roars. The White Witch falls into her seat. The Narnians laugh.  
The White Witch leaves with her troupe.]*

**SUSAN**

Aslan, what did she mean? What promise did you make?

**ASLAN**

Do not be concerned for that, for it will be revealed in time. Now all of you must go. Head to the fields of Beruna. There you shall camp tonight and will be safe from those who wish to harm you.

**PETER**

Are you not going with us?

**ASLAN**

No. The Witch has business in these parts. When she is finished, Peter, you and the others must be prepared for anything. Even battle.

**PETER**

But you will be here to help us, won't you?

**ASLAN**

In time. Now GO! All of you, go! You must get a good night's rest to be ready for whatever tomorrow may bring.

*[Worried and anxious, all exit to leave, following Peter and Edmund's lead...all except  
Lucy and Susan who stay hidden, watching Aslan pace slowly.]*



**Act 2 Scene 8C**  
**Narnia – Aslan’s Camp**  
**“In the Garden”**

**ASLAN**

*[sensing their presence]* Children, why didn’t you go with the others?

**LUCY**

We’re very worried, Aslan.

**SUSAN**

Please, Aslan. Couldn’t we stay with you for a while?

**ASLAN**

I would be glad of the company for a short walk. But when I tell you to leave me, you must do as I command.

**LUCY**

We will.

*[They walk for a while.]*

**SUSAN**

Aslan, what’s wrong?

**LUCY**

Are you ill?

**ASLAN**

No, I am sad and lonely. Lay your hands on me so that I can feel you close.

*[They walk for a while more, the scene changes behind them, and they pause.]*

**ASLAN**

It is time. From here on, I must go on alone. You have to trust me, for this must be done. Thank you, Susan. Thank you, Lucy. And farewell. *[He exits and they follow.]*

*[Blackout]*

**Act 2 Scene 9A**  
**Narnia – Stone Table**  
**“Aslan’s Death”**

*[The lights rise as the Witch and her mob surround the Stone Table, awaiting Aslan’s arrival.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

Behold, the great lion.

*[General Otmin pokes Aslan with his axe. Aslan growls a little. Otmin looks at the Witch. She nods. Otmin turns back and strikes Aslan.]*

**GINARRBRIK**

Here kitty, kitty. Do you want some milk?

*[The mob taunts and strikes Aslan as he walks by.]*

**MOB**

*[adlib]* The fool is here. King of the jungle. Is this what we were afraid of? Kill him!

*[Lucy and Susan watch from afar.]*

**LUCY & SUSAN**

*[simultaneously]* Lucy - Why doesn't he fight back? Susan - How could they?

**WHITE WITCH**

Bind him! *[more jeers and catcalls as they bind him]* Bring him to me.

*[The creatures drag Aslan to the Stone Table and tie him down.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

You know, Aslan, I'm a little disappointed in you. Did you honestly think that by giving your life you would save the humans? Ha! You are giving up your life and saving no one. So much for love. *[standing]* Tonight, the Deep Magic will be appeased. But tomorrow, we will take Narnia, forever!

*[Mob cheers]*

**WHITE WITCH**

In that knowledge...Despair...and **DIE!!!!!!**

*[She plunges in the knife. Aslan growls in pain and his eyes slowly close.]*

**WHITE WITCH**

The great cat is DEAD!!

*[The Mob cheers loudly.]*

## **WHITE WITCH**

General, gather your army and prepare for battle. However short it may be.

*[Otmin lets out a huge roar and the mob scurries away as Aslan lies lifeless on the table.]*

**Act 2 Scene 9B**  
**Narnia – Stone Table**  
**“Aslan Resurrected”**

*[After the White Witch and creatures are gone, the girls rush up, cry, and lean on Aslan. Lucy gets an idea and unscrews the lid to her potion.]*

**SUSAN**

It's too late. He's gone. I'm sure he knew what he was doing. We have to go.

**LUCY**

We can't just leave him here!

**SUSAN**

Lucy, there's not time. We have to tell the others.

**LUCY**

I can't leave him yet.

**SUSAN**

Well, just for a short while.

**LUCY**

He's so cold.

**SUSAN**

Here, grab this. *[They take a nearby banner, ripping it in two, and cover Aslan.]*

*[Day turns into night as Susan and Lucy fall asleep, cradling Aslan's body. As a new day dawns, Susan awakens.]*

**SUSAN**

Wake up, Lu. *[Lucy wakes]* We really have to go. We've been here far too long and never should have fallen asleep.

**LUCY**

What are we going to do?

**SUSAN**

I don't know but we have to tell the others. The White Witch could be back any minute. We've got to get back to Peter and Edmund and try to find our way back home.

*[They start to exit and hear the ground shake. The Stone Table breaks and Aslan is gone.]*

**LUCY**

Susan!

**SUSAN**

What has she done? Where have they taken him?

*[To the shock of the girls, Aslan re-appears.]*

**ASLAN**

Why are you looking for the dead among the living?

**SUSAN AND LUCY**

ASLAN!

*[Aslan laughs.]*

**SUSAN**

We saw the Witch, the knife!?!

**LUCY**

We saw you die!

**ASLAN**

If the Witch knew the true meaning of sacrifice, she might have interpreted the Deep Magic a little differently. For she would know that if a willing victim who had committed no treachery died in a traitor's stead, the Stone Table would crack, and death itself would begin to unwind.

**SUSAN**

Peter and Edmund are readying the troops for war.

**LUCY**

*[drawing knife]* We have to help them.

**ASLAN**

We will, but not alone. Now, stay by my side! We have a long way to go, and little time to get there. And you might want to cover your ears. ROAR!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**Act 2 Scene 10A**  
**Narnia – Aslan’s Camp**  
**“The Battle”**

*[Peter, Edmund, and Oreius stand with the Narnians, ready for battle.]*

**EDMUND**

*[to Peter]* Aslan isn't here, so you'll have to lead us. Peter, there's a whole army with us, and they are ready to follow you.

**PETER**

I don't know that I can.

**EDMUND**

Aslan believed you could. And so do I.

**GRYPHON**

They come, Your Highness, in numbers and weapons far greater than our own.

**OREIUS**

Numbers do not win a battle.

**PETER**

No, but I bet they help.

*[The Witch's army arrives.]*

**PETER**

Are you with me?

**OREIUS**

To the death.

**WHITE WITCH**

I take no interest in prisoners. Kill them all.

*[The Witch's army charges.]*

**PETER**

For Narnia!! And for Aslan!!

*[Peter's army cheers and rushes forward. At last, the two armies meet and begin the battle for Narnia.]*

## BATTLE 1

[A sword fight commences. Eventually the Witch and her army seem as though they are winning.]

**PETER**

Ed! There are too many of them! Go! Get out of here! Retreat!

[Narnians begin to retreat]

**MR. BEAVER**

Come on, you heard him!

[Edmund and Mr. Beaver start to leave. But Edmund looks and sees the Witch with her wand, heading towards Peter.]

**MR. BEAVER**

Peter said to go!

**EDMUND**

Peter's not King yet!

[Edmund rushes down the hill and swings at the Witch. She dodges. Then she tries to turn him into stone and he dodges. He breaks her wand. Using the remains of her wand, the Witch throws Edmund's sword out of the way.]

**PETER**

Edmund!!

[Edmund falls down. Peter stabs an opponent on the ground and then rushes to meet the Witch. The Witch picks up Edmund's sword and waits for Peter. He runs up and they start fighting. They hear a roar and look behind them. Aslan and the girls have come, bringing an army with them.]

**WITCH**

Impossible!

## BATTLE 2

[Peter and the Witch continue to duel. Aslan's army begins to overthrow the Witch's army with a newfound hope. Aslan takes on the Witch and overtakes her to her death, and all is silenced as the remainder of the Witch's army escapes.]

**WITCH'S ARMY**

[adlib] She's dead! Retreat! Fall back! Head for the caves!

**ASLAN**

It is finished.

**Act 2 Scene 10B**  
**Narnia – Aslan’s Camp**  
**“A Coronation”**

*[The crowd cheers “Victory” as The Pevensies reunite.]*

**ASLAN**

Lucy, minister to the wounded.

**LUCY**

But what can I do?

**ASLAN**

Have you forgotten your gift? *[a brief pause as she takes out her bottle]*

**LUCY**

The cordial that Father Christmas gave me, a few drops can help restore one’s health...

*[Lucy and Susan go and revive those who were slain.]*

**PETER**

*[to Edmund]* When are you ever going to do are you're told?

*[Laughing and hugging, Peter embraces Edmund.]*

**LUCY**

I was so hoping to see Mr. Tumnus among you.

**ANIMAL 1**

As was I.

**ANIMAL 2**

I thought I saw him among the rescued at the Witch’s castle.

**ANIMAL 3**

As did I.

**ASLAN**

Peter, you are to be commended. You fought a valiant fight waiting for us to arrive.

**PETER**

Edmund is the real hero. If he hadn’t destroyed the witch’s magic wand, she would have turned us all into stone.

**EDMUND**

I’m no hero. It was the least I could do after all I had done.



**ASLAN**

All have done wrong, Edmund, at one time or another – but to acknowledge your error, and try to do better, is the best way to right that wrong. And that is what you have done.

**LUCY**

Aslan, is Mr. Tumnus alright?

**ASLAN**

I'm sure he is. Now, the only duty remaining from our victory is to crown the new rulers of Narnia. I wish I could crown them here on this very ground, but we shall have to wait until we reach Cair Paravel. That is where the four crowns lie.

**TUMNUS**

*[entering]* No, they are not my Lord. They are here.

**LUCY**

Mr. Tumnus! *[They embrace.]*

**TUMNUS**

After you freed me from the Witch's castle, I ran as fast as my hooves would carry me so that I could get the crowns. I suspected they were needed here.

**ANIMAL 3**

I suspect you just wanted to avoid the battle.

**TUMNUS**

What good would a faun have done? I'm Tumnus the Trembler, not Tumnus the Terrible.

**ASLAN**

Thank you, Tumnus, for your thoughtfulness, whichever the motive. And now let the coronation begin. *[motions for the children to step forward]* Bring forth the crowns.

*[Tumnus brings the crowns.]*

**ASLAN**

To the glistening eastern sea, I give you Queen Lucy, the Valiant. *[Tumnus crowns her.]*

**NARNIANS**

Queen Lucy!

**ASLAN**

To the great western woods, King Edmund, the Just. *[Tumnus crowns him.]*

**NARNIANS**

King Edmund!

**ASLAN**

To the radiant southern sun, Queen Susan, the Gentle. *[Tumnus crowns her.]*

**NARNIANS**

Queen Susan!

**ASLAN**

And to the clear northern skies, King Peter, the Magnificent. [Tumnus crowns him.]

**NARNIANS**

King Peter!

**ASLAN**

Once a king or queen of Narnia, always a king or queen.

**NARNIANS**

Long live the Kings and Queens of Narnia! [They cheer as the lights fade.]

**Act 2 Scene 11**  
**Narnia – Many Years Later at the Lamppost**  
**“The Chase”**

**OLDER LUCY**

Come on, the white stag is just beyond that thicket.

*[The children, adults now, run through the forest chasing a stag.  
Peter stops to catch his breath.]*

**OLDER EDMUND**

You alright there, Peter?

**OLDER PETER**

Not as young as I used to be.

**OLDER LUCY**

Come on, Ed.

**OLDER EDMUND**

Just catching our breath, Lu.

**OLDER LUCY**

What did he say, Susan?

**OLDER SUSAN**

You girls stay at the castle, I'll go get the stag myself.

**OLDER PETER**

What is this place?

**OLDER SUSAN**

It seems like a dream...

**OLDER LUCY**

Or a dream of a dream...Spare Oom. *[Lucy runs off.]*

**OLDER PETER**

Not again!

**LUCY**

Come on!

**EDMUND**

She is always running off!

**PETER**

These aren't branches...

**SUSAN**

They're coats.

**CHILDREN**

*[adlib]* Stop pushing...ahh...

*[Wardrobe door flies open and all four fall on the floor. The door to the room opens and the professor walks in with the ball.]*

### **Wardrobe in Children's Study**

**PROFESSOR**

There you are! Now what were children doing in the wardrobe?

**PETER**

You wouldn't believe us if we told you!

*[The professor throws the ball to Peter.]*

**PROFESSOR**

*[with a twinkle in his eye]* Try me!

**END OF ACT 2**

**BOWS**