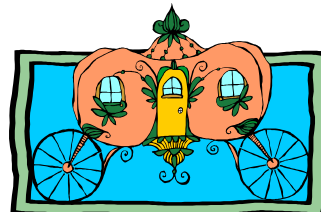
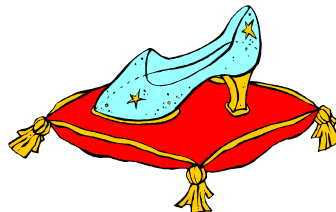


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Cinderella

An abridged pantomime by
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CAST (in order of appearance)

Dandini, the Prince's PA
Tiger Lily
Trixielle the Ugly Sisters
Lady Hardup
Buttons
Cinderella, the Baron's daughter
Prince Charming
Fairy Foozle

Chorus of servants and ballroom guests

Scenes - the village square of Doddington, Hardup Hall, and Compton Castle
Time - long ago

Please note: this can be done with or without a chorus, with or without songs, or any combination of these.

PRODUCTION NOTES

The transformation scene at the end of Scene 4 can be cut or amended according to your resources and of course the amount of time available. However there is no doubt the scene has loads of visual impact and from the audience's point of view, is a winner.

Similarly a staircase or failing that, a platform for the ballroom entrances in Scene 5 would be most effective.

With the multiplicity of scenes, a good way of showing a scene change is simply for one of the characters (Buttons, for example, or Dandini) to walk across the stage with a placard showing the scene number and setting.

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Scene 5

The Grand Ballroom at Kendal Castle

Prince Charming comes down the staircase with Dandini and stands stage Right. The guests point to him excitedly

Prince Dandini, you've got to do something.

Dandini What do you have in mind, Sir?

Prince It's a flop, a disaster - a Wall Street crash.

Dandini Do I sense a note of gloom, Sir?

Prince The girls are unspeakable.

Dandini Oh I wouldn't say that, Sir.

Enter C, Lady Hardup with Tiger Lily and Trixibelle

Prince Oh my godfather, just look at those two! I'm off!

Dandini But Sir -

The Prince exits R, followed by Dandini

A rap rhythm is beaten out on the drums as Tiger Lily and Trixibelle come forward to do a rap

Song 3: *(Sisters' Rap) (Tiger Lily & Trixibelle)*

Trixibelle Hi there folks, it's Trixi here,

I'm waiting for the Prince to appear.

I hope he asks me up to dance,

I'll take him up and I'll take my chance.

Tiger Lily My name is Tiger, and I'm the Queen,

You'll soon find out I'm no has-been.

Roses are red, violets are blue,

Sugar is sweet, and I am too!

Trixibelle When it comes to jiggling, I'm the best,

When I get going, it's no contest.

I'll do my thing with heart and soul,

If it's cha-cha-cha or rock 'n roll.

Tiger Lily I'm here to dance, I'm here to play,

To put my assets on display.

They seek me here, they seek me there,

Those toy boys seek me everywhere.

Trixibelle I've got a scheme, I've got a plan,

I want a boyfriend, and I want a man.

A macho man with style and wit,

I want a man who's fighting fit.

Tiger Lily I play the field, and I'm no fool,

I'll get my reward if I play it cool.

I've got the shape and I've got the looks,

It's something I didn't learn in books!

Both A dollar is a dollar and a dime is a dime,

We'd say much more but we haven't got time.

We're sorry but it's time to go,

So without more ado it's on with the show!

The Prince reappears R with Dandini. Lady Hardup and the Sisters are L

Trixibelle Cor! Ain't he lovely!

Tiger Lily Ooh, look at those legs!

Trixibelle Hey, he don't half turn me on, Mumsy!

Lady Hardup Trixibelle, watch your bleedin' language or I'll thump you one! -Er, I mean, remember to speak

proper in front of His Royal Majesty, pray.

Trixibelle What do you want me to pray for, Mumsy?

Tiger Lily I'm praying for a man. Anyone'll do!

Trixibelle Ooh, he's set my cockles racing, so he has!

They approach the Prince. Lady Hardup nudges Dandini

Dandini Allow me to present His Royal Highness Prince Charming. Lady Hardup. The Misses Tiger Lily and Trixibelle Hardup.

Lady Hardup Highly charmed to meet your acquaintance, I'm sure.

Tiger Lily (*curtseying with difficulty*) Elatified, your divine Majesty.

Trixibelle Hello there, gorgeous!

Trixibelle stumbles into Tiger Lily, and they both fall

Prince I'm lost for words.

Dandini His Royal Highness is overwhelmed by your daughters' beauty, Lady Hardup.

Prince What? Oh yes, of course.

Lady Hardup You are too kind, Your Majesty.

Dandini Gentlemen, take your partners for a waltz.

Prince Will you do me the honour, Miss Hardup?

Tiger Lily) Yes!! I saw him first!

Trixibelle) Yes!! Get out of my way, you cow!

Lady Hardup Which one of my lovely girls did you have in mind, Your Royal Majesty?

Prince -Er, both of them.

Dandini May I suggest a coin, Sir?

Prince Oh very well.

Tiger Lily I bags heads!

Trixibelle No I bags heads!

Lady Hardup Girls! Tiger Lily will be heads and Trixibelle tails and no arguments.

Sisters Oh all right, Mumsy.

Dandini spins a coin

Dandini It is tails.

Trixibelle I win I win I win!!

Tiger Lily bursts into tears and stamps her feet

Trixibelle and the Prince dance C as waltz music starts up

Trixibelle Do you come here often?

Prince Yes. I live here.

Trixibelle How interesting. Smashing music, don't you think?

Prince Smashing.

Tiger Lily walks over

Tiger Lily Excuse me, I'm butting in.

Trixibelle Oh no you're not!

Tiger Lily Oh yes I am!

Trixibelle It's not an excuse me, anyway.

Prince Why not? I did promise to dance with every girl.

He dances with Tiger Lily. Trixibelle stamps her feet

Tiger Lily Hello, your divine and glorious Majesty.

Prince Your name, Miss Hardup?

Tiger Lily Tiger Lily. But you can call me Tiger. (*Gestures*) Gr - gr - gr!

Prince Fascinating.

Tiger Lily (*a confidential whisper*) I think you're sexy.

She grabs him and leads

Meanwhile Trixibelle grabs Dandini

Trixibelle You'll do!

Dandini Madam, unhand me!

Trixibelle Playing hard to get, are you? You know, you're cute! It's Dan, isn't it?

Dandini Dandini.

Trixibelle Confidentially, Dan. I'm desperate, Dan!

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Dave Buchanan's abridged version of the classic tale.

Plot Summary

Cinderella lives at Hardup Hall, but has rather a hard time at the hands of stepmother Lady Hardup and stepsisters Tiger Lily and Trixibelle. The latter are determined that Cinderella shall not go to Prince Charming's Grand Ball, but Buttons is equally determined that she *shall*. And of course she does, with the help of Fairy Godmum Foozle.

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