

# SCENE 4 ON THE WAY TO THE TOPMOST TURRET (TEN YEARS LATER)

**MUSIC PLAY ON**

*(Ten years later. FAIRY MOONBEAM enters.)*

MOONBEAM Another decade's passed, the royal children fully grown  
The Queen's proclaimed the end of spinning wheels from the throne.  
They need to keep Aurora safe from prophecies and fairies.  
So nowadays she sits alone eating tonnes of Ben and Jerries.

Aurora, bless her, barely sees her friends or goes outside,  
Tomorrow she turns 21, so 1 days time is left to bide.  
For on her birthday she'll be free, and rid of the old curse.  
A date awaited by us all, especially Nanny Nightnurse!

**MUSIC PLAY ON**

*(FAIRY MOONBEAM exits. PRINCESS AURORA enters and walks to her window to survey the kingdom. PRINCE ARTHUR enters)*

ARTHUR Excuse me, I wonder if you might help me find -

*(PRINCESS AURORA turns around to look at him)*

AURORA - Arthur!

*(PRINCESS AURORA runs to PRINCE ARTHUR and flings her arms around him.)*

ARTHUR Aurora, you are every bit as beautiful as the day I left.

AURORA And you every bit as charming.

ARTHUR I thank you fair maiden.

*(PRINCE ARTHUR performs a faux bow and kisses PRINCESS AURORA's hand.)*

AURORA But what are you doing here? I thought you were still at uni.

ARTHUR I was, but I couldn't resist the excuse to come back and see you. When your parents sent a formal invitation to your twenty first birthday -

AURORA - my what?

ARTHUR Your party. You didn't know?

AURORA I knew mother and father were up to something. Dear Nanny Nightnurse and Archie have been running around like headless chickens the last few days. No wonder.

ARTHUR I fear I've rather spoiled the surprise.

AURORA No, no, don't be silly. I can still act surprised!

ARTHUR You won't rat me out then.

AURORA Why would I rat you out? I'm pleased to see you.

ARTHUR Well, I'm not as young as I used to be. I thought perhaps you might have gone off me. Past my sell-by date.

AURORA Like milk?

ARTHUR Yes exactly!

AURORA Yes, perhaps you do smell a bit funny.

ARTHUR I do?

*(PRINCE ARTHUR gives his armpits a sniff. PRINCESS AURORA laughs.)*

AURORA Don't worry. You're still the Prince Arthur I remember.

**SONG SUGGEST 'TEENAGE DREAM' BY KATY PERRY**

**MUSIC PLAY ON**

*(AVARICE enters, PRINCE ARTHUR is behind PRINCESS AURORA.)*

AVARICE Aurora, I hoped I'd find you here.

*(PRINCESS AURORA's face drops when she sees AVARICE.)*

AURORA What do you want?

ARTHUR Avarice, you're back.

AVARICE I have something I need to tell you.

AURORA About your horrible mother? Save your breath.

ARTHUR Aurora!

AURORA No, Arthur. Don't you remember what happened all those years ago?

ARTHUR When we were kids?

AURORA She made us promise we'd always be friends. The three of us. And then she ignored us in class, and hasn't spoken to us since.

AVARICE It wasn't my -

AURORA - I don't want to hear it.

ARTHUR Avarice, why don't you come to Aurora's birthday party later. We could have a drink, maybe talk.

AURORA So she can ignore us all evening? I don't think so.

ARTHUR Aurora, you're being unkind.

AURORA I don't care!

*(PRINCESS AURORA runs off, exiting.)*

ARTHUR Aurora!

**MUSIC PLAY OFF**

*(PRINCE ARTHUR runs after her, exiting. Leaving AVARICE alone, she breaks down into tears. CARABOSSE enters)*

**SONG** SUGGEST 'TEENAGE DREAM' BY KATY PERRY REPRISE

*(AVARICE breaks down into tears at the end of the short reprise.)*

CARAB.           *(Offstage)* Avarice!

(*AVARICE, recognising her mother's voice dries her tears, and brushes down her dress.*)

AVARICE      Over here mother.

CARAB. Avarice, there you are. Whatever's the matter, I thought I could hear you crying?

AVARICE      It's nothing. What are you planning?

CARAB. Me, planning something? Never.

AVARICE It better not be to do with Aurora's birthday party.

CARAB. Birthday party? Not invited as usual I see. No matter. We'll go anyway.

(CARABOSSE has an idea.)

I'll give Princess Aurora a present. It will be a birthday to remember.

AVARICE      Mother, if you do anything to hurt Aurora I -

CARAB. - you'll what? You'll try and stop me?

I am sick to death of being treated like a second class citizen by this family. We have royal blood in our veins, just like them. We deserve to be treated with respect. An invite to a state event is hardly too much to ask for. We shall go to the party tonight and that's final. Do you understand me?

*(AVARICE does not reply. She is scared and angry.)*

Avarice answer your mother.

AVARICE      *(Through gritted teeth)* Yes mother.

CARAB. Good. Now go and find a gown fit for the party of the century.

**MUSIC      PLAY OFF**

(*AVARICE* exits)

This is it, the night my cursed prophecy is fulfilled. I'll take from storage the spinning wheel I hid all those years ago. I knew it would come in handy. Princess Aurora will prick her finger on it and tragically die. Leaving me and my daughter Avarice in line to inherit the throne and rule the kingdom of Slumberville forever.

(CARABOSSE cackles. The audience boos.)

Keep it coming. I love my boos.

*(The audience boo more)*

That's more like it. Well I'd better go and wrap Aurora's present.