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# SLEEPING BEAUTY

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**Relaxed Performance Storybook**  
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## The Showcloth

This is what we call the Showcloth. It's what you'll see when you first come into the auditorium. Can you see how all the glitter sparkles in the light?



You're probably wondering what the big hole in the front of the stage is for. This is what we call the Orchestra Pit, and it's where our band sit. There's Dan, who plays piano and all sorts of keyboards, Chris, who plays guitars, and Spencer, who plays the drums. When you come to see us you might see Dan's head popping up in the middle as he's quite tall! Dan will clap along to the music at the start of the show – you can join in if you like!

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## The Good Side and The Bad Side



**Left**

If you look to the left you'll see what we call the Good Side. This is where Azurial, the Good Fairy, comes on with all her little fairies. She always appears with a magic flash, we'll let you see one before the show starts.



**Right**

If you look to the right you'll see what we call the Bad Side. This is where Carabosse, the Wicked Fairy, comes on. She always comes on with thunder, lightning and some smoke. She certainly likes to get herself noticed! We'll show you this, too.

Iain, who plays Nanny Fanny McWheeze, will come on to say hello and welcome you all to the show. Then Dan and the band will play some music and it's off we go!

We'll meet Azurial and her little fairies, and then Carabosse arrives. Make sure you boo her as loudly as you can. Let's see if you can make even more noise than she does!

Azurial will magically lift the curtain and we'll see the Royal Throne Room...

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## Scene 1 – The Grand Throne Room of the Palace



The baby princess has been born, and King Hugo, Queen Hyacinth and all their servants are rushing around, trying to organise a party. Everyone is singing and dancing, but look how muddled King Hugo is getting. And have you ever seen so much food?



Here comes Muddles the Jester to make you laugh. You can sing along with him if you like.

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All the Good Fairies will give their gifts to the baby Princess Belle, but look out! Thunder and lightning, here comes trouble! Don't worry, though, as the Good Fairies have a plan...



Now here comes Nanny Fanny McWheeze, all the way from Scotland. Can you see what she's dressed up as? Isn't she funny! And just wait till she introduces you to Morag...

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## Scene 2 – The Palace Gardens



Its 18 years later, and Princess Belle is all grown-up. Here's where we meet Prince Valiant for the first time. But hang on, who's this odd little person with Carabosse?

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## Scene 3 – The Palace Kitchen



Now this really is a very funny, and very messy scene. As Nanny McWheeze and Muddles try to bake a birthday cake for Princess Belle all sorts of things start to go wrong. I hope your kitchen at home doesn't look like this!

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## Scene 4 – The Palace Gardens



Carabosse wishes her servant wasn't quite so dim, King Hugo shares a cheeky secret, and this is why you wouldn't want Grunge to wrap any presents for you!

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## Scene 5 – The Grand Throne Room of the Palace



Here we are at Princess Belle's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party. There are presents, cakes and balloons – but wait a minute, what are Nanny McWheeze and Muddles doing with those balloons? Be careful not to pop them, Muddles...!

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Everyone is having a lovely time, but here comes someone who certainly wasn't invited. And what do you think she's brought with her? Oh dear, it looks like a spinning wheel. Be very careful, Belle!

Don't worry, though. As usual, Azurial has a plan that could save the day. If only Muddles, Prince Valiant and Nanny McWheeze can get to Carabosse's Lair in time....

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## Scene 6 – Carabosse’s Lair



This all looks a bit spooky, doesn't it? Can you help our heroes scare off Carabosse's sprites? I bet you can.

Carabosse's magic is strongest here, see what she can change herself into!



And can Muddles, Prince Valiant and Nanny McWheeze get into the Time Portal in time to save Princess Belle

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## Scene 7 – Travelling through Time



Muddles, Prince Valiant and Nanny McWheeze travel through time to save Princess Belle – will they be able to save her?

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## Scene 8 – Outside the Palace



This is probably my favourite scene, and if you like lots of fun, laughter and singing I'm sure it'll be one of your favourites too. Poor Muddles!

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## Scene 9 – The Grand Throne Room of the Palace



We've travelled 100 years into the future. All Prince Valiant has to do now is wake Princess Belle from her long sleep. Do you think he'll manage it?

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## Scene 10 – The Song Sheet



Here's where we can all sing along with Muddles and Nanny McWheeze. Do you know the *Baby Shark* song? Don't worry if you don't, because Muddles and Nanny McWheeze will help you along. You can join in as much as you like! All together now...

Baby shark do do do do do do

Mummy shark do do do do do do

Daddy shark do do do do do do

Grandma Shark do do do do do do

Grandpa Shark do do do do do do

It's the end do do do do do do

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## Scene 11 – The Palace Ballroom



Everything has turned out well, and as always we've had our happy ending. Here's where everyone we've met today would like to take a bow and thank you for coming to see us. Don't forget to give Carabosse a last great big boo!

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Thank you for reading our little Storybook. We hope you have a lovely time at Sleeping Beauty and we look forward to seeing you. Bye bye!

