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Princess Party Smackdown

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Cast of Characters

OLIVIA, 7 years old, evil (played by an older actress)

MOTHER, 30s – a very wealthy, overprotective mother

LONESTAR, 7 years old, a boy

The Performers:

SNOW WHITE, played by Jess, who's on her third show of the day. Stressed out.

CINDERELLA, played by Morgan - a pro

BUNNY, chill.

FAIRY GIRL, played by Ella, a little harried.

OOBLOX, a bizarre and hideous alien, played by Joey

ADORABLE BABY HORSE, on her first gig

Setting: The backyard stage of Olivia's house.

(Lights up on the backyard stage of OLIVIA's house. Banners. Balloons. The place is decked out to the extreme.)

(SNOW WHITE enters, exhausted. She takes out a Red Bull and downs it. Starts warming up. Doing some stretches. Vocal warmups.)

(CINDERELLA enters with a soda.)

CINDERELLA

What's up, Jess?

SNOW WHITE

Hey man.

CINDERELLA

I didn't know you were doing this one.

SNOW WHITE

Yeah… it's crazy. Third party today.

CINDERELLA

That's insane.

SNOW WHITE

Tell me about it. I got six parties this weekend. I'm playing Elsa for the next one and they got me doing balloon animals, which is nuts.

CINDERELLA

I didn't know you could do multiple characters.

SNOW WHITE

I'm with two different agencies.

CINDERELLA

Whoah.

SNOW WHITE

Student loans, man. It's like killing me. I'm up to four red bulls a day just to get through these. If I start hallucinating, slap me in the face or something.

CINDERELLA

This party should be pretty chill. There's like no kids here. Homeschooled for the win.

SNOW WHITE

I don't know, dude. Have you met the mom?

(FAIRY enters.)

FAIRY

What's up, ladies?

(She does a complicated hand shake/hug/greeting with them.)

CINDERELLA

You're doing this one too?

FAIRY

No doubt.

CINDERELLA

Jess, this is Ella – we've worked a couple gigs together.

SNOW WHITE

Hey.

FAIRY

Remember that Hanson party?

CINDERELLA

Don't even get me started.

FAIRY

Nightmare. Thirty-seven eight year old girls.

SNOW WHITE

No way.

FAIRY

The party favors are just bags of sugar. Like, that's what they're feeding him. These kids, it's like a shark feeding frenzy, there's sugar all over them and they're foaming at the mouth.

I'm like – this what the apocalypse looks like. Pink as far as the eye can see. The party is scheduled for five hours. It's just these SUVs pulling up and screaming eight-year olds launching themselves out of the backseat as the parents hightail it out of there.

There's three hours of face pointing. I'm not kidding. Three hours. We're the only performers there. There's girls in line screaming at me from the back, and they're like recording this on their phones, right?

I stress ate for like a week. I gained like twenty pounds.

CINDERELLA

I couldn't sleep. I used to hear them at night. "Paint my face next! Paint my face!"

FAIRY

I was like, twitching. I had a mental breakdown.

CINDERELLA

This one won't be that bad. This party is cake.

SNOW WHITE

I can't believe she hired three of us.

CINDERELLA

Momma's rich.

FAIRY

I'm just hoping we get tips, yo. Sometimes the rich ones – it's like, thanks for spending two hours making a magical day for my girl now get your butt off my property before I call the cops.

CINDERELLA

No doubt.

(BUNNY enters with ADORABLE BABY HORSE)

BUNNY

Is there where we're getting ready?

SNOW WHITE

Yeah, it's like a convention.

FAIRY

I'm Ella. This is Jess and this is Morgan.

CINDERELLA

Hey. Are you with Special Days events?

BUNNY

No I'm with Magical Journeys. We're off-brand. My character name is Bunny.

CINDERELLA

That's it?

BUNNY

We're trying to get away from the whole Disney thing.

SNOW WHITE

Right. Are you like a My Little Pony?

ARORABLE BABY HORSE

My official name is Adorable Baby Horse. What's up? Adorable Baby Horse in the house.

CINDERELLA

Man, they are all over the place with the theme on this thing.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

I'm interning, actually. This is my first time. Hoping I don't blow it.

BUNNY

They like to send the new guys out with a partner. So you don't get overwhelmed. Or robbed.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

You get robbed?

FAIRY

Aw jeez man. Some of these kids, they're like straight-up criminals. I found some of them trying to hotwire my car once. I start screaming, I'm like, "I will cut you!" and I'm in my little fairy costume, right? I'm just sprinting after them and my wings are bouncing up and down and I'm waving my little wand. These Princess Parties are no joke.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

Wow .

BUNNY

You'll be all right. Safety in numbers.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

I kind of hate children, so…

BUNNY

Not a problem.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

And public speaking.

SNOW WHITE

I think most people do.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

I just freeze up sometimes –

CINDERELLA

No worries. Stick with us. We're pros. Jess has done like a hundred of these.

SNOW WHITE

My brain checks out, it's spectacular. I don't think about anything when I do a show. It's just like – shut down and enter the Snow White zone. It's probably the same thing the original Snow White felt.

CINDERELLA

I wish I could do that. I'm a perfectionist. I want to make sure my portrayal of Cinderella is accurate.

SNOW WHITE

Are you saying I'm not doing that?

CINDERELLA

I just care about my craft, that's all.

SNOW WHITE

I care about my craft.

CINDERELLA

No it's cool – you're Snow White in the morning and you're Elsa in the afternoon. You do you. I mean, obviously, you are in this for the money, so…

SNOW WHITE

So what?

FAIRY

Guys.

CINDERELLA

I've seen you mail it in on some of these parties, that's all.

FAIRY

Dude. I mail it in on all of them. I'm not even Tinkerbell. I'm just Fairy. Kids ask me my name and I'm like – Fairy. They're like `what kind of fairy?' And I'm like, `that's personal.'

CINDERELLA

I'm not judging you.

SNOW WHITE

You kinda are.

CINDERELLA

Whatever.

(MOTHER enters, stressed.)

MOTHER

Okay, we're just about ready!

BUNNY

Yeah we got like a whole Princess slash Animal squad here.

Skipping Forward

Uh… no. Then you get the biggest tip and the rest of us get hosed.

BUNNY

Look, guys, it's easy. We'll improv.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

What's that?

BUNNY

We make it up as we go. I'm on an improv team on Wednesday nights –

CINDERELLA

Eww.

BUNNY

The only rule is "Yes, And." Okay?

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

Yes and what?

SNOW WHITE

When someone says something, you agree with what they're saying. That's the Yes part.

BUNNY

And then you add something to it. That's the And.

CINDERELLA

How do you know this?

SNOW WHITE

I was a theatre major. That's why I have so much debt and no employable skills.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

So we make it up?

BUNNY

We make it up. If I say, "we're late for lunch!" You say…

FAIRY

Yes and there's a tornado coming!

BUNNY

And then I say, "yes, and the tornado is made out of piranhas!"

CINDERELLA

That makes no sense. Why would you have a tornado of piranhas?

BUNNY

It's what I thought of. It could happen.

FAIRY

You just go with it. If that happens, you go with it.

CINDERELLA

You need to come up with reasonable things, though.

BUNNY

Don't put me in a box.

SNOW WHITE

I'm freaking out. How are we gonna sing? We're just gonna improv songs?

BUNNY

We're gonna be fine – just let your imagination soar – mine tends to go to kind of crazy places actually so -

(the OOBLOX enters.)

(The OOBLOX is a hideous alien creature with multiple tentacles. Maybe oozing wounds. Distended eyes. Something out of a low-budget horror movie.)

OOBLOX

Sorry I'm late. Let's do this.

(He claps like he's about to start a football play.)

(They all stare at him.)

What?

CINDERELLA

This is a Princess Party.

OOBLOX

Right.

SNOW WHITE

What exactly are you supposed to be?

OOBLOX

I'm the Ooblox. I'm an outerdimensial creature that's broken into this timestream. Mostly I'm here to enslave and devour humans.

CINDERELLA

Joey, is that you?

OOBLOX

Morgan? I totally didn't recognize you in that wig.

CINDERELLA

I thought I told you never to come near me again.

OOBLOX

What a coincidence? Here we are. Working the same party.

CINDERELLA

We're not working the same party. You are leaving. Get out.

OOBLOX

I got hired to be here.

CINDERELLA

You are not going on that stage.

OOBLOX

Um… I have as much of a right to be on the stage as everyone else –

CINDERELLA

You get out there I'm gonna kill you. You are human garbage.

SNOW WHITE

All right, all right –

OOBLOX

You can't stop me, Morgan. You don't own birthday parties –

CINDERELLA

This is my show, all right? You can't just show up to my gigs –

OOBLOX

Um… I'm sorry, is that a law somewhere? I'm just a helpful Ooblox –

CINDERELLA

That's not a thing! You're not a thing! You just made that up!

OOBLOX

Yeah, and it's awesome.

CINDERELLA

You're gross. Look at your costume. Are these like tentacles or something?

OOBLOX

I'm outerdimensional! Why can't you understand that?! We have different morphology! Oobloxes are formed in volcanic craters! It's in my backstory!

BUNNY

I think everybody should have a backstory. That's an awesome idea. I'm gonna think of one for myself. I'm tired of just being a bunny.

FAIRY

So, wait, are you an Ooblox, or is your name Ooblox?

OOBLOX

I'm *the* Ooblox!

CINDERELLA

There's no Ooblox! None! THIS IS A PRINCESS PARTY! I'm for the integrity of the system! Okay, you can't have aliens showing up to a PRINCESS PARTY! It makes no sense!

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

I'm a pony, though.

OOBLOX

Screw this. It's an Ooblox party now. Right?

CINDERELLA

You come out on that stage, I will destroy you.

BUNNY

Okay, but if it's Princess party, why are there bunnies?

OOBLOX

The Ooblox can be a princess.

CINDERELLA

No it is not!

OOBLOX

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT OUR CULTURE!

CINDERELLA

YOU HAVE NO CULTURE CAUSE YOU JUST MADE IT UP!

OOBLOX

That's like the most racist thing I've ever heard.

SNOW WHITE

Can we pull it together please! I have a lot of student loans! I need this gig. I need to get paid –

CINDERELLA

There's a principle here. We have standards. There is no universe where Cinderella and a weird alien thing –

OOBLOX

Ooblox –

CINDERELLA

I KNOW YOUR NAME! I'M NOT MENTIONING IT CAUSE IT'S STUPID! IT SOUNDS LIKE SNOT!

FAIRY

Look, this is not ideal, but -

CINDERELLA

I'm not going on stage with that thing.

OOBLOX

Am I the only one who sees the racism here?

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

Are all the shows like this?

CINDERELLA

Joey. You are a freak. You need to –

(A bell rings and we hear the children coming.)

BUNNY

Okay. Places!

FAIRY

What places? Where are we going?

BUNNY

Somewhere!

(They scatter to hide behind the sides of the stage as MOTHER enters, followed by OLIVIA, LONESTAR, and other children if available.)

MOTHER

Well it's time for a Showwwww!

LONESTAR

Wow, look at this stage!

OLIVIA

It seems kind of basic.

MOTHER

It is more than basic. It is magical. So sit sit sit and I'm going to see if there are some special friends about to join us! Ha ha ha ha!

OLIVIA

I hope this is better than that so-called treasure hunt we just did.

MOTHER

I spent a lot of time on that –

OLIVIA

Maybe if you spent more time it would have been acceptable.

LONESTAR

I got a lot of candy! Wooooo! CANDY! Candy candy candy candy!

OLIVIA

Please don't do that.

LONESTAR

Candy candy candy candy candy IN MY FACE – Candy going in my face! Yayyyyyy!

(OLIVIA rips the candy out of LONESTAR's hand and throws it away.)

OLIVIA

There.

(A moment)

LONESTAR

Good thing I got more candy.

(He starts taking out more candy)

OLIVIA

Lonestar, I know you're a boy so you lack impulse control, but you need to be sitting now.

LONESTAR

I hope there's Transformers!

OLIVIA

There's no Transformers, these are princesses!

LONESTAR

Aww man.

(under his breath, taking out more candy)

Candy candy candy candy…

MOTHER

All right! Well – I think we're ready!
(she claps her hands and sits.)

(CINDERELLA enters.)

CINDERELLA

Oh this is such a lovely day!

LONESTAR

CINDERELLA! IT'S CINDERELLA! SHE'S REAL!!!!
(SNOW WHITE enters)

SNOW WHITE

Hi there Cinderella.

LONESTAR

WHAT?! THIS IS CRAZY!!! CINDERELLA AND SNOW WHITE!? TOGETHER?!

OLIVIA

Stop it!

LONESTAR

Sorry. I hope they fight.

CINDERELLA

It's so nice to see you, Snow. I'm getting ready to go to Olivia's birthday party. Are you coming?

SNOW WHITE

Of course I'm coming. I wouldn't miss it. But whatever shall we get her?

CINDERELLA

I don't know! If only there was someone who could help us.
(FAIRY strides in like a boss.)

FAIRY

What's up?

LONESTAR

IT'S TINKERBELL! WHOAHHH!

OLIVIA

Stop it!

CINDERELLA

Look, it's our friend –

FAIRY

Fairy.

CINDERELLA

Our friend fairy.

FAIRY

Yo, I heard about your problem. How about this? I just happen to have here an extra fairy wand that's like super magical.

SNOW WHITE

That looks like a wonderful present!

FAIRY

Except it's cursed.

(a moment.)

CINDERELLA

We'll have to release the curse! How do we do that?

SNOW WHITE

With friendship –

FAIRY

Yes, and we sacrifice an animal.

(a moment)

Some curses require blood to be lifted. It's the fairy way.

CINDERELLA

Oh dear.

FAIRY

Yeah people think fairies are all sweet and everything, but we are hardcore. Now we just have to find an animal.

(ADORABLE BABY HORSE enters. She's very nervous.)

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

Hi there friends! Is everyone going to Olivia's birthday party?

SNOW WHITE

Yes!

FAIRY

Not everyone's gonna make it there.

CINDERELLA

Um… Fairy – I don't think what you have in mind is totally appropriate right now.

FAIRY

You don't know what's going on inside my mind, Cinderella.

CINDERELLA

Okay, but –

FAIRY

Cause it's crazy.

SNOW WHITE

Maybe we can give Olivia a present that isn't a magic wand! What about you, Adorable Baby Horse, what do you think we should give Olivia for her birthday?

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

Um… uh… cash?

OLIVIA

Yayyy!

SNOW WHITE

Yes and… we can get the cash from…

CINDERELLA

From her mother's purse!

SNOW WHITE

Yep.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

…I'll get it…

(ADORABLE BABY HORSE goes over to the MOTHER to get cash.)

(BUNNY enters in a huff.)

BUNNY

Guys!

FAIRY

Hey it's another one.

BUNNY

I'm going to take this time to introduce myself. My name is Yolanda, and I come from a kingdom of rabbits -

CINDERELLA

I think it's time to learn about Friendship!

BUNNY

It's not, because I need to go through my backstory.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

All right I got five bucks.

BUNNY

I'm actually a princess, and my people are being slowly destroyed by a plague –

FAIRY

All right whatever. We got important issues. Do you guys think five dollars is enough for Olivia?

OLIVIA

Noooo!

CINDERELLA

It will be, if we learn about friendship first.

BUNNY

Friendship is listening to other characters' backstories.

CINDERELLA

Not it's not, because some characters are more important than other characters. And that's… friendship.

BUNNY

But also important are our animal friends.

FAIRY

I still could use an animal.

SNOW WHITE

Guys! It's time for the party! I have one more idea –

CINDERELLA

But we can't do that until we learn about FRIENDSHIP.

SNOW WHITE

I AM YOUR FRIEND AND I AM TELLING YOU WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR NONSENSE.

Skipping Forward

LONESTAR
I don't know who Beyonce is but I want him too!

OLIVIA
Beyonce's a girl.

LONESTAR
Never mind. I don't want Beyonce then! I want Rascal Flatts!

BUNNY
We're not a jukebox, all right? Sing it yourself.

OLIVIA
AAAAAAAH!

SNOW WHITE
No no we'll sing! Snow White loves Beyonce. She sings Beyonce all the time. Right?

CINDERELLA
Sure.

SNOW WHITE
So uh…
ALL THE SINGLE FAIRIES
ALL THE SINGLE FAIRIES

BUNNY
ALL THE SINGLE BUNNIES
ALL THE SINGLE BUNNIES

EVERYONE
ALL THE SINGLE FAIRIES
ALL THE SINGLE BUNNIES
ALL THE SINGLE FAIRIES
NOW PUT YOUR HANDS UP

SNOW WHITE
I JUST WOKE UP
HAD ME A CUP
I'M DOING MY OWN LITTLE THING
PRINCE DIDN'T SHOW AND NOW YOU WANNA GO
CAUSE ANOTHER DWARF NOTICED ME
I'M UP ON HIM, HE NAMED DOPEY
DON'T PAY HIM ANY ATTENTION
CAUSE I GOT SICK YOU DIDN'T STICK
AND NOW IT'S ALL DOPEY

EVERYONE
CAUSE IF YOU LIKED IT THEN YOU SHOULDA PUT A KISS ON IT
IF YOU LIKED IT THEN YOU SHOULDA PUT A KISS ON IT
DON'T BE MAD IF YOU SEE THAT HE WANT IT
IF YOU LIKED IT THEN YOU SHOULDA PUT A KISS ON IT

EVERYONE
WHOAH-OH-OH-OH
(The OOBLOX starts coming on stage)

OOBLOX
WHOAH-OH-OH
(CINDERELLA pushes him off-stage.)

(They end the song.)

LONESTAR
Now I want Star Wars music!

SNOW WHITE
Sorry. That is actually the end –

OLIVIA
No it's not! Where was the character development? Where was the action?! That was totally predictable! There wasn't even any violence!

FAIRY
It's not my fault they wouldn't let me do the sacrifice – it woulda been offstage, it woulda been totally tasteful.

OLIVIA
I want more! Or I hate all of you!

SNOW WHITE
Well, actually, there is more -

BUNNY
Because that was only the end of part 1. And in part 2 –
(THE OOBLOX enters.)

OOBLOX
The Ooblox arrives!

LONESTAR
Yessss!

SNOW WHITE

Aaaaah! What is this creature!

OOBLOX

Do not be alarmed. It is I, the Ooblox. I am an outerdimensional creature from outside your timestream.

BUNNY

Well I sure hope you can help me. Because I have a terrible announcement.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

I'm just gonna stand in the back then.

FAIRY

What is it, Bunny?

BUNNY

Yolanda. Remember?

OOBLOX

The Ooblox has something to say.

BUNNY

Nope, it's Yolanda's turn first. I've got something to confess. I'm dying.

(BUNNY takes centerstage, gets emotional.)

I went to the rabbit doctor the other day – there was a slight pain in my little powder puff tail.

LONESTAR

Yess!

BUNNY

THIS IS SAD! The doctor looked at me and said, "I'm afraid there's no hope. You have Rotting Tail Disease. And it will eventually liquefy your insides and you'll die in horrible pain. So this party – this birthday party – is my last chance at happiness before I am gone forever. Promise me this, after I die, tell my children I loved them. All of them. There's a whole bunch cause I'm a rabbit. I don't even know most of their names.

SNOW WHITE

Yes, And…

OOBLOX

And I also have a terrible disease!

CINDERELLA

BUT – they can all be cured with…

FAIRY

Animal sacrifice.

CINDERELLA

No! Friendship!

FAIRY

Yes, and animal sacrifice.

CINDERELLA

Friends, I think it's clear that Fairy here is under an evil spell by Snow White's wicked stepmother.

FAIRY

I'm not under a spell. You're under a spell. I'm a fairy. We're totally immune to spells. Check out our Wikipedia entry.

CINDERELLA

Nonetheless, we must remove the spell from the Fairy. Help me, Adorable Baby Horse!

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

…what? I don't know what's going on.

FAIRY

I think Cinderella is a secret witch in disguise!

OLIVIA

Wooooo!

FAIRY

Children, if you think Cinderella is a secret witch, clap!

(The kids start clapping)

CINDERELLA

And if you think the fairy is a secret witch, clap!

(no clapping)

What? Come on? I'm Cinderella, I'm not -

FAIRY

Burn the witch!

SNOW WHITE

Friends! I think it's time we got back to our valuable lesson about friendship that will make sure that Everyone. Leaves Here. Happy. Okay?

CINDERELLA

I agree.

SNOW WHITE

So maybe – we could find a way to cure our friends of their terrible diseases without resorting to murder.

FAIRY

I wouldn't really call it murder.

SNOW WHITE

Well some people would. What's your solution, Adorable Baby Horse?

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

Maybe we just need more cash?

MOTHER

What?

SNOW WHITE

Good idea!

(ADORABLE BABY HORSE goes to the MOTHER again.)

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

It's for science.

(MOTHER gives more money.)

That's not really a lot for science.

(MOTHER gives more money.)

Plus tip.

BUNNY

I'm afraid there's no cure. I'm a tragic rabbit. Remember me. I would now like to give an emotional speech that will leave everyone in tears.

SNOW WHITE

I'm not sure that we need your emotional speech because we are getting ready for birthday party.

BUNNY

I won't have another birthday. Thanks for reminding me. When I was little, my mother used to tell me, "Yolanda, you're going to do great things some day." And I used to gaze off into the horizon and imagine myself leading my people to a kinder, better place. A place where the wolves wouldn't hunt us.

SNOW WHITE

That sounds really interesting –

BUNNY

But nobody makes movies about bunnies. They think we don't matter. And I tried to be a better rabbit, I tried to make my voice heard, to make a difference… but in the end, nothing worked. And I'm still going to die. A failure. A loser. I'm sorry, Mama. I'm so sorry.

(BUNNY breaks down. Maybe lifts a closed fist into the air.)

CINDERELLA

I have a solution. I just was told by my Fairy Godmother that the cause of your disease is actually the stupid alien thing. And if it were to GO AWAY, then everything would be better, and we would have a happy ending.

OOBLOX

I didn't see your Fairy Godmother.

CINDERELLA

She's invisible to other people.

OOBLOX

I'm not a person, I'm The Ooblox.

CINDERELLA

She's especially invisible to Oobloxes.

OOBLOX

I see.

CINDERELLA

Well? Are you going to let Bunny live, or are you going to selfishly continue to be here and RUIN EVERYTHING?

(They all stare at the Ooblox.)

OOBLOX

I see how it is. Bunch of racists. I don't need you anyway. I don't need to go to Olivia's birthday party, even though I have the most awesome present of any of you.

OLIVIA

What?

OOBLOX

I guess I'll just have to go back to my alien outerdimensial world with my super cool magic present that I will take with me and have fun with by myself. So long. Goodbye. It was nice meeting you.

OLIVIA

No!

OOBLOX

I'll just sing a song as I leave.

CINDERELLA

No I –

OOBLOX

And you guys will sing back up.

ADORABLE BABY HORSE

I don't really want to sing –

OOBLOX

TOO LATE!

(He sings a song to Puff the Magic Dragon)

OOBLOX THE FRIENDLY MONSTER CAME FROM THE SKY
AND FROLICKED IN THE BIRTHDAY PLACE BUT HAD TO SAY GOODBYE
BIRTHDAY GIRL OLIVIA CRIED AND CRIED AND CRIED
BECAUSE WHEN THE OOBLOX HAD TO GO HE CERTAINLY WOULD DIE

OH

EVERYONE

OOBLOX THE FRIENDLY MONSTER CAME FROM THE SKY
AND FROLICKED IN THE BIRTHDAY PLACE BUT HAD TO SAY GOODBYE
BIRTHDAY GIRL OLIVIA CRIED AND CRIED AND CRIED
BECAUSE WHEN THE OOBLOX HAD TO GO HE CERTAINLY WOULD DIE

(The OOBLOX trudges off-stage.)

OOBLOX

Goodbye.

(He exits)

OLIVIA

It's so sad!

LONESTAR

Come back, Ooblox! I love you!

End of Excerpt.
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