

Time: Approx. 30 minutes

CHARACTERS

LEADS

COUNT BORIS BeSTINKY

PRINCESS VERONICA

LORD BYRON THE BRAVE

NARRATOR

SAGE

OLD KING RUFUS

ANTON

LEAD JESTER

PEASANT/COURTIERS #1, #2 & #3

CHORUS

JESTERS (small group)

THE COURT (class or small group of attendants in miscellaneous dress - regal, knights, period costume)

PEASANTS

COURT COOKS

GUARDS /KNIGHTS

TRUMPETER/S

* CUE CARD MAIDENS OR SAGES (2)

CUE CARDS: BOO, HISS, YEAH, HURRAY, AWHH ... OHH ...

SETS: Court/ Castle Scene, Feast (optional), Mountain Lair & Cave

PROPS: Dragon head, paint tins and brushes, castle window/tower, throne, washing basket, court scene, trumpets, jesters bits and pieces, padlock and key

SONGS

THAT DRAGON
THE TRAVELLING CLOWNS
BORIS B.OFF (We're Gonna Have a Ball Tonight)

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SCENE ONE

COURT/CASTLE

- NARRATOR:** In a Castle Tower - Somewhere - a beautiful princess looks wistfully into the yonder; unaware of poor Lord Byron's Peril.
- PRINCESS:** (*speaking to herself*) When will my Lord Byron be back? Twelve long years he's been gone and not even a postcard.
- F.X.:** **TRUMPETS** (*Sage theme*)
- (SAGE ROLLS IN, SOMERSAULTS AND PROMPTLY GAINS HIS/HER FEET)*
- SAGE:** My lady come quick! The King calls! And he's not very happy!
- F.X.:** **TRUMPETS** (*King's theme*)
- KING:** If it's not one thing it's another: invading armies, plagues and pestilences, the servants are threatening to go on strike, there's nothing decent on TV and now we're being terrorised by a flaming dragon. A man just can't get any peace and quite anymore.
- PEASANT/
COURTIER 1:** And that dragon set fire to my washing
- (All gasp)*
- PEASANT/
COURTIER 2:** ... and he drunk up all the beer in my cellar
- (All gasp)*
- PEASANT/
COURTIER 3:** ... and he blew the door off my dunny!
- ALL:** *(Big gasp)* WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?

SONG: "THAT DRAGON"

*(ALL ASSEMBLED TUCK INTO PREPARED FEAST
BROUGHT OUT BY COOKS)*

(BeSTINKY MOVES UP TO TALK TO KING)

- BeSTINKY:** I agree. Things are crook. That fiery fruitbat is a most definite pain. What we need is an incentive scheme to encourage dragon slayers.
- KING:** Any suggestions Count Boris?
- BeSTINKY:** Offering your beautiful daughter's hand in marriage springs to mind.
- CUE CARDS:** **BOO HISS**
- That should bring dragon slayers from across the country.
- CUE CARDS :** **BOO HISS**
- KING:** Hmmm ... *(Thinks & then says enthusiastically)* Good idea Boris!
- KING:** *(Shouting)* Any man who slays the dragon can marry my daughter, the beautiful Princess Veronica!!
- VERONICA:** But father, Byron will return. He said he would.
- KING:** *(Slowly)* It is now 12 long years ... a fair time to wait. Particularly when he said he was just ducking out to buy a paper!
- VERONICA:** But father just wait one more day... pleaseeeaaase ... I know he'll come back.
- KING:** *(Reluctantly)* All right my pretty, just one more day... *(Veronica gazes out the window)* Now we need something to cheer us up. Jesters!! Entertain us!

LEAD JESTER: With great pleasure sire.

SEMI-SPOKEN INTRODUCTION TO THE SONG

SONG: "THE TRAVELLING CLOWNS"

(BeSTINKY SLINKS OFF OUT OF THE COURT)

