

JACK

Act 1:

Scene 1:

(Walled palace gardens. In the background at the centre of the wall is a pair of pillars between which hangs a pair of functioning black wrought iron gates. The gates are laced with ivy, they haven't been opened in a very long time. A large heart-shaped lock and chain hold the gates closed.)

Song 1

(At the end of song, enter White Rabbit. He is carrying an oversized wrench, or other tool, and a toolbox.)

Rabbit: (To Audience) Wow that was great wasn't it? Us rabbits love a bit of *hip-hop*. Hello everyone. My name is Sonny. Sonny Bunny. Can you all say "Hello Sonny Bunny"? (Waits for Audience response) Oh come on. I've had better treatment than that at the greyhound track. Let's try that again. Can you all say "Hello Sonny Bunny"? (Waits for response. Repeat if desired.) Oh that's better. Now we can get on with the show. But now you've made me late. Even later than I already was. I'm a very busy bunny. My friend Jack works here at the palace. He's the gardener. I heard he's raking it in. Anyway, he got me a job here too. So now I'm here to sort out the palace plumbing. Apparently, the king has a problem with his waterworks. Oh here comes Jack now.

(Enter Jack.)

Sonny: Oh, hello Jack.

Jack: Sonny. There you are. You were supposed to be here an hour ago. Where were you?

Rabbit: Well, I was...

Jack: Have you got your tools?

Rabbit: I have a...

Jack: Do you know what you're doing now?

Rabbit: Well I...

Jack: Look Sonny, I recommended you for this job so my neck is on the line here.

Rabbit: No worries Jack. I won't let you down.

Jack: Is this your first time at the palace?

Rabbit: Yes.

Jack: So, you haven't met the queen before then, have you?

Rabbit: No. Why?

Jack: Well, you might have heard that she's very...

Rabbit: Contrary? Yeah, I heard that.

Jack: No! Well yes. She is contrary. But she's also very...

Rabbit: Fond of cutting people's heads off?

Jack: Well, yes. But she's also very, very...

(Sound of trumpets Offstage.)

Jack: Oh, here they come.

(Enter King and Queen. Queen is very, very small. Jack bows and pokes Rabbit to do same.)

Rabbit: (Aside to Jack) Hey Jack. Does Snow White know she's missing a dwarf?

Queen: Who is this buffoon?

Rabbit: I'm a rabbit actually.

Jack: This is Sonny, majesty. Sonny's the new handy-man.

Rabbit: (Aside to Jack) I believe "handy-bunny" is the politically-correct term.

Jack: Sonny's here to sort out that leaky cistern in your bathroom.

Rabbit: Yeah... (Discreetly to Queen) so you'll be able to have a "royal flush".

Queen: Hmm. Weren't you supposed to be here an hour ago? You're late.

Rabbit: Just a *teeny* bit.

(Queen takes offence to the word "teeny". Jack waves to Rabbit to warn him of his error. Rabbit tries to recover.)