

FREE Scenes for Teens – La Bella Cinderella by Claudia Haas – YouthPLAYS – 2 male

RAMIRO: The Prince Charming in the Italian Cinderella. A bit of a nerd. Loves, LOVES maps and order.

DANDINI: RAMIRO'S servants. A flirt and a schemer – at present scheming to get rid of the Prince and usurp the crown.

RAMIRO

Dandini! DANDINI! Return! Your Prince is speaking to you!

(DANDINI runs in and hastily bows.)

DANDINI

Si, Your Highness?

RAMIRO

Why are you running around like a loco person?

DANDINI

It's Carnevale time! Everyone is loco!

RAMIRO

But – it's disorderly.

DANDINI

I like disorder!

RAMIRO

You're up to something.

DANDINI

No, Your Highness.

RAMIRO

Then why don't you help me map out a new road for the City. Doesn't that sound like fun?

DANDINI

No. Mi scusi, Your Highness. But mapping out roads is – boring ... not fun. Capisce?

RAMIRO

Dandini! I am creating the most up-to-date map of Bologna. Don't you want to help me?

DANDINI

No.

RAMIRO

Do you not serve me?

DANDINI

Si. What is your will?

RAMIRO

I need to figure out the proper place for a new road. The main road is very crowded.

DANDINI

Si, Your Highness. We will study the map. We will scour the countryside creating a new street for a new map! Do you think I care that there are pretty signorinas all over the countryside? No, I would much rather study maps.

RAMIRO

Good.

(They study the map.)

- you say there are pretty girls out there?

DANDINI

Very pretty girls.

RAMIRO

You know, Dandini – I am supposed to be married soon. It must be done. Now that my parents gave up the throne and ran away to Sicily to start a tomato farm, it is up to me to continue the royal line. I must marry and have an heir.

DANDINI

Si. It is a tragedy to have to be married. I am glad I'm not you.

RAMIRO

But I don't know who to marry. I don't seem to know – any young signorinas.

DANDINI

It is hard to be the Prince.

RAMIRO

Si!

DANDINI

And hard to be abandoned by your parents – for a tomato.

RAMIRO

Si.

DANDINI

If they left you for a cannoli, I would understand! But a tomato!

RAMIRO

I know! And there is no future in tomato sauce. I told them that!

DANDINI

Who knows? Maybe tomato sauce would be good on spaghetti! With a few meatballs –

RAMIRO

Never! Tomatoes on pasta? Not Italian! So here I sit on my lonely throne waiting to be crowned King next week and I have no one to share my life with. I should like to flirt with signorinas like you! But – it's no good. Girls just smile at me because I am the impossibly handsome Prince. How will I ever know if a girl likes me for me?

DANDINI

It's a mystery. You are a good Prince – but Sire, scusi for saying this - you are not good with girls. All the time – you talk about your maps!

RAMIRO

Maps are my passion! They represent all that is precise in an unprecise world. With a map by my side, I always know where I am! I am never lost!

DANDINI

But they are not the passion of young, pretty girls, capisce? Of course, you can be forgiven for being boring because you are the Prince. But you know what Your Highness? I have a most intelligent idea.

*(Pause)*

We will trade places! We will go out but you will go as me and I shall go as you!

RAMIRO

But I am – high born - the signorinas will guess.

DANDINI

I can act high born.

*(And DANDINI puts on airs and does a rigid Princely walk.)*

RAMIRO

I do not walk like a biscotti!

DANDINI

You do. You walk like one who has been baked too many times – like a piece of toast!

RAMIRO

I walk like this!

(RAMIRO walks his ‘Prince Walk’ and DANDINI imitates – exaggerating of course.)

DANDINI

Now you – try to walk like me!

(And RAMIRO does so – exaggerating a poor, servant demeanor.)

DANDINI (cont’d)

I do not walk like a wet pasta noodle! I am smooth – like so -

(DANDINI affects a smooth, jive walk and Ramiro follows.)

DANDINI

Not bad.

RAMIRO

It will never work! I am too handsome. I will be recognized at once!

DANDINI

Actually – the signorinas find me kind of sweet.

RAMIRO

So, if I go as you – they will think I am sweet?

DANDINI

If you leave your maps at home.

RAMIRO

Come. Let us change clothes. I want to fall in love. I need to find a princess!

DANDINI

Do I get to wear a crown?

RAMIRO

No! The ... crown stays in the palace.

