

Crappily Ever After
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Set in a fairytale storybook, this story overlaps with the tale of Cinderella.

CHARACTERS

Jack

Red

Wolfie

Cinderella/ Flora

Henry

Aurora

Phillip/ Bashful

Belle/ Fauna

Beast (Adam)/ Sleepy

Snow/ Merryweather

Ferdinand

Royal Advisor

Minion

Jack's mum/ Maiden

Fairy Godmother

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ACT IScene 1

SET: Castle Grounds

Belle, Snow, Aurora, Beast, Ferdinand and Phillip enter the stage.

~ Fairytale / Fascination Parody ~

AURORA AND PHILLIP:

Easy,
Living,
Great big ballrooms,
Live by no rules.

SNOW AND FERDINAND:

Happily

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Now we move to
The next chapter

BELLE AND BEAST:

Fairytales
Fairytales
This is the way we live
Fairytales
Fairytales
This is the way we live

ALL:

Adventure; let's set sail. (Woah-oh, woah-oh-oh)
Nobody who assails. (Woah-oh, woah-oh-oh)

Spare you the horny details (Woah-oh, woah-oh-oh)

We live in fairytales

SNOW AND FERDINAND:

Our lives,

We've got no strifes.

Faced our battles,

Now they're over.

BELLE AND BEAST:

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During bridge, Jack tries to sneak on stage by going through the audience. Before he gets to the stage, he looks behind him towards the audience to check for his mother who appears behind him in front of the stage. Dialogue continues in the instrumental.

JACK:

Mum!

JACK'S MUM:

Jack, what do you think you're doing?

JACK:

I got lost?

JACK'S MUM:

Mm-hm, sure you did. Now let's go home.

JACK:

Wait, mum, can I just watch for one minute?

JACK'S MUM:

Absolutely not! Nothing good ever happens when you're involved.

JACK:

Mum! *Jess ONSTAGE writes*

JACK'S MUM:

Don't argue with me. We're leaving now.

JACK:

Ow!

Jack's cheek gets pinched and he's dragged off stage.

ALL:

Fai-ry-ta-les!

It's time that we set sail. (Woah-oh, woah-oh-oh)

Nobody who assails. (Woah-oh, woah-oh-oh)

Spare you the horny details (Woah-oh, woah-oh-oh)

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~ End of song.

Scene 2

SET: Jack's Home

~ Dumb Ol' Jack / Haven't Met You Yet parody ~

JACK:

I'm not surprised not everything works

I've fucked up so often, it no longer hurts

I stuck my thumb in

I burned my house down

I've sailed the world

And I've let my mum down

I've put my family through such bullshit

If I could rewind time I'd do it

But I will be the hero I was meant to be

But someday I know that my time will come

I'll make things right without doing something wrong

And I'll make my mum proud, earn my happily ever
after

- that's a fact

Until then I'm just dumb ol' Jack

I might have to wait, I'll never give up

It's not like I can leave, I'm stuck with my mum

She thinks it's bad luck when I go outside

But I need to go so I can live my life

And I know that I can be so amazing

And that's how I want others to see me

Not for the fool I've been written out to be

Cause someday I know that my time will come
I'll make things right without doing something wrong
And I'll make my mum proud, earn my happily ever
after
- that's a fact
I don't want to be dumb ol' Jack
They say that's that
That my story's told
But I refuse to buy that
I'm gonna fight it
And I'll rewrite it
And I know that I can be so amazing
And that's how everyone's gonna see me
If they think I'm a fool then they're fools for ever
doubting me
And someday I know that I'll make things right
I won't quit without a fight
I promise you all that I'm right
That I'm right
Yes I'm right
I am right
I am right
Ooh I know that my time will come
I'll make things right without doing something wrong
And I'll make my mum proud, earn my happily ever
after
- that's a fact

I'm much more than dumb ol' Jack
I'm more than just dumb ol' Jack
I'll prove to them all
That's I'm so much more than that
I'm more than just dumb ol' Jack

~ End of song.

Jack's mum enters.

JACK'S MUM:

Jack, were you singing just now?

JACK:

A little.

JACK'S MUM:

You didn't shatter a glass, did you?

JACK:

No.

JACK'S MUM:

Jack?

Jack pulls out a broken glass which he hid behind a cushion.

JACK'S MUM:

That's what I thought.

JACK:

I don't do it on purpose.

Jack goes to leave.

JACK'S MUM:

Where do you think you're going?

JACK:

Outside?

JACK'S MUM:

Uh-huh? And what happens when you go outside?

JACK:

(Pause) Bad things?

JACK'S MUM:

Very bad things.

JACK:

Well... bad things happen when I'm inside the house as well.

JACK'S MUM:

Yes, I'm well aware but at least I can keep an eye on you. I'm telling you, I don't understand how one person can get into so much trouble.

JACK:

My sister got into trouble too.

JACK'S MUM:

Only because she copied whatever you did. And now look! She's gone. She never came back.

Jack sulks as a twittering is heard from outside.

JACK'S MUM:

A message at this time? Breaking news perhaps?

A bird with a scroll in it's mouth is thrown ungracefully on stage.

JACK'S MUM:

Let's see what we have here.

JACK:

You know what, mum? There will come a time when I'll be the hero and I won't do anything wrong in the process.

JACK'S MUM:

How so?

JACK:

I won't make any mistakes, I won't do anything stupid and on top of that, I won't even lie.

JACK'S MUM:

Ha! That's a lie right there. Even if you wanted to, Jack, when is a situation like that ever going to present itself?

The scroll is opened and Fairy Godmother appears on stage as if she is reading it out.

FAIRY GODMOTHER:

Breaking news! Three princes have gone missing.

Jack's mum looks horrified while Jack is filled with glee.

FAIRY GODMOTHER:

Two of the Princes disappeared Monday night and the final Prince disappeared last night. The princesses have refused to give any further comment. The identities of the missing princes are Prince Charming, Prince Charming... and Beast.

In other news, this Saturday, a ball is being hosted by the one and only Prince Charming. The Prince will make his first ever public appearance on the night and all citizens are welcome to attend.

JACK'S MUM:

Can you believe three princes have gone missing?

JACK:

I know, isn't that great?

JACK'S MUM:

What?

JACK:

You know that situation you mentioned? It's finally presented itself. I'll find the princes!

JACK'S MUM:

Oh no. No no no no no no.

JACK:

So was that a yes?

JACK'S MUM:

No, Jack! This is royalty on the line. Imagine you promise to find them and you can't deliver. They will have your head.

JACK:

Mum, you said I couldn't save the day without doing anything wrong. This is my chance to prove myself.

JACK'S MUM:

Jack, I don't have time to keep an eye on you while you run around trying to solve a case.

JACK:

I was thinking of doing this without you.

JACK'S MUM:

Are you crazy? What if something horrible happened? Whose going to help you?

JACK:

I'll manage.

Jack grabs the key for the door and leaves.

JACK'S MUM:

That's not at all reassuring. Jack, not another word about those missing princes. You are never leaving this house. It's better if you're here with me where

I can keep a close eye on you. Do I make myself clear, Jack? Jack?

Jack's mum realises he's gone.

JACK'S MUM:

Dammit, Jack!

Scene 3

SET - Ball Room (preparations)

HENRY:

Well, Royal Advisor, how are the preparations coming along for the ball this weekend?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Excellently, your highness. Only a few things I wish to run by you. A number of fabrics have been selected but I fear a mix will be overwhelming. Which colour do you prefer?

HENRY:

Definitely the blue. Royal Advisor, could you remove the rest for me?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Of course, your highness. Minion, remove the rest.

MINION:

Yes, sir!

Minion goes to pick up a roll of fabric which is heavier than expected. He then prepares himself to lift it.

HENRY:

Anything else I can do to assist?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Your suit has arrived. Would you like to try it on?

HENRY:

Excellent!

Minion lifts the fabric but topples back and the fabric falls on top of him, trapping him. All of this happens as Prince Henry tries on his jacket.

HENRY:

What do you think?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Stunning, your highness. Very dapper.

HENRY:

Can you imagine I meet my future wife at the ball?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

I can guarantee you will meet her.

HENRY:

(Suspicious) You can?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

The whole kingdom will be there.

HENRY:

Ah! I see. Yes, I'm happy with this. Royal Advisor, could you please take this to be stored until Saturday?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Your highness, I'm still managing the first task you gave me.

HENRY:

You're right. My apologies.

MINION:

Sir, help me!

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Well, I suppose I can multitask. Just never call me incompetent.

HENRY:

Thank you, Royal Advisor. I can never call you incompleated.

Prince Henry leaves.

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Incompetent. That's what you are.

MINION:

Sir!

ROYAL ADVISOR:

And you. For goodness sake, Minion. Must I do everything myself?

Royal Advisor rolls the fabric off of Minion as Prince Henry reenters.

HENRY:

Royal Advisor, you've done a brilliant job with the planning. I'm sure the ball will be a night I'll never forget.

ROYAL ADVISOR:

Oh, you just might.

HENRY:

Why do you say that?

ROYAL ADVISOR:

There will be alcohol at the ball, your highness. I pray you don't go overboard.

HENRY:

Oh, I won't! Wouldn't want to be knocked out by the end of the night.

Prince Henry exits.

ROYAL ADVISOR:

We'll see about that.

Royal Advisor and Minion exit.

END OF SAMPLE

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