

SPELLBOUND

by Alison Chaplin

This extract is adapted from the short play script [Spellbound](#), a fairy story with attitude introducing witches, goblins, trolls and other fairy tale characters. In this scene PRINCE HANDSOME has fought his way to the bedroom in the tower to wake the sleeping PRINCESS and claim her as his wife. But the PRINCESS isn't happy with that idea!

Two characters. One female/one male. Ages 12 - 18 years.

PRINCESS FOSTLEWORTH is sleeping. PRINCE HANDSOME gazes at her for a moment then takes her hand and kisses it tenderly. PRINCESS FOSTLEWORTH wakes up.

PRINCESS: Who are you?

PRINCE HANDSOME: I am a handsome prince who has woken a beautiful princess to claim her hand in marriage.

PRINCESS: You what?

PRINCE HANDSOME: I have faced danger, arduous terrains and difficult questions to wake you and take you as my wife.

PRINCESS: But I don't want to be your wife!

PRINCE HANDSOME: Pardon?

PRINCESS: I mean, you could be anybody.

PRINCE HANDSOME: But I'm not anybody. I'm Prince Handsome and...

PRINCESS: Coming in here when I'm asleep.

PRINCE HANDSOME: But I have woken you from the spell and now...

PRINCESS: Now what?

PRINCE HANDSOME: Er...

PRINCESS: Who said you could wake me anyway?

PRINCE HANDSOME: (*Flustered*) Well, the witch cast... The Queen said...
The King told me to...

PRINCESS: I was having a lovely dream.

PRINCE HANDSOME: Sorry.

PRINCESS: Did anyone record Eastenders?

PRINCE HANDSOME: I don't think so.

PRINCESS: Typical! (*Pause*) So now that you've woken me up I'm supposed to be grateful, is that it?

PRINCE HANDSOME: Well, yes. (*Pause*) I have faced great danger, arduous...

PRINCESS: Yes, yes, you said all that! Who cast this stupid spell?

PRINCE HANDSOME: The witch.

PRINCESS: (*Getting up, determinedly*) Right.

PRINCESS FOSTLEWORTH goes to leave.

PRINCE HANDSOME: Where are we going?

PRINCESS: I don't know where you're going but I'm going to find the witch.

PRINCE HANDSOME: Can I come with you?

PRINCESS: (*Sighing*) If you must.

PRINCE HANDSOME: I must. I have faced...

PRINCESS: Stop talking now.

PRINCE HANDSOME: Right.