

**SCENE FIVE**

#36 – Act I Finale, Part 1

*\*(If the MYSTERIOUS MAN is played by the same actor as the NARRATOR, the transition from one to another can be revealed here.)*

**NARRATOR**

*(ENTERING)*

And so the Mysterious Man died, having helped end the curse on his house. For the Baker, there would be no reunion with his father, and he and his wife, bewildered, returned home.

*(BAKER and BAKER'S WIFE EXIT)*

The Witch, who had been punished with age and ugliness that night when her beans had been stolen and the lightning flashed, was now returned to her former state of youth and beauty.

*(WITCH strikes pose, then EXITS)*

And Milky-White, after a night of severe indigestion, was reunited with the now wealthy Jack.

*(JACK and JACK'S MOTHER EXIT with MILKY-WHITE and HARP)*

As for the Prince...

*(FANFARE)*

... he began his search for the foot to fit the golden slipper.

*(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and STEWARD ENTER on horseback)*

When he came to Cinderella's house, Cinderella's stepmother took the slipper into Florinda's room.

*(FLORINDA tries on shoe; STEPMOTHER struggles to help her; LUCINDA watches)*

**FLORINDA**

CAREFUL, MY TOE – !

**STEMMOTHER**

DARLING, I KNOW –

**FLORINDA**

WHAT'LL WE DO?

**STEMMOTHER**

IT'LL HAVE TO GO –

*(FLORINDA reacts as STEPMOTHER suddenly brandishes a knife)*

*(Looks at FLORINDA'S PRINCE)*

*The girl obviously riding off to*

*(CINDERELLA'S grave of*

*(CINDERELLA'S trickling*

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*The Prince's shoe.*

*(STEPMOTHER)*

*(Struggles)*

*(Holding)*

*(Looks)*

*coconuts*

**(STEPMOTHER)**

BUT WHEN YOU'RE HIS BRIDE YOU CAN SIT OR RIDE.  
YOU'LL NEVER NEED TO WALK!

*(Looks at her encouragingly, then cuts off FLORINDA'S TOE as FLORINDA reacts in pain. FLORINDA limps to CINDERELLA'S PRINCE, is seated on HORSE)*

**NARRATOR**

The girl obeyed, swallowing the pain, and joined the Prince on his horse, riding off to become his bride.

*(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE, with FLORINDA on horseback, arrives at the grave of CINDERELLA'S MOTHER; BIRDS CRY from the tree)*

**CINDERELLA'S MOTHER**

LOOK AT THE BLOOD WITHIN THE SHOE;  
THIS ONE IS NOT THE BRIDE THAT'S TRUE.  
SEARCH FOR THE FOOT THAT FITS.

*(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE looks at FLORINDA'S FOOT and sees blood trickling from the shoe. THEY return to CINDERELLA'S home)*

**#37 - Act I Finale, Part 2****NARRATOR**

The Prince returned the false bride, and asked the other sister to put on the shoe.

*(STEPMOTHER tries forcing shoe onto LUCINDA'S FOOT)*

**LUCINDA**

*(Struggling with the shoe)*

WHY WON'T IT FIT?

**STEPMOTHER**

*(Holding the knife)*

DARLING, BE STILL.  
CUT OFF A BIT  
OF THE HEEL AND IT WILL. A  
ND WHEN YOU'RE HIS WIFE  
YOU'LL HAVE SUCH A LIFE,  
YOU'LL NEVER NEED TO WALK!

*(Looks at LUCINDA encouragingly as she cuts off LUCINDA'S HEEL)*