

SCENE 1 THE GRAND HALL OF THE PALACE OF SLUMBERVILLE

(The Grand Hall of the Palace of Slumberville is cavernous and elaborately decorated. There is an alter and a font filled with water ready for the baptism. The CITIZENS OF SLUMBERVILLE are gathered for AURORA's christening - the grand event of the year! Everyone is in good spirits and ready for a royal party.)

SONG SUGGEST 'LOVELY DAY' BY BILL WITHERS

(MUDDLES enters)

MUDDLES Hello everybody!

(Audience response)

You can talk to me you know, it's not TV. Hello everybody!

(Audience response)

Much better. My name's Muddles. What's my name?

(MUDDLES gestures to the audience to answer him. Audience response)

What's my name?

(Audience response)

Great! You know my name, now it's time to learn all of yours! When I count to three I want you all to shout out your names. One, two, three!

(Audience response)

Wonderful. Now I know all of your names too! My mum Nanny Nightnurse named me Muddles because I always get confused and often muddle things up! Once I stayed awake all night wondering where the sun had gone, and then it dawned on me.

SOUND JOKE STING

That's it. First ones free, the rest you have to pay for. Not long ago I was walking some dogs for a friend when all of a sudden they vanished into thin air. I'm not sure where they went, but I've got a few leads.

SOUND JOKE STING

I've even been diagnosed as colour blind. Which came right out of the purple.

SOUND JOKE STING

So my Mum despairs at me getting muddled up. But I can't help it!

MUSIC PLAY ON

(ARCHBISHOP enters he is frantic and flustered)

ARCHB. Muddles! Have you seen your mother?

MUDDLES Hello Archie. Of course I have!