

# THE GLASS SLIPPER

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*A Ten Minute Comedy Skit & Play*

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**SYNOPSIS:** We all know Prince Charming found Cinderella's glass slipper as she left the ball at midnight. But why did he pursue her? Was he in love with her? Or did he want the other glass slipper?

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

*(3 female, 1 male)*

PRINCE CHARMING (m) ..... 16-25; Fashionable, especially about shoes. *(44 lines)*

QUEEN ADELA (f) ..... 32-45; Prince Charming's mother, easily distracted. *(14 lines)*

CINDERELLA (f) ..... 16-25; Rebellious. *(28 lines)*

DISMELDA (f) ..... Ageless and I mean ageless, go with who would be fun for the role at any age! The fairy godmother. *(18 lines)*

**SETTING:** Outside a palace; a wooded area; "Once upon a time land".

**TIME:** Well, once upon a time.

**AT RISE:** *We are outside a castle. It is after midnight. PRINCE CHARMING is running back to his castle and is seen holding a glass slipper. He is disheveled, dirty and desolate. The QUEEN enters.*

**QUEEN ADELA:** Prince Charming! There you are! I had to say good-bye to all of our guests. Prince Charming? Dear - do get rid of that shoe - it's simply not practical. Do you remember the incident with the stiletto heels?

**PRINCE CHARMING:** It's a work of art, Mother! Have you ever seen such a shoe? But only one. I must find its mate.

**QUEEN ADELA:** Of course dear. Now please go clean yourself up. You look most - un-Prince Charming.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** I've been scouring the woods looking for the other slipper. I mean - why throw out one shoe? What good is it to throw out only one? One cannot run with one shoe - especially one shoe such as this!

**QUEEN ADELA:** Maybe the owner only has one leg.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** In which case I will never find its mate. Mother, I simply must meet the woman who would wear such a shoe!

**QUEEN ADELA:** Well, whoever the owner is - she can't possibly be very practical. A glass slipper is most dangerous not to mention your foot cannot possibly breathe.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** I must find the owner of this slipper! And when I do - I shall marry her!

**QUEEN ADELA:** What did you say?

**PRINCE CHARMING:** I will marry whoever owns this shoe. You do want me to marry, don't you?

**QUEEN ADELA:** I believe it was the purpose of the ball. But practically speaking, dear - I've given up on you marrying. You seem happier with your shoes than with women. Of course, then I tell myself - why not? Many women are happier with their shoes than their mates.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** Mother, I believe I could love the person who would wear such a shoe. Such style! Such bravery! A woman who would risk slashing her feet to bits for a certain "look" speaks volumes.

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**QUEEN ADELA:** Permit me a thought: a prince who is addicted to shoes and then marries a lady who prances around in glass slippers could not possibly run a castle very well.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** That's what advisors are for. Mother, I cannot know my future, but I am certain it will be shared with the owner of this slipper. I shall offer a proclamation -

**QUEEN ADELA:** Oh! A proclamation! That's encouraging. I didn't know you knew what a proclamation was.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** I shall go from cottage to cottage and whoever produces the mate of this shoe - will have me - as a mate! That's a good offer!

**QUEEN ADELA:** It depends on your point of view, darling. Now, I really must rest. Being nice to people for hours is quite tiring. Good night, dear. *(She goes to kiss him and changes her mind.)* And do tidy up before you retire. You are really quite appalling. *(QUEEN ADELA heads off talking to herself.)* Prince Appalling! Yes, that might have been a better name. I wonder if it's too late to change it ....

*As QUEEN ADELA exits, CINDERELLA runs on frantically searching for her lost shoe. She just about runs into PRINCE CHARMING but suddenly trips and falls. She is a bit ragged but very clean. She may even be dressed in something akin to a pumpkin. She carries a sack with the glass slipper in it. She also carries disinfectant wipes.*

**CINDERELLA:** Oh. Hello.

*PRINCE CHARMING lifts her to her feet.*

**CINDERELLA:** My, you do need a bath.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** So I've been told. How kind of you to also mention it.

**CINDERELLA:** *(She wipes her hands with disinfectant.)* I ... have a thing for cleanliness. One might say it's an obsession.

**PRINCE CHARMING:** I'm pleased for you. Now, run along to ... wherever you belong. The castle is closed. Especially to rude peasants.

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