

What's **invisible**

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FADE IN:

1. INT. ROOM WITH FIREPLACE/CASTLE - MIDNIGHT

Light enters the interior. Warm heat comes from the fireplace.

YOUNG PRINCE sits on the royal armchair and laughs. He is exquisitely amused by the GLIMMER candelabrum, which obligingly bows to him.

Unfortunately, this pleasure is disturbed by SCREAMS from the outside -

YOUNG PRINCE
What are those noises?!

He gets irritated and turns his head toward the exit.

GLIMMER
I'll check it out right now, sir.

He bows again and hurries out on one leg.

2. INT. LOBBY WITH STAIRS/CASTLE - CONTINUOUS

Glimmer hastily joins the WATCHMAN as he tries to silence the OLD WOMAN standing outside the front door.

GLIMMER
(to Watchman)
What are those noises?

WATCHMAN
She wants to stay here for the night!

GLIMMER
Certainly not!

Prince emerges cheerfully from the depths of the castle.

The staff pales.

Prince looks at the good old woman dressed in rags. His smile fades and disgust appears.

YOUNG PRINCE
What's happening?

He demands an explanation.

The servants are pale and scared.

GLIMMER

Lord, your faithful subject begs for shelter...

OLD WOMAN

My noble lord –

She takes out a beautiful, shiny red ROSE from under her cloak, which does not make any impression on the ruler. He says drily:

YOUNG PRINCE

And what will I get in return??

OLD WOMAN

In exchange for your shelter, Lord, you will receive this beautiful rose.

YOUNG PRINCE

Ha! A rose! Look at her!

He laughs toward the staff and walks away, calling behind him:

YOUNG PRINCE

Out with her!

The front door OPENS and a gusty FROST WIND enters.

OLD WOMAN

Consider your decision again, my Lord, for the world of tears is utterly lonely.

Young Prince gets mad –

YOUNG PRINCE

Be silent! Be silent! KEEP silent! There is nothing missing in my life! Get out!

The old woman TRANSFORMS into a beautiful SORCERESS dressed in a light green silk robe.

YOUNG PRINCE

What's that supposed to mean?!

There is a smile of irony on his face.

YOUNG PRINCE

Is this some kind of joke?

SORCERESS

There is no love in your heart. Love and be loved, then the spell will disappear.

SORCERESS

For ever. The misfortune will now be upon you and your whole world.

Black DARKNESS descends on the Prince. A mysterious penumbra overwhelms the hall.

YOUNG PRINCE

What's happening?! I demand an explanation!

SORCERESS

From now on, you will be responsible for this Rose, and she for you. You are her, she is you. Until your thirtieth birthday – until the last red petal falls.

The sorceress waves her wand at the TABLE standing by the wall. It comes to life and runs to meet her.

The sorceress conjures up a glass casing, which stands on the table. The glass case rises and the Rose takes its place under it. The table runs up to the Prince.

YOUNG PRINCE

What?! What's that supposed to mean?

In the back are TEA, WHISK, CAPER, and HANGER. Behind them is OVEN.

Prince looks at all the servants for help.

SORCERESS

The eyes are always blind...

She waves her wand, and Tea becomes a teapot, Whisk a cocktail whisk, Caper a small jug. The spell also reaches Hanger, who becomes a hanger for coats and hats. Oven, the cook, becomes an oven.

GLIMMER

Mon Dieu! What's happening?!

He becomes a French candlestick.

WHISK

OH!