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## PRINCESS PENELOPE AND THE DRAGON

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### Notes for a Household Production:

1. Establish your settings before you start. Example: the kitchen can be the castle, a bedroom can be the deep dark cave (or you can build a blanket fort), your yard can be the meadow.
2. Assign the roles. People can play more than one character. Do you have a hat/shirt/scarf you can use to establish the differences in the characters?
3. Props – You can have props or just pretend to have props.
4. Print scripts for each actor and highlight lines. Read the script out loud before performing.
5. Anything written in Italics are stage directions. They are not meant to be read, but acted.

### Characters:

Princess Penelope

Lords and Ladies

Dragon

Prince Henry

King Henderson

### Settings:

Castle

A meadow

A deep dark cave



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## SCENE ONE

*In the castle*

**Princess Penelope**

Daddy! I am going for a walk.

**King Henderson**

Okay, Penelope, but don't forget, I am making your favorite tonight. Haggis and onions!

**Princess Penelope**

That's not my favorite, it's your favorite!

**King Henderson**

Oh yeah! Well, how about I throw in some spaghetti and meatballs too!

**Princess Penelope**

YUM! I won't be long. I will just gather some flowers to decorate the table.  
Prince Henry comes screeching in on his bike.

**Prince Henry**

Totally righteous! Did you see that excellent skid mark I just left?!

**King Henderson**

Henry! You are cleaning that up right now.

**Prince Henry**

Aw man! Totally lame, dude.

**Princess Penelope**

Aren't you supposed be protecting the castle?

**Princess Henry**

I knew I was forgetting something.



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**Princess Penelope**

Maybe protecting the castle just isn't your thing. See you later, LITTLE brother.

I'm going to pick flowers.

*She exits.*

**Prince Henry**

Don't call me little, dude.

**King Henderson**

Don't call your sister, dude.

**Prince Henry**

Fine, dude.

**King Henderson**

And, don't call me "dude", I'm your dad, and the king. Now get to cleaning!

**Prince Henry**

Do I have to du—I mean, dad?

**King Henderson**

No of course not, but if you don't, you'll never ride that bike of yours again.

**Prince Henry**

Seriously?!?! Fine!

*He exits.*

**King Henderson**

Now let's get cooking! Can't wait for some haggis and onions!

*He exits.*



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## SCENE TWO

*Princess Penelope is in the field picking flowers.*

**Princess Penelope**

Oooh, yellow roses. Oh cool! A frog.

*She starts to look at the frog and talk to it, but doesn't notice the DRAGON sneaking up behind her.*

**Dragon**

Boo!

**Princess Penelope**

Ahhhhhhh!

**Dragon**

Whoa! You scream loud.

**Princess Penelope**

Uh, yeah, I do! Especially when a dragon sneaks up on me! What are you doing here?

**Dragon**

I see you like frogs.

**Princess Penelope**

Yes, I do.

**Dragon**

I have some frogs in my deep dark cave. Want to come check them out?

**Princess Penelope**

I don't think that would be the best idea. After all, you are a dragon.



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**Dragon**

Well, I tried to be nice. Guess I'll have to try my super secret power.

**Princess Penelope**

Huh?

**Dragon**

ROOOOAAAAAAR!

*Princess Penelope passes out from the loud roar (or the dragon's stinky breath) the actor can choose. DRAGON takes her back to his deep dark cave.*



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## SCENE THREE

*Back at the castle. KING HENDERSON is sitting at his throne admiring the smells coming from the kitchen. Lords and ladies come running in. There can be as many as you want.*

**Lords and Ladies**

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

**King Henderson**

What?!? The princess has been kidnapped? By who?!?!?

**Lords and Ladies**

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

**King Henderson**

A Dragon! That's ridiculous! All the dragons were killed ages ago!

**Lords and Ladies**

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

**King Henderson**

He took her to his deep dark cave!

**Lords and Ladies**

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

**King Henderson**

Yes! That is my delicious haggis cooking.

**Lords and Ladies**

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!



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**King Henderson**

Yes, I used my mom's recipe. WAIT! We're getting off topic! Where is his deep dark cave?

**Lords and Ladies**

Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

**King Henderson**

I see.

*Screaming*

Prince Henry!

**Prince Henry**

Yeah, dude.

**King Henderson**

Excuse me?!?!

**Prince Henry**

I mean Dad. Majesty Dad, what's up?

**King Henderson**

Your sister has been captured by a dragon.

**Prince Henry**

A dragon?! Du—I mean Dad. That's like totally tubular! I get her room!

**King Henderson**

No. You are going to rescue her.

**Prince Henry**

Rescue her! Sounds hard. I'm totally not into hard.



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**King Henderson**

Do you ever want to ride that bike of yours again?

**Prince Henry**

Ah man, not cool.

**King Henderson**

It is cool. I'm the king. Now go.





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## SCENE FOUR

*In the deep dark cave. Princess Penelope is waking up.*

**Princess Penelope**

What happened?

**Dragon**

I used my fearsome roar and you went to sleep.

**Princess Penelope**

More like, I passed out. What are you going to do to me? Eat me?

**Dragon**

Eat you? Gross!

**Princess Penelope**

Well, then why else would you bring me back to your deep dark cave?

**Dragon**

Do you like tea?

**Princess Penelope**

I love tea!

**Dragon**

Oh good! I've put a pot of chamomile on.

**Princess Penelope**

My favorite! I like it almost as much as I like spaghetti and meatballs.

**Dragon**

I love spaghetti and meatballs! Do you sprinkle yours with cheese?



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**Princess Penelope**

I do! Lots of it! Too much my dad says.

**Dragon**

No such thing as too much cheese!

*They both start to laugh.*

**Princess Penelope**

Why did you bring me back here?

**Dragon**

Well, the truth is—

*Prince Henry comes racing in on his bike.*

**Prince Henry**

Look at my totally awesome skid mark, man!

*Sees the dragon*

NOW! Unhand my sister dragon!

**Dragon**

Your "totally awesome skid mark" messed up my cave. Clean it up, duuuuuuuude.

**Prince Henry**

You can't call me dude.

**Dragon**

I think I just did, dude.

**Prince Henry**

Oh no you don't, dude.



**Dragon**

Oh yes I did, dude.

**Prince Henry**

No, dude.

**Dragon**

Yes, dude.

**Prince Henry**

No, dude.

**Dragon**

Dude, yes, dude.

**Princess Penelope**

Both of you stop it!

**Prince Henry**

Sister! I'm here to rescue you, because I am your awesome brother.

**Princess Penelope**

And what are you rescuing me from? A dragon, who wants to sip tea?

**Prince Henry**

Huh?

**Princess Penelope**

*To Dragon*

Why did you bring me here?

**Dragon**

The truth is, I was lonely. All the other dragons have disappeared and I have no friends.



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**Princess Penelope**

Oh no! That's terrible. You should come stay with us!

**Dragon and Prince Henry**

Huh?

**Princess Penelope**

Well, we could use a strong dragon with a fearsome roar to protect the castle.

**Prince Henry**

Hey, that's my job!

**Princess Penelope**

But, I'm sure you would rather be riding bike and practicing your cool tricks.

**Prince Henry**

That would be righteous!

**Princess Penelope**

*To Dragon*

We are having spaghetti and meatballs tonight.

**Dragon**

YUUUUUMMMM!

**Prince Henry**

Let's get back to the castle, dudes!



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## SCENE FIVE

*Back at the castle. The king is sitting in front of the table that has a delicious meal laid out.  
All the Lords and Ladies are there.*

**Lords**

Chatter, chatter

**Ladies**

Chatter, chatter

**King Henderson**

Chatter, chatter

**Lords**

Chatter, chatter

**Ladies**

Chatter, chatter

**King Henderson**

Chatter, chatter

*Enter Princess Penelope, Dragon, and Prince Henry*

**King Henderson**

Princess Penelope, you're back in time for—whoa! Is that a dragon?!?!

**Lords and Ladies**

CHATTER! CHATTER!

**Princess Penelope**

He's a friendly dragon! He likes tea and spaghetti and—



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**Dragon**

Is that haggis and onions! Delicious!

**King Henderson**

He can stay! You shall be protector of the castle!

**Dragon**

Oh, thank you your majesty!

**King Henderson**

Now let's eat!

**THE END**