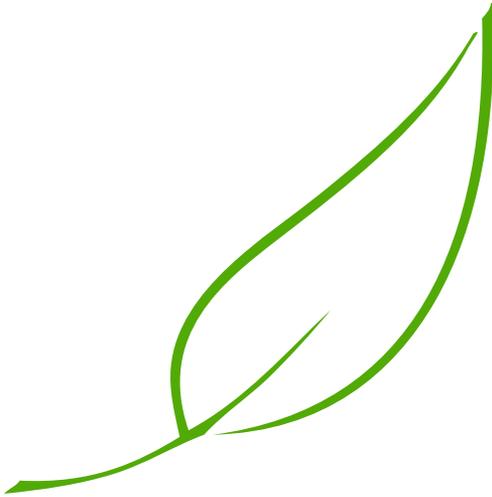


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## CAST OF CHARACTERS

(5 total)

Snow White, Miss DeWarf, Perry White, Prince Henry, Mauri

*(The scene is the office of Perry White, father of Snow. Snow White lies stretched out ... maybe dead, but perhaps not. Miss DeWarf sits behind a desk.)*

**PRINCE HENRY:** *(Enters, a nervous young man. Miss DeWarf is busy with her paper work and does not notice him. Prince Henry looks around hesitantly then is startled to see the body of Snow White.)*

**DeWARF:** Help you, mister?

**PRINCE HENRY:** Uh ... *(still a bit distracted at the sight of a girl stretched out before him)*

**DeWARF:** You with UPS?

**PRINCE HENRY:** Uh ... no. I was ... I was here about your ad.

**DeWARF:** We sold the Station Wagon this morning.

**PRINCE HENRY:** No. I mean ... *(indicates Snow White)* ... uh ...

**DeWARF:** Oh. Her. Just a minute. I'll get the boss. *(she pushes a button to talk)* Mr. White, there's a guy here to apply for the Prince Charming job. *(she listens as Prince Henry continues to look at the body.)* Uh-huh. Uh-huh. Yeh, I ordered the bagels an hour ago. They should be here by now. *(to Prince Henry)* He'll be right with you. Have a seat. *(Prince Henry looks around for a chair but sees that Snow White's body occupies the only available space.)* Oh. Yeh, she takes up a lot of room, don't she? That's why we placed the ad.

**PERRY:** *(entering, all glad-hands and bluster)* Morning! You the guy? *(offering his hand)* White. Perry White. That's my daughter, Snow. You like her?

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**PRINCE HENRY:** I ... uh ... I mean, I don't even ...

**PERRY:** Yeh, yeh. I know. Sort of weird job, ain't it? But look pal ...

**PRINCE HENRY:** Henry. My name is Prince Henry.

**PERRY:** Cool. You see Snow was on this camping trip and there were these weird little men and an apple ... I don't know. It's been two years ago and ...

**PRINCE HENRY:** Two years! She's been like this for two years?!

**PERRY:** Well ... I'd just bought the new Volvo. Yeh, that would have been two years.

**PRINCE HENRY:** Lying here for two years!

**PERRY:** Oh, good heavens no! What do you think I am? No, we had her on the patio until two weeks ago. Then Harriet bought those new shrubs and ... well, I mean where do you put her? So I brought her down here to the office and put an ad in the paper. You wouldn't believe some of the crackpots we've had apply. You aren't nutso, are you? Some weird kid who likes to love 'em and leave 'em?

**PRINCE HENRY:** Mr ... uh ... White, I answered an ad for a Prince who was charming. And I'm a charming prince.

**PERRY:** No kidding. Listen, Harold ...

**PRINCE HENRY:** Henry. Prince Henry.

**PERRY:** I placed an ad for Prince Charming. The doctors say that her only hope is to be kissed by Prince Charming but I'll be darned if I know where to get one. You ... you're not Prince Charming?

**PRINCE HENRY:** I'm a prince. And ... well, many think I'm quite charming.

**DeWARF:** I'll second that.

**PERRY:** Any word on the bagels?

**PRINCE HENRY:** Mr. White, what exactly do you want me to do?

**PERRY:** Kiss her.

**PRINCE HENRY:** What?

**PERRY:** Kiss her. See if she wakes up.

**PRINCE HENRY:** But I can't just ...

**PERRY:** Oh, great. Another bashful prince. (*moving him to the door*) Look, maybe this won't work out.

**PRINCE HENRY:** Wait a minute. I need the job, Mr. White.

**PERRY:** Good. Kiss her. I've got a 10 o'clock appointment (*turning to DeWarf*) ... and I still haven't had my bagels!

**DeWARF:** I'll call again. (*she dials and talks silently*)

**PRINCE HENRY:** Just ... uh ... (*moving a bit to Snow*) ... just where would you ... I mean where should I ...

**PERRY:** Kiss her? Heck, I don't care! Kiss her lips! Kiss her mouth! Kiss her foot for all I care! Just wake her up! I need the office space and the IRS won't let me claim her as a deduction unless she moves a little.

**PRINCE HENRY:** Mr. White, you seem to have a very callous attitude toward your daughter!

**PERRY:** Callous?

**DeWARF:** (*putting her hand over the receiver*) You're a jerk.

**PERRY:** Oh.

**PRINCE HENRY:** I mean, this is your daughter! Your very own flesh and blood.

**PERRY:** Yeh. I know. Forget about kissing her feet. Go ahead and lay one right on the lips.

**PRINCE HENRY:** And what if she awakens?

**PERRY:** Then you're hired.

**PRINCE HENRY:** As what?

**PERRY:** As a very charming prince, I don't know. You'll get the money. Listen kid, are you gonna move it or not? I'm a busy man.

**PRINCE HENRY:** (*looking at Snow*) I need the money. And she is very pretty.

**DeWARF:** Takes after her mother.

**PERRY:** Get the bagels.

**PRINCE HENRY:** (*kneeling beside her*) Perhaps just a peck.

**PERRY:** A peck! A lousy little peck! You think I'm paying you the big bucks to check her lipstick? Let her have it, boy! Smackeroo! The Young and the Restless! Wake her up!

**DeWARF:** (*smiling in wonder, to herself*) Smackeroo?



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