

The Queen with the Cold, Cold Heart

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Cast of Characters

CHARACTER	ACTION/GESTURE	PROPS
QUEEN WITH THE COLD, COLD, HEART	“Alas, Alack!” (<i>hand to forehead</i>)	crown
DAUGHTER WITH A LITTLE COUGH	“Cough! Cough!” (<i>hand in front of mouth</i>)	tiara
DAUGHTER WITH AN ITCHY NOSE	“Ah, choo!” (<i>hand over nose</i>)	tiara
DAUGHTER BEAUTIFUL BUT SAD	“Ah, me . . .” (<i>flutter eyes</i>)	tiara
HANDSOME PRINCE	“Ah, hah!” (<i>flourish sword in the air</i>)	crown
GUARD AT THE GATE	“Halt! Who goes there?” (<i>hand stop sign</i>)	sword
EVIL, EVIL WIZARD	“Nya, nya, nya” (<i>rub hands round each other</i>)	Wizard’s hat
FAITHFUL HORSE	“Gallop, gallop, neigh!” (<i>makes galloping noise with coconuts</i>)	Horse’s ears Coconut shells

NARRATOR Once upon a time, far away and long ago, there lived a queen with a cold, cold heart. (*indicates Queen*)

QUEEN Alas! Alack! (*hand on forehead*)

NARRATOR She had three daughters.
One with a little cough . . . (*indicates Daughter #1*)

DAUGHTER #1 Cough! Cough! (*hand in front of mouth*)

NARRATOR One with an itchy nose . . . (*indicates Daughter #2*)

DAUGHTER #2 Ah choo! (*hand over nose*)

NARRATOR And one with is beautiful, but sad. (*indicates Daughter #3*)

DAUGHTER #3 Ah me! (*flutters eyes*)

NARRATOR They all lived in a magical kingdom which was under the spell of an evil, evil wizard.

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR One day, a handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR came galloping along on his faithful horse . . .

FAITHFUL HORSE Gallop, gallop, neigh! (*makes galloping noise with cocoanuts*)

NARRATOR . . . and stopped at the palace gates and there stood the palace guard.

THE GUARD Halt! Who goes there? (*hand stop sign*)

NARRATOR Then the handsome Prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . told the guard . . .

THE GUARD Halt! Who goes there? (*hand stop sign*)

NARRATOR that he must speak at once to the Queen with the cold, cold heart.

QUEEN Alas! Alack! (*hand on forehead*)

NARRATOR The guard . . .

THE GUARD Halt! Who goes there? (*hand stop sign*)

NARRATOR . . . let the handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . through the gate. And when he saw the Queen with the cold, cold heart . . .

QUEEN Alas! Alack! (*hand on forehead*)

NARRATOR . . . and her three daughters . . .

The one with the little cough . . .

DAUGHTER #1 Cough! Cough! (*hand in front of mouth*)

NARRATOR . . . the one with an itchy nose . . . (*indicates Daughter #2*)

DAUGHTER #2 Ah choo! (*hand over nose*)

NARRATOR . . . and the one who is very beautiful, but sad. (*indicates Daughter #3*)

DAUGHTER #3 Ah me! (*flutters eyes*)

NARRATOR . . . he told them that he had come to break the evil, evil spell put upon them by the evil, evil Wizard!

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR Then the Queen with the cold, cold heart . . .

QUEEN Alas! Alack! (*hand on forehead*)

NARRATOR . . . said she must KILL the evil, evil wizard . . .

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR . . . to break the spell and, if he succeeded, he may take the hand in marriage of one of her three daughters . . .
The one with the little cough . . .

DAUGHTER #1 Cough! Cough! (*hand in front of mouth*)

NARRATOR . . . the one with an itchy nose . . . (*indicates Daughter #2*)

DAUGHTER #2 Ah choo! (*hand over nose*)

NARRATOR . . . or the one who is very beautiful, but sad. (*indicates Daughter #3*)

DAUGHTER #3 Ah me! (*flutters eyes*)

NARRATOR Immediately the handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . leapt on his faithful horse . . .

FAITHFUL HORSE Gallop, gallop, neigh! (*makes galloping noise with cocoanuts*)

NARRATOR . . . and galloped back . . .

FAITHFUL HORSE Gallop, gallop, neigh! (*makes galloping noise with cocoanuts*)

NARRATOR . . . to the gate.
The guard . . .

THE GUARD Halt! Who goes there? (*hand stop sign*)

NARRATOR . . . let the handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . through the gates and he went off in search of the evil, evil wizard.

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR . . . and finally, after many days of travelling, found him locked away in a great, dark tower at the top of a cloudy, cold mountain.

So, the handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . leapt on his faithful horse . . .

FAITHFUL HORSE Gallop, gallop, neigh! (*makes galloping noise with cocoanuts*)

NARRATOR . . . and galloped up to the great iron doors of the tower, which swung open to reveal the evil, evil wizard.

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR . . . standing there waiting for the handsome prince.

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR And the fight began!
The evil, evil wizard . . .

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR . . . hurled bolts of purple lightning at the handsome prince's heart.

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR But the handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . had a golden sword which cast the bolts of lightning aside like rain drops.
The evil, evil wizard . . .

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR . . . furiously cast a gigantic ball of fire towards the handsome prince
. . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . who ducked the ball of fire and lunged with his golden sword straight into the heart of the evil, evil wizard.

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR Lightning flashed and the evil, evil wizard . . .

WIZARD Nya, Nya, Nya! (*rub hands together in a menacing manner*)

NARRATOR . . . dissolved into a tiny, cold light and fell upon the ground.
Then the handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . picked up the tiny, cold light, placed it in a box and leapt onto his faithful horse.

FAITHFUL HORSE Gallop, gallop, neigh! (*makes galloping noise with cocoanuts*)

NARRATOR . . . and galloped back to the kingdom of the Queen with the cold, cold heart.

QUEEN Alas! Alack! (*hand on forehead*)

NARRATOR There he came upon the guard . . .

THE GUARD Halt! Who goes there? (*hand stop sign*)

NARRATOR . . . who let him through the gates.
The handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . then presented the box to the Queen with the cold, cold heart . . .

QUEEN Alas! Alack! (*hand on forehead*)

NARRATOR . . . and her three daughters . . .
The one with the little cough . . .

DAUGHTER #1 Cough! Cough! (*hand in front of mouth*)

NARRATOR . . . the one with an itchy nose . . . (*indicates Daughter #2*)

DAUGHTER #2 Ah choo! (*hand over nose*)

NARRATOR . . . and the one who is very beautiful, but sad. (*indicates Daughter #3*)

DAUGHTER #3 Ah me! (*flutters eyes*)

NARRATOR And in that moment the spell is broken!

So now, the Queen no longer had a cold, cold heart and her three daughters no longer coughed or sneezed or felt sad (although she still remained very beautiful) and, of course, it was HER the handsome prince . . .

PRINCE Ah, hah! (*flourishes sword in the air*)

NARRATOR . . . chose to marry.

And, as for the tiny, cold light in the little box.

Well! That was buried far beneath the dungeon of the palace. And, naturally they all lived happily ever after!

And so it was about one hundred years ago that two workmen were sent to demolish the ruins of an old, old castle when they came across a box buried in the ground. And when they opened its lid, they discovered there was freezing cold air inside and a tiny light shone brightly whenever they opened it.

And that, of course, was how the first refrigerator was discovered!