# The Broadways "Into The Woods - Act II Prologue: So Happy"

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**NARRATOR** 

Once upon a time-

later-

**CINDERELLA** 

I wish...

In that same far-off kingdom

More than anything...

Lived a young princess,

More than life...

The lad Jack,

More than footmen...

**JACK** 

I wish...

And the Baker with his family

**BABY** 

Waaah!

**JACK** 

No, I miss...

CINDERELLA & BAKER

I wish...

**BABY** 

Waaah!

**JACK** 

More then anything...

CINDERELLA, JACK, BAKER

More than the moon...

**BAKER'S WIFE** 

There, there...

**CINDERELLA** 

I wish to sponsor a Festival

**BABY** 

Waaah!

# **BAKER** More than riches... **CINDERELLA** And a ball... **JACK** I miss my kingdom up in the sky CINDERELLA & BAKER More than anything... **BAKER'S WIFE** I wish we had more room... **BAKER** Another room... **NARRATOR** But despite some minor inconveniences, they were all quite content... **CINDERELLA** I never thought I'd wed a Prince... CINDERELLA'S PRINCE I never thought I'd find perfection... **BOTH** I never thought I would be so happy! **CINDERELLA** Not an unhappy moment since... JACK & MOTHER

**BAKER** 

JACK I miss...

BABY Waaah!

Shh...

More then life...

**CINDERELLA** 

**BAKER'S WIFE** 

The time has come for a Festival...

I didn't think we'd be this rich...

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE
Not a conceivable objection...

BAKER & WIFE I never thought we'd have a baby...

CINDERELLA, PRINCE, JACK, MOTHER I didn't know I could be so happy!

BAKER & WIFE I'm so happy!

STEPMOTHER
Happy now,
Happy hence,
Happy ever after-

FLORINDA, LUCINDA, STEPMOTHER We're so happy you're so happy!
Just as long as you stay happy,
We'll stay happy!...

CINDERELLA & PRINCE Not one row...

JACK'S MOTHER Pots of pence...

JACK With my cow...

BAKER & WIFE Little gurgles....

CINDERELLA'S PRINCE Darling, I must go now...

JACK'S MOTHER
We should really sell it

BAKER Where's he cheesecloth?

ALL (except Baker)
Wishes may bring problems,
Such that you regret them.

ALL Better that, though, Than to never get them...

#### **CINDERELLA**

I'm going to be a perfect wife!

#### **JACK**

I'm going to be a perfect son!

BAKER'S WIFE & JACK'S MOTHER I'm going to be a perfect mother!

#### **BAKER**

I'm going to be a perfect father! I'm so happy!

CINDERELLA, JACK, MOTHER, BAKER'S WIFE I'm going to see that he/she Is so happy!

#### ALL

I never though I'd love my life!
I would have settled for another!

#### **CINDERELLA**

Then to become a wife...

# JACK & MOTHER

Then to be ste for life...

#### **BAKER & WIFE**

Then to beget a child...

#### ALL

That fortune smiled... I'm so hap-!

(A loud rumbling noise is followed by an enormous crash. The Baler's house caves in. He is caught underneath the rubble as his Wife runs forward with their baby. The Witch enters.)

#### **BAKER**

Have you done this to our house?

#### **WITCH**

Always thinking of yourself! Look at my garden.

#### **BAKER**

Destroyed!

#### **BAKER's WIFE**

Who could do such a thing?

#### **BAKER**

Do you think it was a bear?

#### **WITCH**

A bear? Bears are sweet. Besides, you ever see a bear with forty-foot feet?

# **BAKER'S WIFE**

Dragon?

#### **WITCH**

No scorch marks, Usually they're linked

#### **BAKER**

Manticore?

# **WITCH**

**Imaginary** 

#### **BAKER & WIFE**

Griffin?

#### **WITCH**

**Extinct** 

#### **BAKER**

Giant?

# **WITCH**

Possible.

Very, very, possible...

# **NARRATOR**

More than possible. Their fears would prove to be well founded.

#### **BAKER**

Into the woods,
It's always when
You think at last
You're through, and then
Into the woods you go again
To take another journey

#### **BAKER'S WIFE**

Into the woods,

The weather's clear,

We've been before, We've naught to fear... Into the woods, away from here-

# **JACK**

Into the woods to find a giant-!

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD Into the woods to Grandmother's house...

#### **BAKER**

Into the woods, The path is straight, No reason then To hesitate-

BAKER'S WIFE Into the woods, It's not to late, It's just another journey...

CINDERELLA
Into the woodsm
But not too long:
The skies are strange,
The winds are strong.
Into the woods to see what's wrong...

JACK Into the woods-To slay the giant!

BAKER'S WIFE Into the woods-To shield the child...

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD To flee the winds...

**BAKER** 

To find a future...

BAKER'S WIFE To shield...

JACK To slay...

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD To flee...

To find...
CINDERELLA
To fix...

**BAKER** 

BAKER'S WIFE To hide...

LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD To move...

JACK To battle...

CINDERELLA

To see what the trouble is...

(Rapunzel screams)

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