

Happily Forever After

St. Patrick School

5th Grade Musical

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Scene 1

TOUR GUIDE: **... And just over this hill we can still see the remains of Sandburgh Castle, the summer home of the royal family. Its mighty walls have long since come down.**

DAD: *(to the family)* **Like the walls of Jericho!**

MISSY: **Who? Is? Richo?** *(rolls her eyes and puts her headphones back in)*

TOUR GUIDE: **Local legend has it that brave knights protected a beautiful princess not only from bands of robbers, but also from a fire-breathing dragon which some say still patrols the forest to this day!**

(everyone chuckles)

DANIEL: **Yeah, right. Let me at him! I'll take care of him!** *(brandishing an imaginary sword)*

BROOKE: **Daniel the Dweeb ... you, take on a fire-breathing dragon? You can't even go to sleep until Mom checks the closet and under your bed.**

DANIEL: **If I did see a dragon, I would beg him to consider you for lunch, Babbling Brooke.**

BROOKE: **That's mean, Daniel.**

DANIEL: **Oh, sorry princess Brooke! Maybe you shouldn't call me Daniel the Dweeb.** *(resumes imaginary swordplay)*

DAD: *(snapping pictures)* **Kids, will you pay attention please?**

MISSY: **Yeah kids... Pay. Attention.** *(she whines at them)*

BROOKE: **I thought this was supposed to be a vacation.**

MISSY: **With you weirdos? Yeah right. I'd rather be in Hawaii or at a Rock Concert somewhere.**

MOM: **Be patient and before you know it we'll be swimming back at the hotel. And you could always have your dad belt out some Bon Jovi. His rendition of "Livin' on a Prayer" will really get you rockin'!**

- MISSY: **Niiiiice, Mom. That’s real swell.**
- BROOKE: **Missy Prissy.** *(She says under her breath)*
- DAD: **Come on, we need to catch up!**
(The group starts to move ahead, leaving Brooke lagging behind, Daniel battling the imaginary dragon, Dad snapping more pictures, and Mom struggling with her hat and purse, etc. Brooke is slow to move, bored. She wanders over toward a robe that she sees on the ground as the tour group walks offstage.)
- BROOKE: *(standing by the robe)* **Oh my, what’s this?** *(picks it up)* **This robe is beautiful. I wonder who it belongs to?** *(looks around and doesn’t see anyone)* **I guess it wouldn’t hurt to try it on.**
(music begins to “A Faraway Land”)
(The minute she puts it on the trumpet fanfare is heard. She looks around alarmed as 3 boys jump and tumble and run up to her.)
- PAGE ONE: *(after the fanfare)* **Excuse me, princess. Have you by chance seen the carpenter?**
- PAGE TWO: **We must find him immediately. There’s a problem with the castle.**
- BROOKE: **Huh? Oh, I’m not from around here ... we were just** *(she points off toward the group that just exited)* **... did you just call me princess?**
(She notices his clothes and looks confused.)
- PAGE THREE: *(excitedly)* **Are you from “The Shining Kingdom”?**
- BROOKE: *(confused)* **Uh, I’m from Oakland.**
- PAGE THREE: **Hmmm, the Land of Oak. I was hoping ...**
- BROOKE: *(interrupting)* **I, I, uh, better catch up to the group.** *(a little nervous at what she is seeing)* **I have to watch out for that dragon you know!** *(nervous laugh)*
- PAGE TWO: **Oh my, the dragon is on the loose again? Oh ...** *(he starts to leave but turns back)* **please forgive the hasty**

**departure, and welcome to Castle Sandburgh,
Princess of the Land of Oak. But now I must find
Sir Brags a Lot. He will protect you. *(he rushes off)***

BROOKE:

**Uh, I ... wait! Hey kids, come back! I'm not a
princess. *(twirls around in the robe)* Wow, this robe is
beautiful. I can't believe someone just left this lying
around. I can see how they might mistake me for a
princess. I wish I was a princess, *(daydreaming)*
being waited on hand and foot, Daniel would have to
do everything I tell him, Missy wouldn't be so rude
to me, no homework, I wouldn't have to go on all of
Dad's lame vacations.
*(She twirls as the music changes, and watches all the
excitement in the land.)***

SONG: "A FARAWAY LAND"

Scene 2

(The scene is now filled with castle characters.)

BROOKE: **Wow, this is way better than the last castle tour!
Those costumes look real!**

(She listens in as those around her are talking. They don't pay any attention to her.)

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Hello, Lady Windabag! So good to see you.**

LADY WINDABAG: **You are looking fabulous as usual, Princess Pride!**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Thank you, dear. Hello, Madame Luxuree! Did your
new maids fix your hair? It is simply stunning.**

MADAME LUXUREE: **The right maids, my dear Princess, are worth their
weight in gold!**

MAID 1: **Aww Madame, you flatter so!**

MAID 2: **Indeed! Your hair does look so lovely!**

MAID 3: **So lovely! So so lovely!**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **I soooo agree.**

(Sir Brags a Lot walks up to a few knights with Page One, Two & Three and, they are laughing and having fun.)

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Sir Burlyman, Sir Court Lee, I would like to
introduce you to my new page, Pages. Page One.
Page Two and Page Three.**

PAGE ONE: **Pleased to meet you, Sirs.**

SIR BURLYMAN: **So, Page One, has Sir Brags a Lot been filling your
ears with never-ending stories of his death-defying
acts of courage?**

PAGE ONE: **I've heard a few stories. I'd love to hear the one
about the dragon!**

SIR COURT LEE: *(to Sir Burlyman)* **Did you ever notice how he is
always alone when these amazing acts of courage
take place?**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Well, these men probably don't want to hear that old tale again.**

(Across the stage we hear from the ladies again.)

LADY WINDABAG: **So how was your shopping trip abroad?**

MADAME LUXUREE: **Did you get to go to the new department store, "Saxon 5th Avenue"? I can't wait to go there myself!**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Well, I had quite an exhausting time of it, but I *did* succeed! Of course, shopping is one of my best talents!**

MADAME LUXUREE: **Indeed!**

(Across the stage we hear from the guys again. Brooke is watching all this in awe.)

PAGE ONE: *(to Sir Brags A Lot, who has moved towards centerstage)* **You must tell me about the dragon ... you must!**

LADY WINDABAG: *(talking to Princess Pride as she moves towards centerstage)* **Oh, do tell us what happened! How many dresses did you get?**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Well, there I was trying on the most beautiful gown and when I looked in the mirror I saw ...**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **The most hideous monster I had ever seen and out of his mouth flew ...**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **This gorgeous, flaming red shawl made of the softest silk, trimmed with ...**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **A gooey stream of spit. Just as I approached he swung his giant tail covered in ...**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Tiny pearls and spectacular gold ribbons that were absolutely ...**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Grotesque spiny scales this long! Simply ...**

BOTH TOGETHER: **Amazing!**

(music begins to "Isn't That Amazing")

PAGE ONE: **Incredible!**

MADAME LUXUREE: **Remarkable!**

SIR COURT LEE: **Unbelievable!**

PAGE/MADAME/COURT: **That's AMAZING!**

SONG: "ISN'T THAT AMAZING"

Scene 3

MADAME LUXUREE: **We must go shopping together soon.**

(The ladies walk off to the side.)

SIR BURLYMAN: **You must let me join you on your next dragon hunt!**

(The men walk over to join the ladies. Brooke is standing there taking it all in and suddenly the carpenter walks up to her.)

CARPENTER: **Hello, my lady! I'm looking for the Princess.**

BROOKE: **Oh, I think you must be talking about her!** *(pointing to Princess Pride)*

CARPENTER: **Thank you so much, Brooke.**

BROOKE: **Hey, how did you know my name?** *(He has already walked off.)*

(The carpenter walks over to Princess Pride.)

CARPENTER: **Excuse me, Princess, but I must speak with you right away.**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **I'm sorry. But we're not hiring right now.** *(she ignores him)*

CARPENTER: **It's about your castle.**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Oh yes, this is the carpenter Page found to inspect the castle. What did you discover?**

CARPENTER: **I'm afraid it's quite serious. Your castle is on the verge of falling down. It has been built right on top of an underlying layer of sand.**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Okay.**

CARPENTER: **See that storm in the distance? Once it arrives, I'm afraid the walls will crumble.**

BROOKE: *(just like Dad said it)* **Like the walls of Jericho!**

PAGE ONE: **The walls of what?**

BROOKE: **Oh, uh, sorry ... Jericho. Happened a long time ago.**

CARPENTER: **You must leave immediately.**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **There's nothing you can do to fix this?**

CARPENTER: **Simple repairs won't solve the problem you have.**

LADY WINDABAG: **Where shall we go? We'll all be out on the street ... homeless!**

SIR COURT LEE: **This is totally unbelievable!**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Carpenter, do you know of any castles for sale in the area?**

CARPENTER: **I'm afraid all the castles in this area are built on sand. May I ask you why have you made your home so far away from the King?**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **We enjoy our freedom and our privacy!**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **The King seems to have so many rules. We like it out here, because we can live our own way.**

CARPENTER: **And do you live happily here?**

SIR COURT LEE: **Our life is glorious here! *(everyone loudly agrees)***

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Yes! I have so many wonderful clothes and parties! Of course, everyone else is understandably quite jealous of me, and I fear they talk about me behind my back.**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **And, there are constant bands of robbers attacking the castle, that nasty killer dragon, and now even our castle is falling apart?**

MADAME LUXUREE: **Our life is terrible here! *(everyone loudly agrees)***

CARPENTER: **You know, you weren't meant to live this way. The King loves you and is very concerned about you, and has been preparing a wonderful place for you in His kingdom.**

SIR BURLYMAN: **But how will we get there?**

CARPENTER: **If you follow me, I'll lead you all the way, and I'll never leave you.**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: *(to the princess on the side)* **I don't know why we need him, I know every road in this country. But ... I could use a break from leading, so ... I say we follow him.**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Hmmm. He seems to be a trustworthy man. *(to the carpenter)* We will follow you for now, Carpenter.**

PAGE THREE: **So Brooke, are you coming with us on this unexpected quest?**

PAGE THREE: **I'm excited, but yet worried at the same time. What do you do in Oak Land when disaster strikes?**

BROOKE: **Well ... *(she thinks about it for a second)* we pray to God. He is our King. Nothing is a surprise to Him. My parents tell me all the time that He has a perfect plan for me ... for each of us. When things get confusing, we put our hope in Him and know He will lead us down the right path.**

(music begins to "He Has a Perfect Plan for Me")

SONG: "HE HAS A PERFECT PLAN FOR ME"

Scene 4

(They are all traveling down the road together with Carpenter in the lead.)

MADAME LUXUREE: *(very dramatically & whiny)* **I have had enough! This narrow way is ridiculous. My heels keep getting caught in ruts. The other road we passed was so wide and smooth. I refuse to go another step on this road.**

PAGE ONE: **But Madame Luxuree, this is the road the Carpenter says leads to a better place.**

MADAME LUXUREE: **I don't care. I would rather take my chances on the wide road we just passed. Anyone that wants to join me, come on, let's go.**

(A few others could join her as she walks offstage. Everyone continues to walk, and a bridge is visible in the distance. Princess Pride, Brooke and Carpenter stay behind.)

PRINCESS PRIDE: **Well, I'm having the same problem with my heels, and these are my Parisian pumps! Maybe that other road would be better.**

CARPENTER: **Princess, to many people the wide road seems right, but I promise you it only leads to disappointments. This road will lead us straight to "The Shining Kingdom."**

(Sir Brags a Lot walks back to them.)

LADY WINDABAG: **Is that a river up ahead? Great, this water will ruin my cashmere pashmina!**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Looks like there's a bridge.**

FEE FEE 1: **Halt! We are Fee Fees, the keepers of this bridge. If you wish to pass this bridge you must pay a toll.**

CARPENTER: **What is your fee, Fee Fee?**

FEE FEE 2: **Show us your food!**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Forget it!**

- CARPENTER: **Pages, show her the food bag, please.**
(Page One runs up with a large burlap bag of food and opens the top for the bridge boss.)
- FEE FEE 3: **If you want to cross this bridge, you must give us everything in that bag ...**
- FEE FEE 2: **Except the brussel sprouts and the cow tongue. You can keep those.**
- LADY WINDABAG: **This is not right! We have no idea what is down the road. We must have food. You demand too much!**
- FEE FEE 1: **Not our problem, lady. Pay up or turn around.**
- SIR COURT LEE: **Next thing you know, they'll be bottling water and charging us for that!**
- CARPENTER: **Please give the FeeFees the food so we can be on our way.**
(They cross over to the other side.)
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **This is great. We'll starve before we ever get there!**
- BROOKE: **I have some gummy worms in my pocket. I can share with you guys.**
- PAGE ONE: **I don't know about Oak Land, but Brooke, we don't eat worms here.**
- CARPENTER: **Please don't worry about what you will eat or what you will drink. I will take care of you if you trust me!**
- LADY WINDABAG: **Don't worry, just trust you? That sounds crazy.**
(music begins to "I'll Trust You, Lord")
- BROOKE: *(thoughtfully, starting to figure it out)* **I think that the carpenter is right. It's the same thing that Jesus says, "Your Father in Heaven knows what you need." He'll take care of you. Every day, we have to remember to trust Him for everything.**

SONG: "I'LL TRUST YOU, LORD"

(During the song, Carpenter hands out bags of bread-like substances.)

Scene 5

(As they travel down the road munching on bread, they see a man sitting on a log beside the road.)

- BROOKE:** **This is the best bread, I've ever had! Can I have the recipe for my mom?**
- CARPENTER:** **Sorry, but the recipe for Daily Bread is an old family secret. My Father created it.**
- SIR BURLYMAN:** *(spoken with a mouthful of bread)* **This is good stuff, could I have some more please?**
- CARPENTER:** **Ask and you shall receive!** *(he hands over some more)*
- LADY WINDABAG:** **Sir Burlyman do not eat with food in your mouth. I mean, do not *talk* with food in your mouth, even though this bread is quite heavenly!**
- PRINCESS PRIDE:** **I must say, Carpenter, you have certainly made good on your promise. This bread is delicious, and so satisfying!**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **Are you sure you're just a carpenter? First, you lead us through these roads like a professional guide, or a shepherd, or something.**
- PRINCESS PRIDE:** **And then you whipped up this yummy bread and gave us more than we needed.** *(everyone shakes their head in confusion)*
- SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **You are indeed a most remarkable carpenter! You are different; you seem to have some very noble qualities about you!**
- LADY WINDABAG:** **Sir Brags a Lot, do you recognize that man up ahead?**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT:** **He looks like a wealthy merchant I met once at a tournament. He wanted a champion like myself to be a spokesperson for his new restaurant chain. His name is Count Ze Coins.**
- COUNT ZE COINS:** **Well, hello fellow travelers. And where might you be traveling?**

PAGE ONE: **We are on our way to “The Shining Kingdom.”**

COUNT ZE COINS: **I’ve heard of it, but I have interests elsewhere. Perhaps you have heard of my restaurant chain, “Jester in the Box”? I have more than 60 of them across the country.**

BROOKE: **Do you serve burgers there?**

PAGE TWO: **Boogers?! Gross! Worms are bad, but boogers, that’s much worse!**

PAGE THREE: **If we go to the Land of Oak, remind me to take my own food. (He says aside to Page One)**

BROOKE: **Hamburgers! You know, meat patties in buns?**

SIR COURT LEE: **That’s the same absurd idea the Earl of McDonald keeps talking about!**

LADY WINDABAG: **Isn’t that the man who lives in the White Castle? His wife’s name is Crystal.**

SIR COURT LEE: **No, no, different guy. This guy keeps talking about having the peasants drive their carts up to a window to pick up Jolly Meals for their kids.**

EVERYONE: *(preposterous, ridiculous, absurd, etc.)*

COUNT ZE COINS: *(to himself)* **Not a bad idea, but back to my point. If any of you might be interested in buying a franchise, you could make a lot of money.**

SIR COURT LEE: **How much are we talking?**

COUNT ZE COINS: **Billions! We serve our “all-lamb” *(makes quote marks with fingers)* patties, twenty percent lamb and eighty percent “something else.” Then you cheat on the scales a little. Your “quarter pounder” *(finger quotes again)* patty can really be closer to an eighth of a pound, and no one knows the difference.**

PAGE ONE: **You’re basically stealing from people.**

COUNT ZE COINS: **Ah, nobody cares. You’ll get rich quick on my plan!**

SIR COURT LEE: **This sounds like a great offer. I want to be rich!
Where do I sign?**

CARPENTER: **Dishonest gains will destroy you. Sir Court Lee, you
must seek out a treasure of a different kind. The
wealth the Count has will fade, but the King has
treasures for you that will last forever.**

BROOKE: **You are so right! In my land, it's the same. Money
won't make you happy. Jesus said we should store
up treasures in heaven, not treasures on earth.
Those are the ones that last!**

(music begins to “Treasures in Heaven”)

SONG: “TREASURES IN HEAVEN”

Scene 6

- SIR COURT LEE: **On second thought, I think I'll pass, Count. They're right. I don't want to spend my life cheating others.**
- COUNT ZE COINS: **Fine** (*irritated*) ... **"have it your way!"** (*he stomps away*)
- BROOKE: **You know, I'm starting to see a lot of things here that are very familiar.**
- PAGE THREE: **What do you mean? Are we getting close to Oak Land? Guys, remember, stay away from the food!**
- BROOKE: (*laughing*) **No, it's very far away. What I meant is, that I can see that you are all really nice people ... mostly ... and that you want to do the right thing, but you are really used to going your own way, and living for yourselves.** (*they start to look offended*) **You aren't much different from me and my friends!**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **So, what's the problem with that?**
- BROOKE: **Well, the Bible says that to be happy and content, we should live differently ... not just try to always get our own way, and do what comes naturally. We need to live the Kingdom way.**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **So, what is different about this Kingdom way of living?**
- (*music begins to "The Backwards Life"*)
- BROOKE: **Well, its kind of ... living backwards!**
- SIR COURT LEE: **Backwards?**

SONG: THE BACKWARDS LIFE

Scene 7

PAGE ONE: *(walking backwards)* **I declare this is “Backwards Day.” Everyone must wear something backwards as a reminder!**

SIR BURLYMAN: **Watch out, Page!** *(runs into a group of fierce looking knights)*

PAGE TWO: **Woah, sorry!** *(He moves back towards the others.)*

KNIGHT 1: **Going backwards is a good idea for you.**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **What do you mean? We are actually going to “The Shining Kingdom.”** *(she points ahead)*

KNIGHT 2 : **Forget it! No one can go that way. The Dragon Doom is blocking the narrow road. He devours all who come near.**

PAGE ONE: **That’s no problem! Sir Brags a Lot can kick his tail! I mean** *(suddenly serious)* **... he has defeated many dragons. He’ll save us!**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: *(Looking rather embarrassed)* **Well, I *might* have exaggerated the telling of a *few* of my stories.**

SIR COURT LEE: **There’s a shocker!** *(rolling his eyes)*

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **Uh ... you see ... I have, uh ... well ...** *(says this quickly)* **I’ve never even seen a dragon before!**

(Everyone makes a surprise gasp!)

KNIGHT 3: **Many have tried to overtake the Dragon Doom and it’s impossible. I say leave while you can!**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **But we’ve come so far, and the carpenter has proven to be right about everything. He said he could take us all the way.**

CARPENTER: **Good knights, do you recognize me?**

KNIGHT 1: **Well, I** *(squinting to get a better look)* **... sorry, have we met, Carpenter?**

CARPENTER: **I wasn't always a carpenter. You work for my Father. He sent me to seek and find these people, and to bring them safely to Him. Now, I must fight and defeat the awful dragon.**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: *(steps forward)* **Let me go and fight with you.**

SIR BURLYMAN: *(steps forward)* **And I!**

SIR COURT LEE: *(steps forward)* **And him!** *(points to the knight)*

CARPENTER: **No, I must do this alone.**

LADY WINDABAG: **You could be killed!**

CARPENTER: **Even if you hear that I have been killed slaying the dragon, don't worry. My Father has guaranteed that by His power, I will be victorious over the Dragon Doom. Follow down this road, and after three days, I will see you again. Remember, I brought you this far, and I will take you all the way.**
(he walks off alone)

LADY WINDABAG: **But he said he would never leave us.**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **And who is his father?**

PAGE THREE: **I don't understand.**

BROOKE: *(thoughtfully)* **I think I do. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

KNIGHT 5: **I didn't recognize him before, but now I see. Surely, your carpenter is the son of the King! And now, he is taking on the terrible dragon for you.**

KNIGHT 4: **You must be greatly loved.**

(music begins to "This Is How We Know")

SONG: THIS IS HOW WE KNOW

Scene 8

(Everyone is moving down the road slowly.)

- PAGE TWO: **Look, there’s the gate up ahead!**
- PRINCESS PRIDE: **This is what the carpenter wanted us to find!**
- SIR BURLYMAN: **I can barely see the castle over the gate, but it looks incredible!**
- SIR BRAGS A LOT: **This must be “The Shining Kingdom”!**
- (Suddenly the gate opens and standing there is the carpenter, only now he is dressed in royal robes.)*
- EVERYONE: *(gasps, “Is that the carpenter?” “It is him!” etc.)*
- SIR COURT LEE: **Carpenter, is that you?!**
- PAGE ONE: **We thought you were a goner when you left to take on the dragon.**
- CARPENTER: **It was a difficult battle, but there was no other way. I promised my Father, the King, to see you safely home.**
- LADY WINDABAG: **Your father is the King? I’m speechless!**
- SIR COURT LEE: **And He knows us?**
- CARPENTER: **He knows every one of you by name and wants to bring you in, not just as His subjects, but as part of His family.**
- BROOKE: **You’re the King’s son ... you were a carpenter ... you sacrificed for us ... now we may enter the Kingdom! *(putting it all together)***
- PAGE THREE: **Wow! Come on, Brooke, let’s go check it out!**

CARPENTER: **Not so fast, Page. It's not quite time to move in yet. There are so many others who need to find the Kingdom.**

SIR BRAGS A LOT: **And what can we do?**

CARPENTER: **You need to point others to me. I am giving each of you a new name, a name that will remind you of your new role in the Kingdom ... a reminder to be different so you will draw others to the Kingdom.**

PRINCESS PRIDE: **We need to live backwards!**

CARPENTER: **Yes! Princess Pride, from this day forth you shall be known as Princess Delight and your generous heart will outshine anything you wear. Sir Brags a Lot, you will be Sir Bravehearted! You will fight battles for your King and place all the glory at His feet. Lady Windabag, you will be called, Lady Kindwords and your cheerful spirit will infect all those around. Sir Burlyman, you will be Sir Lendahand and Sir Court Lee, you shall be Sir Friend Lee. Together you shall spread good will and a helping hand wherever the King leads you!**

PAGE ONE: **What about me?**

CARPENTER: **Page One, you shall be Page Turner! You must tell everyone what happens on the last page of the story!**

(music begins to "Happily Forever After")

PAGE TWO: **Alright! (excitedly, then suddenly concerned) Uh, what happens?**

CARPENTER: **We all live ...**

EVERYONE: **... happily forever after!**

SONG: "HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER"

Scene 9

(The song ends and everyone but Brooke is gone.)

BROOKE: *(starts to turn to Carpenter as she speaks)* **Carpenter, what about my name ...** *(Her voice fades as she realizes everyone is gone. Her robe is gone as well. She turns and sees her family enter.)*

DANIEL: **Dad, there's Brooke. I told you she was around here somewhere. She probably got on the wrong road.**

MOM: **Hello, sweetheart, where have you been?**

TOUR GUIDE: *(in mid-sentence)* ... **So no one knows just what happened to cause the castle to crumble to the ground.**

BROOKE: **Well, I know!** *(rapid-fire)* **Jesus said, if you hear My words, and don't follow them, your life will be like a castle built on the sand. When the storms of life come, it will crumble. But there's good news. God has made us for a new Kingdom, and because Jesus took on the payment for our sin and defeated the dragon of death, we can live the backwards life now, and live happily forever after in the Kingdom of God!**

(everyone is frozen in amazement for a moment)

DANIEL: **Castle built on sand?!**

TOUR GUIDE: **Well ... archeologists *have* said there seemed to be a problem with the foundation, but how would you know that, princess?** *(treating her like a little child)*

BROOKE: **I'm NOT a princess ... I learned it from the carpenter.**

MOM: **What carpenter?**

BROOKE: **He's one of my new friends.**

DANIEL: **You have friends?**

BROOKE: *(starts to respond to Daniel, but stops herself, and says to herself quietly)* **Be backwards, be backwards.**

DANIEL: **What are you saying?!**

BROOKE: **Actually, Daniel, I was reminding myself that I am fortunate to have you as my little brother *and* I think you are going to be a great champion for Jesus someday!**

DANIEL: **You do?!**

BROOKE: **I sure do. And, Missy... I know you want to grow up super fast and be cool and everything, but I really like having you around. And I'm gonna miss you when you leave for college someday.**

MISSY: **Are you for real? You know what, Kid... You're not bad yourself.**

BROOKE: **In fact, I'm going to give you both new names. You shall no longer be called Daniel the Dweeb. From this time forward, you shall be called, Daniel the Dragonslayer! And no more Missy Prissy. *(She puts her arm on their shoulders. Suddenly proud, he resumes the imaginary swordplay bigger than ever. Missy shares her earphones with Brooke. They both rock out to the song.)***

MOM: *(both look bewildered)* **Wow, I think our little princess is growing up.**

DAD: *(putting his arms around both kids)* **We gotta get a picture of this! And they all lived happily ever after!**

BROOKE: *(smiling at Dad)* **You mean, happily forever after!**

(music begins to "Happily Forever After Curtain Calls")

SONG: "HAPPILY FOREVER AFTER CURTAIN CALLS"