PRINCE TOPHER and ELLA

ELLA

Prince Topher!

TOPHER

You're here!

ELLA

I'm sorry I'm late, I'm so glad ...

TOPHER

I knew if I had a banquet you would come!

ELLA

And I'm sorry I ran away before ...

TOPHER

And you are even more beautiful than I remembered.

ELLA

Did you really have this banquet just for me?

TOPHER

I would have had a hundred banquets to find you.

ELLA

Really? And the thing about me being more beautiful than you remember, that's real too?

TOPHER

Yes, yes, of course.

ELLA

Wow. What do you know about that?

TOPHER

I've been thinking about you. And I've been thinking about what you said about the people having their homes taken away from them. Sebastian tells me I should just ignore such talk about ...

ELLA

But you know that if you're going to be king, you have to pay attention to the things Sebastian tells you to ignore.

TOPHER

Yes, yes. I want to meet all of my people, not only the ones Sebastian lets me see. I just don't know how it's possible.

ETITIA

Oh, that's going to be more possible than you can imagine. My friend Jean-Michael and my sister Gabrielle are heading here with some of your people to talk to you.

TOPHER

Talk to me? But ... if things are as bad as you say then they'll be angry with me.

ELLA

I think if you can handle a giant and a dragon, you can handle a person who just wants to talk to you.

TOPHER

Okay, you're good.

ELLA

Just be yourself. They'll see the man that I see. They're coming. They're coming.

TOPHER

What's your name.

ELLA

Just trust me, because I am your one true friend. (the clock strikes mid-night) What time is it?

TOPHER

Only midnight, why?

ELLA

Midnight! I have to go

TOPHER

Again? Why?

ELLA

I can't explain.

TOPHER

Wait! Guards, anyone, help! (She starts to leave, stops and looks at TOPHER, takes off her shoe and leaves on the ground and runs off. TOPHER picks up the shoe, look puzzled, then realises) Ha!