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## *Rusalka Synopsis*

### **Act I**

#### **Setting: A lake in a forest**

The water nymph, \_\_\_\_\_, has fallen in love with a human \_\_\_\_\_.

Unfortunately, Rusalka is made of water and the Prince cannot \_\_\_\_\_ her and he doesn't know that she exists. At the beginning of this act, Rusalka's water nymph friends are dancing and singing under the water where Rusalka's father, the \_\_\_\_\_ reigns. The Water Sprite teases them and they all \_\_\_\_\_ away. Next, Rusalka shows up and tells her father that she \_\_\_\_\_ the prince. She also tells him that she wishes to become \_\_\_\_\_ so she can live on land with the Prince. The Water Sprite is horrified! He says that humans are \_\_\_\_\_ and she must stay away. If she chooses the Prince over him, she will be lost to him forever. By herself, Rusalka sings to the \_\_\_\_\_. She asks the moon to tell the Prince of her love for him.

Determined to pursue love at all costs, Rusalka goes to the \_\_\_\_\_, Jezibaba, for help. She asks Jezibaba to make her a \_\_\_\_\_ to make her human. She can do this, but in order to make her human, she must give up her \_\_\_\_\_. Also, if Rusalka fails to win the love of the Prince, he will be cursed forever! Convinced that her love will defeat all spells, Rusalka agrees and Jezibaba makes the potion.

The next morning, the Prince and a hunting party are at the lake. He sees Rusalka and is surprised by her beauty in human form. Captivated by her beauty, but surprised by her \_\_\_\_\_, he leads Rusalka back to the castle. Water Sprite and the other water nymphs are very upset.

### **Act II**

#### **Setting: The Prince's palace**

A week has passed. At the \_\_\_\_\_, the Gamekeeper and a Kitchen Boy gossip about Rusalka. They say she is a creature that the Prince found in the woods. They also think that the

Prince is already looking at other beautiful women. There is a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ that is visiting the castle that has caught his eye. The Prince and Rusalka appear. He cannot understand why she is still acts \_\_\_\_\_ from him, even though he is professing his love for her. The Foreign Princess starts to make fun of Rusalka because she doesn't speak. The Prince sends Rusalka away to get ready for a ball, and goes with the Princess inside for the party.

In a deserted castle garden, the \_\_\_\_\_ appears and expresses his sadness for his daughter. She is upset, so she runs from the castle to the garden where she sees her father. She begs for his help, but it is too late. The Prince and Princess walk into the garden, and he professes his love for her. When Rusalka sees the Prince, she rushes to him, but he \_\_\_\_\_ her. The Water Sprite warns the Prince of the \_\_\_\_\_, then disappears with Rusalka. The Prince is terrified and turns to the Princess for comfort. She makes fun of him and tells him to follow Rusalka into the water.

### **Act III**

#### **Setting: The lake**

Rusalka is alone by the lake when Jezibaba arrives. She makes fun of her for a bit, but then tells her that the only way to save herself is to \_\_\_\_\_ the Prince. Jezibaba gives Rusalka a \_\_\_\_\_, but she throws it into the water... she prefers to suffer through life, rather than kill the Prince. Rusalka's water nymph friends are also ignoring her.

Later, the Huntsman and Kitchen Boy show up in the woods looking for Jezibaba, so she can \_\_\_\_\_ them with the Prince who has been bewitched by a strange creature from the woods. Hearing the nonsense, Water Sprite rises from the water and says that it was the Prince who deceived Rusalka. Terrified, the Huntsman and Kitchen Boy run away.

The Prince, desperate and half-crazy, comes out of the forest looking for Rusalka. She appears in the \_\_\_\_\_ and explains that, having once given him her love, she can only offer him \_\_\_\_\_. The Prince accepts his fate. Rusalka kisses him, and he dies in her arms. Rusalka disappears into the water.