

MADGE

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"MADGE"

CHARACTERS:

- PRINCESS MADGE: brown hair; blue eyes; yellow-electric dress;
- KING FRANK: father of MADGE; ex-husband of JUSTINE; gray hair; blue eyes
- DUCHESS JUSTINE: mother of MADGE; ex-wife of FRANK; brown hair; blue eyes
- WITCH BECCY: 77 years; lonely; gray hair; blue eyes

PLOT; A young woman broken by her parent's divorce; is on a mission to bring her family back...

LOCATIONS:

- KINGDOM OF TUDSTON: fictional kingdom; trams everywhere; cars everywhere

INT. MADGE'S ROOM - KINGDOM OF TUDSTON

(FADE IN MADGE'S ROOM at KINGDOM OF TUDSTON. MADGE in her yellow nightie; wakes up. IT IS HER 18th birthday; the day in which she is being crowned a PRINCESS. She smiles as she wakes...)

MADGE

(smiles to herself) Oh it's my birthday... my birthday.. (excited) I am 18.. I am being christened and crowned today.

(MADGE jumps up in joy; excited for the day...)

MADGE

(excited to herself) Oh my 18th... this is going to be such a fun day.. I can't wait.. I can't..

(MADGE screams in excitement. THE FIRST SONG begins titled... DREAMIN')

SONG 1 "DREAMIN"

(MADGE begins singing the verse)

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MADGE

(Singing VERSE 1)

Dreaming of fairies;
Spectacles and family
Dreaming of fantasies in life;
My wondrous beautiful life

(MADGE sings as she makes her way
to the start of the down-
staircase...)

MADGE

(singing CHORUS)

OH I'm dreamin dreaming
Of beautiful things
Of candy and family
The wondrous things in life..

(AS MADGE walks down the
staircase... she repeats the
CHORUS)

MADGE

(singing CHORUS)

OH I'm dreamin dreaming
Of beautiful things
Of candy and family
The wondrous things in life..

(THE CHORUS finishes... she
arrives downstairs... and walks
along the hallways of the large,
majestic kingdom mansion..)

MADGE

(singing VERSE 2)

Lights and firelights
Dreaming of good times;
Nice things oh galore;
Oh oh I want more;

(MADGE begins singing the CHORUS
two times; as she dances and
prances along the HALLWAY)

MADGE

(singing CHORUS)

OH I'm dreamin dreaming
Of beautiful things
Of candy and family
The wondrous things in life...

(MADGE notice her pet KITTEN NELLY
stumble by her. She repeats the
chorus..)

MADGE

(singing CHORUS)

OH I'm dreamin dreaming
Of beautiful things
Of candy and family
The wondrous things in life...

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(MADGE lays on the floor; with NELLY the kitten crawling on her stomach. MADGE begins singing the BRIDGE; whilst laying down..)

MADGE

(singing BRIDGE)

Oh oh; no better place to be
Then to be with NELLY and BE HAPPY..
Oh oh.

(MADGE sits up; holding NELLY as she sings the CHORUS once again...)

MADGE

(singing CHORUS)

OH I'm dreamin dreaming
Of beautiful things
Of candy and family
The wondrous things in life..

(MADGE walks along the hallways; with NELLY walking besides her...)

MADGE

(singing CHORUS)

OH I'm dreamin dreaming
Of beautiful things
Of candy and family
The wondrous things in life..

(THE SINGING STOPS... FADE OUT:
END OF SCENE)

INT. DINING ROOM - KINGDOM OF TUDSTON

(FADE INSIDE THE DINING ROOM...
MADGE smiles as she looks at her parents; immediately hugging them..)

MADGE

(smiles to FRANK) Daddy... (smiles to JUSTINE) Mummy.. hey...

(THEY STOP HUGGING...)

FRANK

(smiles to MADGE) Happy 18th my darling MADGE... I hope you have a good day... and I'm proud to see my PRINCESS of REIGN be crowned today... the successor of this kingdom...

MADGE

(excited to FRANK) I can't wait to MADGE... it's going to be so exciting... I can't wait..

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(JUSTINE cries at her mother having grown up..)

JUSTINE

(cries to MADGE) Oh MADGE... oh my you have grown.. I.. I.

(JUSTINE hugs her daughter once again... FRANK smiles...)

FRANK

(smiles to JUSTINE) Yes darling JUSTINE... our daughter has grown up before our eyes.. she will always be a treasure to us..

(JUSTINE stops hugging her daughter MADGE...)

JUSTINE

(SMILES TO MADGE) Happy BIRTHDAY darling. Or should I say... PRINCESS MADGE.

(MADGE smiles at her mother..)

MADGE

(smiles to JUSTINE) Thanks MUM...

(A PAUSE. FRANK & JUSTINE smile at each other and their daughter...)

MADGE

(Smiles to JUSTINE) So MUM... MUM... the dress.. the coronation dress... I want pink... pink like... i love PINK...

JUSTINE

(smiles to MADGE) Oh I know you darling.... but I thought of something better

MADGE

(Smiles to JUSTINE) And what style and what colour...

JUSTINE

(Smiles to MADGE) A surprise darling... a surprise.

(KING FRANK smiles at his happy family and speaks up..)

FRANK

(Smiles to JUSTINE & MADGE) Well you two better get ready... coronation starts 11am sharp...

JUSTINE

(Smiles to FRANK) Oh I will... I will get our darling daughter ready...

FRANK

(smiles to JUSTINE) I know you will.. I'll see you at the CORONATION ROOM at 11am...

(FRANK leaves the scene.... MADGE looks excited at FRANK...)

MADGE

(excited to JUSTINE) Okay MUM... let's go... let's go...

JUSTINE

(Smiles to MADGE) yes darling... let's go..

(THE SCENE ENDS with JUSTINE & MADGE making their way to the DRESSING ROOM...)

(FADE OUT: END OF SCENE)

INT. DRESSING ROOM - KINGDOM OF TUDSTON

(FADE IN THE ELEGANT DRESSING ROOM. A happy JUSTINE waits outside the DRESSING LOCKERS; awaiting her daughter to showcase the outfit. MADGE walks out minutes later - in a yellow daffodil-style dress. JUSTINE smiles..)

JUSTINE

(smiles to MADGE) Oh MADGE... you look.... you look BEAUTIFUL... oh... (cries) Oh darling..

MADGE

(pleads with JUSTINE) Oh MUM... please DON'T CRY... please.. not on my coronation day..

(JUSTINE smiles; MADGE NOTICES but stays silent. JUSTINE speaks her mind.)

JUSTINE

(smiles to MADGE) You are so brave... and tough like your FATHER... it's good... it's good for a woman... to be tough.,

(A PAUSE..)

JUSTINE

(smiles to MADGE) You don't need no knights to protect you... no.. you are NO DAMSEL in distress.

(MADGE smiles at her mother..)

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MADGE
 (smiles to JUSTINE) Thanks MUM..

(MADGE looks closely at her mother's inspired yellow-daffodil dress; and speaks her mind to her mother..)

MADGE
 (unsure to JUSTINE) Mum... are you sure? This yellow dress... looks cowardice... I uh.. I'm not sure...

JUSTINE
 (assures MADGE) Madge... it's beautiful.... I really like the yellow on you... and I really like the yellow on your father too. It really brings out the sunlight inner-beauty on both of you...

(JUSTINE smiles...)

JUSTINE
 (Smiles to MADGE) It really does...

MADGE
 (upset to JUSTINE) Didn't you like the PINK MA?

JUSTINE
 (to MADGE) Well uh... yellow is more elegant.. make yellow more elegant and not so cowardice.

(MADGE laughs with her mother JUSTINE)

MADGE
 (laughs to JUSTINE) Okay... OKAY MUM...

(THE SCENE CLOSSES with JUSTINE curling her daughter's hair...)

(FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

MINUTES P̄ASS - the CORONATION BEGINS

INT. CORONATION ROOM - KINGDOM OF TUDSTON

(FADE IN; the KING'S ATTENDANT speaks at the CORONATION CEREMONY)

KING'S ATTENDANT

(Addresses crowd) hello... ladies and gentlemen... We thank you and applaud you for coming... for accepting your invite to witness the coronation of PRINCESS MADGE... the daughter of the current REGIN KING FRANK... on behalf of the kingdom of TUDSTON.. thank you...

(THE CROWD APPLAUDS...)

KING'S ATTENDANT

(addresses crowd) Now I would like to invite the KING... the great KING of TUDSTOn on stage...

(THE CROWD Claps as they witness KING FRANK taking the stage... the applaud stops minutes later as KING FRANK speaks..)

FRANK

(Addresses crowd) Good morning..... good afternoon... women, men, boys and girls.. as my ATTENDANT had stated... I thank you for coming to witness the coronation of my beautiful daughter MADGE.... soon to be PRICNESS of TUDSTON; and the heir apparent to the throne... thank you..

(THE CROWD APPLAUDS)

FRANK

(addresses crowd) i remember when my dear MADGE was born... like the colour of yellow sunshine; the colour of a blooming daffodil on the 2nd OCTOBER... did my dear MADGE be born... it was magical..

(FRANK smiles as the crowd applauds again..)

FRANK

(Addresses crowd) And though it upsets me to see my daughter all grown up; it makes me smile to se her take my future place as QUEEN of this KINGDOM.. and your ruler.

(THE CROWD applauds once again..)

FRANK

(addresses crowd) Shall today be a day we will mark on this KINGDOM's history.. by my father KING EDGAR, to myself KING FRANK. and now MADGE... I coronate my daughter as PRINCESS MADGE... please welcome her... (shouts) PRINCESS MADGE...

(THE SHUTTER DOORS SEPARATING THE HALLWAYS & THE CORONATION ROOM opens as MADGE is seen; in her yellow-daffodil dress; walking along the royal-purple carpet; making her way to her FATHER... KING FRANK...)

(KING FRANK grabs the crown from the KING'S ATTENDANT and smiles as he crowns his daughter; then addressing the crowd..)

FRANK
(addresses crowd) I applaud... my PRINCESS
MADGE..

(EVERYONE applauds...)

(FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

HOURS PASS - it is NIGHTTIME

INT. DINING ROOM - KINGDOM OF TUDSTON

(FADE IN THE DINING ROOM.. MADGE notices her two saddened parent sitting at the dining room table... MADGE worries..)

MADGE
(worried to FRANK & JUSTINE) Mum... Dad...
what's wrong?

(JUSTINE breathes as she breaks the truth..)

JUSTINE
(breathes to MADGE) MAdge.. your father and I.. have something to say.

MADGE
(worried to JUSTINE & FRANK) It's not good
is it.

FRANK
(worried to MADGE) I'm sorry to do this... I mean... for your mother and I say... to say this on your birthday; but your coronation day... we-

(MADGE grows annoyed and impatient with her parents; and demands to know what her parents are talking about..)

MADGE

(annoyed to FRANK & MADGE) Enough... what are you talking about... stop bullshitting me..

(FRANK IS UNHAPPY WITH MADGE'S SWEARING..0

FRANK

(Worried to MADGE) Please PRINCESS.... please... do not swear... princesses do not swear.... please.

(A PAUSE..)

FRANK

(Worried to MADGE) Please MADGE... this is really hard to tell.... it's hard.

(MADGE CONTINUES TO BE ANNOYED...)

MADGE

(shouts to FRANK) What... what.

(JUSTINE breathes and speaks her mind..)

JUSTINE

(breathes to MADGE) Your father and I.... we wish to separate.. we uh..

(JUSTINE starts lightly crying though breathes..)

JUSTINE

(Cries to MADGE) We.... we don't have the same love we did like we met... it's gone.

(MADGE is shocked and cries at the news.)

MADGE

(cries to parents) But MUM.. DAD... why.... there has to be a reason.. tell me the reason why..

FRANK

(breathes to MADGE) Like your mother said darling... we don't feel the same love anymore... it's been conflicted for a while.. our relationship.. we both agreed..

(A PAUSE.. FRANK & JUSTINE breathe as they continue to explain their separation to their upset daughter..)

FRANK

(upset to MADGE) We.. we just don't want to be together anymore... we.

JUSTINE

(cries to MADGE) I'm sorry MADGE.. darling.. I.

(A PAUSE... MADGE cries even more..)

JUSTINE

(Saddened to MADGE) I agreed with your father that I will leave this kingdom effectively... with which I will.. and I will no longer be DUCHESS of this KINGDOM... so uh.

MADGE

(cries to JUSTINE) No MUM... you can't leave... you can't leave the KINGDOM of TUDSTON... (cries to FRANK) DAd.... DAD.. MUM has to stay..

(FRANK worries and speaks his mind...)

FRANK

(worried to MADGE) Madge... if a member of this kingdom decides to separate.. they can no longer be a member of the ROYAL FAMILY... I'm sorry... your mother is no longer going to be DUCHESS.

(MADGE looks very upset with her mother... and cries at both her parents..)

MADGE

(cries to FRANK & JUSTINE) Why... why... on all days... why....

JUSTINE

(Saddened to MADGE) I told you darling MADGE... we both no longer have love for each other..

(MADGE cries to herself more; believing true love no longer exists..)

MADGE

(cries to JUSTINE) So true love... it mustn't exist... not in a kingdom.. not in the kingdom of TUDSTON.... true love is really a fantasy... a fake fantasy... no...

(MADGE looks angrily and upset at both her parents; shouting verbally at them both....)

MADGE

(shouts to JUSTINE & FRANK) I can't believe you.... you both... separating... I..

(A PAUSE..)

MADGE

(shouts to parents) STUFF THIS... STUFF this FAMILY... STUFF All of IT.. I HATE YOU BOTH..

(MADGE's parents are hurt..)

JUSTINE

(worried to MADGE) No MADGE... please... don't hate us..

FRANK

(Worried to MADGE) No please darling MADGE... don't hate your parents..

MADGE

(shouts to FRANK) Well I do.... I DO... I HATE YOU... leave ME ALONE..

FRANK

(worried to MADGE) Madge..

(MADGE PREPARES TO EXIT THE DINING ROOM. JUSTINE FRANTICALLY SPEAKS UP; BEGGING HER TO STAY...)

JUSTINE

(upset to MADGE) No MADGE... please... please don't go... WAIT... WAIT... WAIT darling... let's just..

(MADGE turns her head; and shouts at her mother...)

MADGE

(shouts to JUSTINE) NO... this... this is... the WORST CORONATION and BIRTHDAY ever... it so is.. I..

(MADGE takes her PRINCESS CROWN off her head; and glares at it with anger... she speaks her words..)

MADGE

(shouts to herself) STUFF THIS KINGDOM... this CROWN... STUFF being a PRINCESS... it all ends in divorce... I HATE IT..

(MADGE throws the GOLDEN-PRINCESS CROWN at her parents; though missing them and breaking in shards. FRANK & JUSTINE look at each other in hurt..)

FRANK

(upset to MADGE) Madge... MADGE... that crown was worth millions... millions of our family heritage money... please...
(saddened) I'm sorry darling.

MADGE

(shouts to FRANK) I DON'T CARE... this FAMILY STINKS... it can't stay forever... it is doomed... this family is doomed... this KINGDOM IS DOOMED..

(MADGE screams as she runs away... she exits the scene... JUSTINE & FRANK look at each other with great sadness..)

FRANK

(worried to JUSTINE) JUSTINE...

(JUSTINE looks annoyed at FRANK; and speaks her mind...)

JUSTINE

(serious to FRANK) It doesn't change my mind... we.... we are too different.. we have too many belief systems... I don't like the royal way of things... I don't like your royal beliefs.

(FRANK is annoyed at JUSTINE's comment and speaks his mind..)

FRANK

(ANNOYED TO JUSTINE) OH MY GOD JUSTINE... DO YOU THINK I CHOSE TO BE A QUEEN'S SON... DID YOU THINK I CHOSE THAT??

JUSTINE

(annoyed to FRANK) NO I know you didn't choose to be the son of a QUEEN but you stick by these so outdated royal beliefs.... and I don't like it.. you have shown you are not willing to change them from me...

FRANK

(annoyed to JUSTINE) Oh please... Oh please woman... (screams) YOU ARE BASICALLY trying to make me rebel against the very thing that gave me life.. gave me a mansion... gave me my riches.. I must honour the royal tradition way of life..

JUSTINE

(Annoyed to FRANK) Well I am sorry FRANK... but I can NO LONGER be a figure of this kingdom... I can no longer have people dress me in what they want to dress me in.. I can NO LONGER keep living like I'm incapable of making my own decisions... I choose not to live like that anymore..

FRANK

(shouts to JUSTINE) And what about our daughter... MADGE hates us for separating... what about her mansion... her room with all her toys... our life as a family... the vinyl shelves...

JUSTINE

(shouts to FRANK) Goddammit FRANK... I don't care about materialism or materialistic things... I don't care... I don't care for it..

(A PAUSE... JUSTINE breaks down crying though continues in her heartache speech..)

JUSTINE

(Upset to FRANK) I no longer want to live like I can't be myself.... I want to be a functioning adult where I can make my own decisions...

(JUSTINE continues to cry...)

JUSTINE

(upset to FRANK) MADGE can live in the kingdom and in civilisation... wherever she chooses to be at any time... we... we're over..

(THE SCENE ENDS with JUSTINE leaving the DINING ROOM; with an upset expression on her face...)

(FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

MINUTES PASS...

INT. MADGE'S ROOM - KINGDOM OF TUDSTON

(FADE IN: MADGE'S ROOM. A crying, upset MADGE slams the door as she enters her room... SHE BEGINS SINGING...)

MADGE

(sings VERSE)

It was a fake fantasy
That's what it seems to be
Families divided
Things are so bad to see;

(MADGE begins singing the CHORUS)

MADGE

(sings CHORUS)

It was a fake fantasy
True love is a fantasy
No one can stick together
My family has fallen apart..

(MADGE sits on her bed; and continues singing...)

MADGE

(sings CHORUS)

It was a fake fantasy
True love is a fantasy
No one can stick together
My family has fallen apart..

(MADGE begins singing the next VERSE)

MADGE

(sings VERSE 2)

Fake love;
Romance is drowning;
No love in the air
Now we're all frowning...

(MADGE lays in her bed; and sings the CHORUS)

MADGE

(sings CHORUS)

It was a fake fantasy
True love is a fantasy
No one can stick together
My family has fallen apart...

(MADGE cries as she sings the CHORUS once again...)

MADGE

(sings CHORUS)

It was a fake fantasy
True love is a fantasy
No one can stick together
My family has fallen apart...

(MADGE tilts to the side on the
bed; as she prepares to sing the
BRIDGE...)

MADGE

(sings BRIDGE)

Why do families separate;
It makes the children scream in fate;
Of a separated family
No more hope; no more loving...

(MADGE sits up on the bed; as she
sings the CHORUS again...)

MADGE

(sings CHORUS)

It was a fake fantasy
True love is a fantasy
No one can stick together
My family has fallen apart...

(MADGE then stands up; and makes
her way to the mirror; staring at
herself; singing the LAST CHORUS)

MADGE

(sings CHORUS)

It was a fake fantasy
True love is a fantasy
No one can stick together
My family has fallen apart...

(THE SONG ENDS)

(MADGE looks at herself still in
the mirror; and cries... She hears
the door knock; and makes her way
to the door and opens it. It is
the CLEANER PIPER.... an elderly,
frail woman... who is hopeful...
MADGE greets her)

MADGE

(upset to PIPER) Hi... HI PIPER... how...
how..

PIPER

(worried to MADGE) Oh no... the DEAR
recently crowned PRINCESS is upset... oh
no... (worried) MADGE DARLING...

(MADGE hugs PIPER and cries on her
shoulder..)

MADGE

(crying; hugging PIPER) Why PIPER... I just learned my parents are separating... I... why does this happen? I thought... I thought true love exists..

(MADGE stops hugging PIPER; and looks at her face-to-face. PIPER hugs MADGE.. and comforts her.)

PIPER

(saddened to MADGE) I know darling MADGE... i did hear the news... I'm sorry... i'm sorry my DEAR DARLING...

MADGE

(cries to PIPER) Have.... have your parents divorced?

(PIPER nods her head...)

PIPER

(to MADGE) Yes PIPER... my parents have divorced... it was most heartbreaking... but I uh... I moved on..

MADGE

(upset to PIPER) How long did it take you to move on?

PIPER

(saddened to MADGE) Quite a while.. it was when I was in high school... my grades went down... I uh..

(A PAUSE... PIPER remains hopeful... and continues talking to MADGE)

PIPER

(to MADGE) But. My mother told me that... even though her and my father divorced... they both wanted me to be truly happy... I said I wasn't happy... and I would not be happy until they get back together.

MADGE

(Upset to PIPER) Did it work? DID it?

(PIPER smiles and nods her head... MADGE is shocked...)

MADGE

(Shocked to PIPER) It did... how..... tell me your ways... I must get my parents back together... I... (upset) I don't want to be future QUEEN of this KINGDOM if they separate... I don't want to carry the curse of divorce onto me... my kids... their kids.. I..

(PIPER comforts MADGE)

MADGE
 (questions PIPER) But how... tell me more
 about how you got your parents back
 together...

(PIPER smiles as she tells MADGE)

PIPER
 (smiles to MADGE) Well I uh.... I just sort
 of threatened them that I would not do well
 in school if they separated... but please
 MADGE..

(PIPER HOLDS MADGE'S HANDS...)

PIPER
 (pleads with MADGE) That is not the best
 route... try to get them back together
 another way..

MADGE
 (frustrated to PIPER) But how PIPER... how..

PIPER
 (to MADGE) Just... just uh..

PIPER
 (sings VERSE)
 OH MADGE;
 They say some things you can't change
 I refuse to obey
 There will be a way

(PIPER dances... MADGE smiles as
 she watches PIPER)s

MADGE
 (sings CHORUS...)
 You're a princess now
 Plan things for the future
 Change things for the better
 Oh oh..

MADGE
 (confused to MADGE) But how... what do I
 change...

(PIPER holds MADGE's hand as she
 sings the next verse...)

PIPER
 (Sings VERSE)
 Well MADGE;
 You could become a counsellor
 After all communication is key..
 Help them work to solve their problems;
 Their mighty strong problems
 You can be the sole fixer now....

(PIPER sings the next VERSE...
MADGE continues to smile at PIPER
as MADGE continues to sing....)

PIPER
(sings CHORUS)
You're a princess now
Plan things for the future
Change things for the better
Oh oh..

(PIPER BEGINS SINGING THE BRIDGE)

PIPER
(sings BRIDGE)
Oh MADGE;
Remember; communication is key
It can solve problems;
For everyone my dear;
Talk to your parents;
Use conflict resolution
The divorce rate will settle
And this will all be over

(PIPER dances solely on her own as
she sings the CHORUS one more
time...)

PIPER
(sings CHORUS)
You're a princess now
Plan things for the future
Change things for the better
Oh oh..

(PIPER finishes. MADGE smiles...)

MADGE
(smiles to PIPER) Wow PIPER... I never knew
you could sing... WOW... just WOW... you
give me th WOW FACTOR..

(PIPER smiles and pats MADGE's
head.... MADGE smiles..)

PIPER
(smiles to MADGE) Communication is key...
talk to your parents... help them solve
their problems... and WOW...

MADGE
(hugs PIPER) Thanks PIPER... thanks..

(THE SCENE ENDS WITH PIPER LEAVING
THE SCENE)

(FADE OUT; END OF SCENE)

MINUTES PASS...

INT. DINING ROOM - KINGDOM OF TUDSTON

(FADE IN: MADGE returns to her silent parents FRANK & JUSTINE FRANK & JUSTINE notice their daughter; and speak their concerns..)

JUSTINE

(worried to MADGE) OH MADGE... oh dear... you got me worried... look.. I uh..

(FRANK interrupts and speaks to MADGE..)

FRANK

(worried to MADGE) Look MADGE.. your mother and I regret telling you this on your birthday and coronation day... but time was running out... JUSTINE plans to leave tomorrow...

(THOUGH UPSET; MADGE remains strong and starts using the ART OF COMMUNICATION with her parents...)

MADGE

(firm to FRANK & JUSTINE) No MUM... no DAD... you two are not separating.. I will not allow it...

JUSTINE

(worried to MADGE) Madge... I uh...

(MADGE interrupts her mother)

MADGE

(firm to JUSTINE) No MUM... listen... (to JUSTINE & FRANK) MUM. Dad... I have learned from a good friend that the art of communication is everything... with which this family does not have to convey their misunderstanding or a conflict... we must learn to communicate..

JUSTINE

(worried to MADGE) Madge... I don't think you understand darling... I don't think..

(MADGE swiftly interrupts her mother yet again)

MADGE

(firm to JUSTINE) Mum... listen up.. (firm to FRANK & JUSTINE) Obviously... you two... my parents... you have communication difficulties... speak your concerns... and we will try to uncover a solution.

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(JUSTINE looks at FRANK; then looks back at MADGE)

JUSTINE

(unhappy to MADGE) Okay MADGE... your father is so in touch with royal traditions and duties... and a dress-code with which I don't like... I don't feel I can be myself..

(FRANK speaks up in defence..)

FRANK

(firm to JUSTINE) It's my royal code and duty as KING of this KINGDOM... all KINGS and QUEENS have to obey this directive.... it is respect within the kingdom...

JUSTINE

(firm to FRANK) Yes... well it's about time the KINGDOM OF TUDSTON changes with the times... and lets us all convey ourselves in our own self-image...

(FRANK grunts in annoyance. MADGE breathes and comforts the situation..)

MADGE

(breathes to JUSTINE) Mum... MUM... (to FRANK) Dad... let's breathe... breathe...

(EVERYONE breathes and remains calm yet again...)

MADGE

(firm to FRANK) Okay DAD... MUM is right in a way... let's honour natural beauty and a change of things... I think it will be a great change for this KINGDOM... it'll teach the people... the public civilians as well that it is okay to change... to be different... to not abide by so called social norms... to be a leader in change.

(FRANK begins understanding her daughter's words and agrees...)

FRANK

(smiles to MADGE) Oh....

MADGE

(assures FRANK) Daddy... change the kingdom's rules... don't be a follower.... be a LEADER.... don't be afraid to REBEL..

(FRANK understands and agrees... and breathes..)

FRANK

(smiles to MADGE) Oh.. okay... I guess it makes sense..

(A PAUSE.... FRANK looks at JUSTINE with love and kisses her... JUSTINE smiles..)

JUSTINE

(smiles to FRANK) So you will change... you will change your ways..

FRANK

(smiles to JUSTINE) Yes... yes... our daughter has taught me that it's okay to rebel... I uh..

(A PAUSE...)

FRANK

(worried to JUSTINE) Sorry JUSTINE... I am such a rule follower.... always afraid to rebel... but sometimes rebellion can lead to better change... (smiles to MADGE) Thanks MADGE...

(MADGE smiles... FRANK kisses JUSTINE once again... the couple's relationship has been reinstated and is now healthy...)

FRANK

(smiles to JUSTINE) who says we don't learn things from our kids?

JUSTINE

(loving to FRANK) Yes... yes..

(JUSTINE & FRANK kiss once again... MADGE continues to smile and speaks...)

MADGE

(worried to FRANK & JUSTINE) So MUM and Dad.... please stay together... please..

(FRANK & JUSTINE look at each other and smile; cuddling with love. THEY LOOK at their daughter minutes later..)

FRANK

(smiles to JUSTINE) Okay.... you have taught us about the art of communication... thanks PRINCESS MADGE..

JUSTINE

(smiles to MADGE) Thanks DARLING..

(THE SCENE ENDS WITH A group hug;
consisting of the reconciled
couple KING FRANK & DUCHESS
JUSTINE; and their daughter
PRINCESS MADGE)

(FADE OUT; END OF STORY)