

IMBROGLIO

Or, 100 momentz of beauty

A new work devised by The P2P Ensemble 2015-16,
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CHARACTERZ

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| BOY | Thomas Barnett |
| MUM | Hannah Rosen |
| QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1 | Despoina Natsiou |
| QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2 | Emma Maddison |
| QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3 | Romario Reid |
| QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4 | Sian Price |
| THE PRINCEZZ | Dom Giddings |
| QUEEN'S SERVANT 1 | Megan McPhee |
| QUEEN'S SERVANT 2 | Rachel Kirk |
| DOGTOR ROOSTER | Cameron Campbell |
| NEECHY ROOSTER | Aditya Patel |
| PESSY ROOSTER | PG Pierot-Griffiths |
| THERSAURUS | Emily Bass |
| DOTTORE TARANTULA | Wally Adeogun |
| QUEEN BEE | Silvia Esilva |
| SPITTING SPIDER | Helena Hippolito |
| SPITTING KIMODO DRAGON | Gytis Gedminas |
| SPITTING COBRA | Rita Narcisso |
| POISON DART FROG | Alex Mockler |

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PRE-SHOW

BOY is sleeping in his bed, cuddled with his stuffed dinosaur.
Individual members of the company usher in audience members, two at a time, holding hands and tip-toe-ing into the space.
They give warning: “Shhhhh...” as they usher them to their seats.
BOY occasionally tosses and turns, almost waking up, but never does.
A mixture of lullabies, news reports and other sounds underscore the scene.

The ‘Spitting Creatures of the Media’ surround BOY’s desk, where his laptop is.
They conduct some sort of ritual around it:

“Feedyya, Feedyya lotsa naughty Meedyya”

Over and over again...

After some time...

The alarm clock goes off!

Music:

“IT’S A-“

BOY reaches for the alarm clock and bangs it to the floor.
Silence. Back to Sleep.

After some time...

The alarm clock goes off

Music:

“IT’S A BEAUTIFUL-“

BOY reaches for the alarm clock and bangs it to the floor.
Silence. Back to Sleep.

After some time...

The alarm clock goes off

Music:

“IT’S A BEAUTIFUL MORNING...” (song continues...)

BOY sits up, slowly motivating out of bed.
He goes to the door as if on the lookout.
He sneaks over to his desk and pulls out a large over-sized thermometer.
He begins heating it under his desk lamp, frequently checking the door.

[The song is interrupted when:]

MUM

JONATHAN!

(BOY freezes)

YOU BETTER BE UP, AND OUT OF THAT BED!

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BOY

(coughing)

I'M NOT FEELING VERY WELL!

(jumping back into bed, forgetting the thermometer under the lamp)

MUM

WELL ENOUGH TO SHOUT ACROSS THE HOUSE!

BOY

WHAT? I CAN'T HEAR YOU TOO WELL.

MY EARS ARE STUFFED!

(jumping out of bed to get the thermometer, and back into bed)

MUM

(enters)

THAT'S IT MISTER! TIME FOR SCHOOL!

BOY

I don't feel well. Why are you yelling?

MUM

I THOUGHT YOUR EARS WERE STUFFED!

BOY

I meant my nose. See? I'm delirious.

MUM

You're delirious if you think you're going to miss school and stay home playing video games.

Not today.

BOY

Why not today? You've got a date?

MUM

Excuse me?

BOY

I said...

I'm in a bad state.

(aside)

My mother sends me off to school, and spends her day entertaining various men from the neighborhood.

(to MUM)

Look at my temperature!

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MUM

Already got out the thermometer. How efficient of—FORTY?!
YOU'RE BURNING UP!

BOY

Ow! Ears.

MUM

Are you burning up?

BOY

See? I told you.

MUM

Do you feel warm?

BOY

I've got the chills. Brrrrrr....

MUM

Alright Mister, back into bed! I'll call your teacher. I'll be back to check on you
in a bit. That temperature goes any higher, and we're going straight to the
doctor.

(aside)

A trip to the doctor will scare him into going to school.

BOY

What?! No! It's not that bad-

MUM

(exiting)

And I better not catch you sitting at that computer playing your video games.

BOY

Yes mum.

(checks the door, and runs out of his bed and sits at his desk; opens laptop.)

SOUND:

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PROJECTION:

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PROJECTION:

LEVEL 1

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The 4 Queens step onto the platform. BOY steps towards them, exploring his Queen options. After some consideration, he selects QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1. He sits back down.

PROJECTION:

THE PALACE OF THE QUEEN OF HEARTZ

(The 'Spitting Creatures of the Media' spy on the scene)

THE PRINCEZZ

BUT I DON'T WANT TO!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

I'm not concerned what you want, young lady. You are The Princezz!
Your coming out party is this weekend
And you *will* be wearing that dress-
Which! I had specially tailored for you.

(to Servant 1)

Servant 1. Bring the dress.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Yes, your Honour.

(exits and re-enters with a pink dress)

THE PRINCEZZ

I don't wear dresses!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Now you do!

(to SERVANT 1)

I don't care if you have to strap her down to put it on.

(to THE PRINCEZZ, smiling)

Now look at that!
Isn't it beautiful?

THE PRINCEZZ

Yuk!
It's pink.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Pink is the new black.

THE PRINCEZZ

So ten years ago.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

I beg your pardon.

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THE PRINCEZZ

(makes a face)
Nothing, mum.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1
That's what I thought.

(enters abruptly)
Your honor!

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1
EXCUSE YOU.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2
Excuse me?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1
Excuse you is right.
Just walking into the room?
Unannounced?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1
Tsk. Tsk.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2
My apologies, your Honour.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1
Your Honour, what?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2
Your Honour, Queen ofHeartz.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1
Your H's still need more work.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2
I know your Honour.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1
Are you practicing?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2
Every day, your Honour.

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QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Practice harder.
Now. Out you go!
And this time, announce yourself properly.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(exits)

Servant to Her Honour, Queen of Heartz

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

That's better.
Enter.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(enters)

Your Honour.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

What do you want, Servant 2?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Dogtor Rooster has arrived.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Perfect timing! Bring him in.

(QUEEN'S SERVANT 2 exits and re-enters with DOGTOR ROOSTER)
(to THE PRINCEZZ)

You, young lady, go get yourself into that dress. Pronto!

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 1)

Make sure she puts it on correctly.
Girl doesn't have a clue how to be a girl.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Presenting... Dogtor Rooster, Your Honour.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Cock. A. Doodle. Doo.
How can I help you?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

You-re-?
Dogtor-?
Rooster?

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DOGTOR ROOSTER

Yeah.
I know.
I'm a dog.
A dog named Rooster.
This is some crazyass world we live in.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Language!

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(giggling)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Woof!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 2)
What's so funny?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Nothing, Your Honour.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

You may excuse yourself.
(to DOGTOR ROOSTER)
So hard to find good help nowadays.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

It's a dogsalute pleasure, your Honour, Queen oFhartz.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

It's HEARTZ.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

That's what I said. Queen oFhartz.
(begins sniffing her feet)

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(aside)
His H's are way worse than mine.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

I thought I excused you.

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QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Yes your Honour.
(exits)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Arf! How can I be of dogsistance?
Bunions? Athlete's Foot? Ingrown toe nail?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(kicking him away)
What? Get away from my feet? What is your problem?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I'm a foot dogtor.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

A foot doctor?!

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Glamorous. I know.
I also kibble in proctology.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Nonsense.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Actually, feet are very sensical,
The foot is connected to every aspect of life.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Every aspect of life, you say?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(aside)
Something tells me I shouldn't have made that last statement.
(returns to sniffing her feet)

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Dogtor Rooster! Please-
Just-
Stay still!
(DOGTOR ROOSTER continues puttering about)
I called you-
I called you in today-
For a specific reason!
(grabbing him by the collar)
SIT DOGTOR, SIT!

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(DOGTOR ROOSTER sits)

Dogtor Rooster. I need your help.
(begins rubbing DOGTOR ROOSTER's belly)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Arf! This has nothing do with feet does it?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Well, if the foot is connected to all aspects of life, as you say...
(letting him go)

Then, you're going to be able to help me with a little...
Foot job.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Foot?
Job?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

This is Top-Secret, Top-Dog, Royal Business.
Do you get my drift, Dogtor Rooster?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Oh, I get your drift Your Honour, Queen ofHartz, believe me.
(aside)

Mmmm... Queen of Fartz indeed!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

I need you to administer a DNGay test on my daughter, The Princezz.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Administer a-
DNGay-
Your Honour. I told you, I'm just a foot dogtor, and I kibble in a bit of
proctology, but even that, I don't have a license. I know nothing of-

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Silence!
SIT!

(he sits)

Good boy.
I am your Queen. And I am asking you for something rather simple.
I've got a royal crisis on my hands.

I fear that my daughter, The Princezz, might be a L-
(she stutters)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

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QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

A L-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Llama?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

What?! NO!

A lesbian! I am afraid that my daughter, The Princezz,
might be a lesbian.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

So you want to make her take a DNGay test?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Precisely.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Why don't you just ask her if she's a lesbian?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Preposterous. How should she know? She's a child.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

What makes you think she's a lesbian?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

She plays in the mud.
She cuts her hair short.
She won't wear dresses.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Oh pups. Call the lesbian police!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Are you mocking me, Dogtor Rooster?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Woof course not, your Honour Queen oFHeartz?

(aside)

Okay, now I'm saying it like that on purpose.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

IT'S HEARTZ! Listen up, you mut.
You've got 24 hours to bring that DNGay test here to the palace.
Or, it will be your head.

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DOGTOR ROOSTER

My. Head?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

We'll be having roast dog at The Princezz's coming out party.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I just might have a friend that can get me that DNGay kit.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Good. Once you get the kit, you will help me administer it.

Then, you will bring me the results.

And no one is to hear a word of this. The Creatures of the Media are crawling all around this palace, looking for rumors to spit out to the public.

(THE PRINCEZZ stomps in with the pink dress; SERVANT 1 and SERVANT 2 follow behind)

THE PRINCEZZ

If you make me wear this dress in public, I'm going to run away from this palace, and never return.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(aside)

Who needs a DNGay test? That princezz is totally a lesbian.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

You, look, beautiful.

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 1)

Doesn't she?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

The pink really does bring out the colour of your eyes.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 2)

Did I ask you?! Go get the toothbrush, and scrub this floor. There's been a dirty dog in here making a mess of the place.

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 1)

Will you please show Dogtor Rooster the way out?

(to DOGTOR ROOSTER)

Dogtor Rooster. I look forward to seeing you in 24 hours time.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Dogyears...

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SOUND:

(all freeze; The 'Spitting Creatures of the Media' infest the space)

SPITTING SPIDER, SPITTING KIMODO DRAGON,
SPITTING COBRA & POISON DART FROG

QUEEN OFFFFHEARTZ FORCES PRINCEZZ...
TO WEAR PINK FOR COMING OUT PARTY.'
PRINCEZZ COMES OUT OF CLOSET FOR PARTY
QUEEN OFFFFHEARTZ FORCES...
SERVANTS TO PRACTICE GOOD GRAMMAR.
QUEEN'S SERVANTS REPORT ROYAL ABUSE IN THE PALACE.
QUEEN MAKES SERVANTS PRACTICE HARD H'S
FOR FOOD!
HELP!
HEY!
HOT!
OFF THE PRESS.
HISSSSSSSSS...
HUNGRY?
HEY!
HIT ME!
HATE ME!
HIT ME!
QUEEN STARVES SERVANTS
HIT ME!
HATE ME!
HIT ME!
AND MAKES THEM STITCH DRESSES FOR PRINCEZZ.
HURT ME!
STITCHES PRINCEZZ'S MOUTH SHUT
HIT ME!
THE PALACE IS FESTERING WITH A ROYAL STINK.
HARDER!
PRINCEZZ DECLARES IT:
HIT!
SHE HATES PINK.
HIP!
SHE HATES HER MUM,
HOP!
THE QUEEN.
HIP IT TO THE HIP HOP
QUEEN HATES DAUGHTER
DAUGHTER HATES QUEEN
QUEEN THREATENS DOG DOCTOR
WHO LET THE DOGS IN?
WHO IS THIS DOG DOCTOR?

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QUEEN OF HEARTZ HAS A DOG-LOVER
QUEEN OF HEARTZ REQUESTS DNGAY-
Wait! Not Yet.
Let's wait for that one.
Gotta temper the news.
Feed the sheep in stages.
The DNGay Test... that's valuable news.

SOUND TRANSITION: [Rooster Song]

(unfreeze.
QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1 returns to her throne;
THE PRINCEZZ rips off her dress, and storms away;
DOGTOR ROOSTER walks home;
THERSAURUS wanders into the space.)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(looks at THERSAURUS; aside)
I'm really losing it.

THERSAURUS

Excuse me-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Sorry pal, I've got my own poop to scoop.
(aside, exiting)
Prehistoric freaks crawling all over this town.

THERSAURUS

Freak?
Geek.
Weirdo.
Dog, sees me as a Monster. A Monstrosity. A Mutant.
A Miscreation.
A Grotesque, Oddity.
Queer.

Prehistoric?
Old.
How rude. I'm not that old.
Ancient, Archaic, Primitive, Primordial.
Ah, time is relative.
Early? I feel like I'm late. Late to the party.
Where are all my friends?
T-Rex, Bronty, Ptery... It feels like forever that I've been Searching for those
dinomofos.

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Pursuit. Exploration. Hunt. A Quest, for my friends.
Lost.
Absent. Adrift. Hidden. Misplaced. Vanished. Disappeared. Forfeit.
I forfeit this cruel game of Hide and Seek.
T-REX! BRONTY! PTERRY! WHERE ARE YOU?!
It's not funny anymore.
Gone. Lacking. Gone Astray I've gone. Gone Astray.
Wayward. Cast Away.
Down the Drain.
Out the Window.
Fallen Between the Cracks.
Irrecoverable. Irrevocable.
Nowhere to be Found.
Kiss Goodbye.
I am... Without friends.

PROJECTION:

THE DOGHOUSE OF DOGTOR ROOSTER

(PESSY ROOSTER chases NEECHY ROOSTER, who is wearing a dress.
Eventually they start wrestling. A proper dogfight.)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(entering)

I'm home!

PESSY ROOSTER

TAKE IT OFF NEECHY!

DAD!

HE'S WEARING MY DRESS AGAIN!

NEECHY ROOSTER

WOOF! STOP IT PESSY!

DOGTOR ROOSTER

HEY! GET OFF YOUR BROTHER-

PESSY ROOSTER

YOU'RE GONNA STRETCH IT OUT!

NEECHY ROOSTER

YOU NEVER WEAR THIS ONE ANYWAY!

PESSY ROOSTER

YOU'RE A BOY!

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NEECHY ROOSTER

SO!

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(breaking them up)

YOU! Over there!

YOU! There.

This is what I come home to? A bunch of barking over nothing?!

PESSY ROOSTER

But, he's wearing my-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I didn't ask.

PESSY ROOSTER

But, he's a boy-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I didn't ask. And it's not your dress.

It was your mother's. Dog bless her soul.

He wants to wear his mother's dress, so let him be.

PESSY ROOSTER

But, he's a boy-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Are you a parrot?!

How many times are you gonna say the same thing?

I didn't raise no dumb dogs, did I?

Now. Set the table. Both of you. It's dinnertime.

Neechy, go to the toilet and get some water.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Yes dad.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Hey Pessy. Get over here. Listen up.

I need you to stop beating up on your brother.

PESSY ROOSTER

He's so weird. Wearing dresses and-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

With mum gone, I need you to help out around here. Ya hear me?

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PESSY ROOSTER

What's for eats?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Do you hear me?

PESSY ROOSTER

I hear you. What's for eats?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Chicken.

NEECHY ROOSTER

(entering with a bowl of water)

Woof!

PESSY ROOSTER

Chicken?! I told you I'm not eating chicken any longer.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Nonsense. Eat up.

PESSY ROOSTER

I can't. I'm a conscientious objector.

Our family name is Rooster.

How can we eat chicken?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Easy. On my way home from a long day of work, dealing with a crazy lady, I bumped into a dinosaur-

NEECHY ROOSTER

Cool!

DOGTOR ROOSTER

And I told him to bugger off, and then I stopped at the chicken-shack and spent my hard-earned money on this chicken for your ungrateful face. That's how.

PESSY ROOSTER

I'm not eating chicken. It's not ethical.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

More for me and Neechy then. You can eat your ethics.

(phone rings)

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NEECHY ROOSTER

Woof!

PESSY ROOSTER

I thought we weren't allowed to have phones at the dinner table.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

If I don't take this call, this might be our last supper.

(answering phone)

Woof?

PESSY ROOSTER

(aside)

This world is full of doggle standards.

(begins tormenting her brother)

DOTTORE TARANTULA

(appears, with QUEEN BEE in the background)

You called?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Dottore Tarantula, thanks for returning my call.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

What can Dottore Tarantula do for you?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I have a little, pup-sized favor that I need to ask of you.

(to PESSY and NEECHY)

WOOF! CUT IT OUT YOU TWO!

DOTTORE TARANTULA

No favor is pup-sized.

All favors have their price. Remember that, my friend.

What is that you need?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

It's more of a matter of what my patient needs.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Such a devoted dogtor you are. What does he need?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

She.

(to PESSY and NEECHY)

PESSY! Go to the Doghouse. Neechy, clean up the scraps and put the leftovers in a doggy bag.

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(to phone)

My apologies Dottore. Darn kids.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

So, your patient needs a she. I had no idea you were in the match-making business. That's easy.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

No no no. You've got it all wrong. My patient is a 'She.' And she needs a DNGay test kit.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

A DNGay test kit.
That is very new medicine, Dogtor Rooster.
Extremely difficult to access on the Webbed Market.
This is by no means a pup-sized favor Dogtor Rooster.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Dottore Tarantula. This is a life-of-dog matter here.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

I will see what kind of webs I can spin.
But this is going to cost you.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I will be ever so-

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Tell me. Who is this patient of yours,
that needs a DNGay test so urgently? Must be high-profile.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Who? Oh, nobody, just a... She's no one.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Certainly she's someone,
for you to be calling in a favor such as this.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Patient confidentiality. I really can't say.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

(aside)

Damn dogs and their loyalty.

(on phone)

Gosh, I really can't seem to figure out how I am going to find that DNGay kit.

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DOGTOR ROOSTER

Tarantula-

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Dottore Tarantula.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Dottore Tarantula.

I really need this DNGay kit.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

And I really need to know who the kit is for.

Consider it your down payment for my services.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Arf.

Fine.

But you've got to promise me that this stays between you and I.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Spider's honor.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(aside)

That's what I'm woofraid of.

(to phone)

It's for the Queen oFHeartz.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

(darts a look at QUEEN BEE)

Meet me at the Cob, tonight at midnight.

I'll get you that DNGay kit.

(hangs up)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(aside)

Something tells me I shouldn't have done that.

QUEEN BEE

What—are you buzzing on about?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

You my Queen, are going to be one very happy Bee, when you hear what web of deceit we are about to weave.

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QUEEN BEE

What's in it for me?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

You know how you've always dreamed of stinging the Queen of Hearts and stealing her crown?

SOUND:

&

PROJECTION:

LEVEL 1 COMPLETE: 20 Moments Achieved.

TOTAL: 20

DOGTOR ROOSTER meets with DOTTORE TARANTULA & QUEEN BEE
NEECHY ROOSTER steals another dress from PESSY ROOSTER.
THE PRINCEZZ tears up the pink dress and gives it a new look.
QUEEN'S SERVANT 2 scrubs the palace floor with a toothbrush while
QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1 and QUEEN'S SERVANT 1 watch and laugh.

(knocking at door; all freeze; music stops)

MUM

Jonathan?

BOY

(slamming laptop closed and jumps in bed; Projection Off; all run off)
One second- I'm...

MUM

(entering with a breakfast tray)

I made you some breakfast.

BOY

Thanks Mum. You didn't have to.

MUM

Don't be silly. How are you feeling?

BOY

Not too well.

MUM

Why are you out of breathe? Are you having trouble breathing?

BOY

What? Oh, yes.

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MUM

Eat up fast, we're gonna get you to the doctor.

BOY

What?! No! I'm not that bad.

MUM

We have to.

I told your teacher that you'd come in with a doctor's note.
You wouldn't make a liar out of me.

BOY

(aside)

Yes. Lying. My mother the honest angel.

MUM

Eat up, and get dressed.

BOY

Please don't make me go to the doctor. I hate the doctor.

MUM

You haven't missed too much of school today.
If you're feeling better, I'd be happy to drop you off.

BOY

(aside)

I bet she would. Think fast.

(to MUM)

I'm feeling dizzy. I need to lie back down.

(spins and passes out)

MUM

Jonathan? Jonathan?!

(aside)

Alright. Two can play at this game.

(exits; JONATHAN peeks out from blanket, checks door and returns to his game)

SOUND

&

PROJECTION:

LEVEL 2

The 4 Queens step onto the platform. BOY steps towards them, exploring his Queen options. After some consideration, he selects QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2. He sits back down.

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PROJECTION:

THE SERVANT'S QUARTERS AT THE PALACE OF THE QUEEN OF HEARTZ

(The 'Spitting Creatures of the Media' spy on the various scenes in the palace)

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Have you finished scrubbing the floors?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Yes.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Good. Her Highness has put you on bathroom duty.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Again?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

You should be honored to clean the Queen's toilet.
Would you like me to tell her that you refused?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

You think you're so special. You're just a servant like me.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

But I'm the favored servant.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Until you make a mistake, or a better servant comes along.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

A better servant? Ha!

I've got no time to listen to your silly fantasies. To the toilets!

PROJECTION:

THE PRINCEZZ'S ROYAL BEDROOM

(THE PRINCEZZ is in an online chatroom; she meets NEECHY ROOSTER;
The 'Spitting Creatures of the Media' enable the conversation/connection;
PESSY ROOSTER spies on NEECHY ROOSTER)

THE PRINCEZZ

HRU?

NEECHY ROOSTER

I'm good. U?

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

THE PRINCEZZ

Eh.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Me 2. Whats ur name?

THE PRINCEZZ

Whats urz? Ur not a freak or sumthing, right?

NEECHY ROOSTER

Neechy.

No. Not a freak. ☺.

THE PRINCEZZ

Neechy's a cool name. That foreign?

Mine's The Princezz.

NEECHY ROOSTER

How royal. Neechy is canine.

THE PRINCEZZ

I hate royalty.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Yeah... Royalty sux. My father says the Queen is a Facist.

THE PRINCEZZ

Facist? Do you mean fascist?

NEECHY ROOSTER

Oh... uhhh yeah! Damn autocorrect.

THE PRINCEZZ

I hate autocorrect.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Me 2!

Hey! We should meet up.

THE PRINCEZZ

Ok. I'd like that. ☺. Where should we meet up?

PESSY ROOSTER

OM-Arfff-G! Is this what you do online? You meet weird online girls!
(snatching the tablet)

The Princezz? What a lame screenname.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

NEECHY ROOSTER

Give it back Pessy!

PESSY ROOSTER

No! Give me back my dress!

NEECHY ROOSTER

This one's not yours. It's moms.

THE PRINCEZZ

Hello?

PESSY ROOSTER

I'm telling dad!

NEECHY ROOSTER

You're just jealous that you don't have any friends.

PESSY ROOSTER

Take that back!

NEECHY ROOSTER

Give me back my computer!

THE PRINCEZZ

U still there?

PESSY ROOSTER

Afraid you got disconnected from your royal girlfriend?
She's probably a creepy dude.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

(enters)

What have you done to your dress?

THE PRINCEZZ

Just some... re-styling.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

You're mother is going to flip!

THE PRINCEZZ

Like I care. Let her flip.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Listen you! If the Queen sees this dress she is bound to blame me for letting you do this to your dress. I have not climbed up the servant ladder all these years to have you ruin my servant status. Give me that dress!

THE PRINCEZZ

No. Why? it's mine!

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Give it to me!

NEECHY ROOSTER

Give it back! You better not-

PESSY ROOSTER

Yeah. I'm still here. Soz.

Still wanna meet up? Just so you know-
I wear dresses.

NEECHY ROOSTER

I HATE YOU!

PESSY ROOSTER

Don't be embarrassed about who you are Neechy.

THE PRINCEZZ

What are you going to do with it?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

It's going to go missing... and I know precisely the place.

THE PRINCEZZ

Fine.

Mum won't have time to get another one made in time.

(taking off dress and giving it to her)

Your funeral.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

No. Not my funeral.

(exits)

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

THE PRINCEZZ

(reading screen)

Wears dresses?

(aside)

What's with the dresses in this play?

(to screen)

That's cool. Whatevs. I have a bunch of dresses that my mom makes me wear. I hate them. You can have them.

PESSY ROOSTER

You know I'm a boy right?

NEECHY ROOSTER

I hate you!

THE PRINCEZZ

Yeah. It's cool. Should we meet near the Cob? 2nite?

PESSY ROOSTER

OMG! You've got a date at The Cob.

(handing him his computer)

Better put on a nice dress. Loser.

(exits)

NEECHY ROOSTER

Sounds like a plan. See u then. ☺.

PROJECTION:

THE QUEEN'S QUARTERS

(DOGTOR ROOSTER arrives with the test)

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Wearing the Princezz's new pink dress?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

She has princess envy.

I have a feeling she's the one that's been leaking royal secrets to the media. And she repeatedly refers to you as the Queen of Farts, when you're not around.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(off-stage)

Your Honour, Queen of Hartz.

May I enter?

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

What do you want?
(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 1)

I want you to keep a close watch on her.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Dogtor Rooster is here to see you.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Enter.

Dogtor Rooster. So glad to see you.

I presume that you have returned with the you-know-what.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

The what?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 2)

Bring The Princezz here. In her pink dress.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Yes, your Honour.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 1)

Stick to her like glue.

(to DOGTOR ROOSTER)

Where is it?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Right here.

Happy to be of service.

(exiting)

Now, if you'll excuse me, I've got several appointments-

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Not. So. Fast.

Dogtor Rooster. That wasn't the arrangement that we made.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Woof. It... wasn't?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

I didn't send you out to just fetch me the kit. Silly dog.

Why are you in such a rush?

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Oh, it's just that-

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

This wouldn't happen to be some sort of fake kit, now would it?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Fake kit? Dogsolutely not, your Honour.

I can assure you, that the doctor that I acquired this DNGay kit from is highly reliable.

(aside)

Shit. Dogshit. It's totally a fake kit! Of course it's a fake kit.

Dottore Tarantula can't be trusted. Oh no! Dumb dog! What am I gonna do?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Good. Then you shall help me administer it to The Princezz.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Administer it?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

That was the agreement we made, now wasn't it?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

It seems like this might be more of a mother-daughter type of moment.

Wouldn't you rather do it amongst yourselves?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

I need you, as a dogtor, to administer the test to her.

Here's what you're going to tell her:

There's a horrible case of strep throat going around and you're here to assure that it hasn't spread into the palace.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

This is getting complicated.

You want me to tell your daughter that the DNGay kit is a test for strep throat?

The box clearly says DNGay kit all over it.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Hide the box.

(QUEEN'S SERVANTS 1 & 2 and THE PRINCEZZ enter)

Here they are. Do as I tell you,

Or we're serving Puppy Parmesan for dinner.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Your Honour, the Princezz's new pink dress appears to have gone missing.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Missing?!

THE PRINCEZZ

It's not-

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Nevermind that. There's a matter of urgency we must deal with. It seems that there's a plague of strep throat going around, and Dogtor Rooster is here to administer a test to make sure The Princezz hasn't been affected.

THE PRINCEZZ

Why just me?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Because.
You've been seen playing in the mud.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

And the mud is where this strand of strep festers the most severely.
(aside)
Royal bullshit.

THE PRINCEZZ

But my throat doesn't hurt.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

That's the first symptom. Right Dogtor?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Silent Strep.

THE PRINCEZZ

There's something funny going on here...
I've seen your ads on TV. Aren't you that Foot Dogtor.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Who? Me?

THE PRINCEZZ

"Cock-a-Footle Doo. What Can I Do For You?"
That's you.
Your adverts are so annoying.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Uhhhh... Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease—that's what this strand of silent strep stems from... it starts with the foot... Foot in mud to be exact. So us, Foot Dogtors, are certifiably the best and most dogproprate to dogminister the test.

(aside)

Phew!

(to THE PRINCEZZ)

Now. If you would just open wide, I'm going to.

THE PRINCEZZ

Oh no you don't! You're not putting anything in my mouth.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Young lady. This is for your own good.

THE PRINCEZZ

I don't care. I'm not taking the test.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Open. Your. Mouth. Otherwise I'm going to open it for you.

THE PRINCEZZ

You take the test.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Open. Your. Mouth!

(to SERVANTS 1 & 2)

Help me open her mouth! Hold her down.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(aside)

This is getting stranger and stranger by the minute.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Dogtor Rooster! Don't just stand there! As soon as her mouth opens up-

(They struggle to hold down THE PRINCEZZ and open her mouth; The Spitting Creatures of the Media go wild; in the confusion, the swab goes into the QUEEN's mouth)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Uh-oh.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

There! See.
Now I took the test as well. Nothing strange about it.
Girls. Hold her down tighter.
Dogtor Rooster-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Yes?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Administer it.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I can't.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

What do you mean, you can't?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I only had one.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Only had one?!

DOGTOR ROOSTER

They're hard to get. It's experimental science.

THE PRINCEZZ

Experimental?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2

Well clearly, this is a matter of urgency, and you're going to have to go back to your doghouse and get another test kit.

SOUND:

(all freeze; The 'Spitting Creatures of the Media' infest the space)

SPITTING SPIDER, SPITTING KIMODO DRAGON,
SPITTING COBRA & POISON DART FROG
PLAGUE!
PLAGUE!
PLAGUE!
PLAGUE IN THE PALACE!
STRANDS OF...
STREP...
DOG DOCTOR PUTS SWAP IN PRINCEZZ'S MOUTH.
DOG DOCTOR MISSES PRINCEZZ'S MOUTH.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

PRINCEZZ HAS A DIRTY MOUTH.
PRINCEZZZZZZ...
PRINCEZZZZZZZ....
PRINCEZZZZZZZZ.... PLAYZ
IN MUD...
PRINCEZZZZZZZZZ GOEZ
TO THE COB

SOUND TRANSITION:

(unfreeze.
THE PRINCEZZ breaks free and heads to The Cob;
SERVANT 1 follows SERVANT 2;
DOGTOR ROOSTER packs up the test and leaves; frantically tries to call
DOTTORE TARANTULA and bumps into THERSAURUS)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Come on come on pick up pick up! Where the hell are you?
What in dog's hell am I gonna do?!

THERSAURUS

(to an audience member)
Excuse me, I'm looking for my friends-
(DOGTOR ROOSTER bumps into THERSAURUS, in a panic)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Ahhhhhhh!
(drops DNGay kit and phone, and runs off)

THERSAURUS

(to DOGTOR ROOSTER)
Maybe *you've* seen them?
(to audience)
Guess not.
Am I that Scary?
Spooky. Creepy. Eerie. Horrifying.
Horrendous. Unnerving. Shocking.
Blood-curdling. Spine-chilling. Hair-raising.
Intimidating.
(THERSAURUS discovers the kit)
What's this? Hey sir! You dropped your...
(reading the box)
D. N. Gay kit.
Hmmm...
Glad. Jolly. Sparkling. Wild. Bouncy. Carefree. Cheerful. Chipper. Chirpy.
Fun-loving. Lighthearted. Merry. Playful. Pleasure-seeking. Spirited. Sprightly.
Vivacious. Zippy.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

(opens the kit)

Flamboyant. Gaudy. Rich. Bright. Flashy. Fresh. Garish. Intense. Showy.

(takes out the swab)

Homosexual. Homoerotic. Sapphic. Lesbian. Queer...

(puts swab in mouth)

DOTTORE TARANTULA

(on the phone)

Hello? Dogtor Rooster? You there?

THERSAURUS

(picking up the phone)

Bronty? Is that you?

SOUND

&

PROJECTION:

LEVEL 2 COMPLETE: 20 Moments Achieved!

TOTAL MOMENTS: 40

DOGTOR ROOSTER frantically hides in different locations.

NEECHY ROOSTER sneaks off to meet with THE PRINCEZZ, and vice versa.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1 hides the pink dress in QUEEN'S SERVANT 2's quarters.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 2 hunts down DOGTOR ROOSTER.

The Spitting Creatures of The Media find the DNGay Kit.

(a doorbell rings; music stops)

MUM

JONATHAN!

(all freeze)

The doctor is here to see you!

BOY

What!?

(slams computer shut and jumps into bed; all disburse; MOM and DOCTOR enter the room)

DOCTOR

Are you sure this is going to work?

MUM

(to DOCTOR)

Just follow my lead.

Here he is, Doctor.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

BOY

Who is this? This isn't Doctor Roozer.
(aside) Totally one of her new boyfriends.

MUM

Doctor Roozer is on holiday. This is Doctor-

DOCTOR

Spidey.

BOY

Mom. You know I don't like doctors.
We can't trust some strange doctor. In our own home no less.

MUM

Don't be silly, dear. Doctor Spidey is a good friend and partner of Doctor Roozer, and has been kind enough to make this urgent house call for us.

DOCTOR

I understand your throat is hurting.
There's been a bad case of strep going around.

BOY

Oh, it's not that bad, really.

MUM

Oh no? It seemed pretty severe earlier this morning.

BOY

I think all this rest has done its healing.

DOCTOR

That's precisely the trick of this strand of strep. The pain comes and goes.
Let's have a look. Open wide.

BOY

Nope. Uh uh. I've got to go to the bathroom.
(exiting)

MUM

Jonathan. What has gotten into you? Don't be rude!
My apologies, Doctor Spidey.
What are we going to do?
(DOCTOR opens the laptop)

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

SOUND
&
PROJECTION:
LEVEL 3

The 4 Queens step onto the platform.

DOCTOR
Your son plays IMBROGLIO? I loved this game back in the day.

MUM
Don't tell me you're a gamer too.

DOCTOR steps towards platform, exploring his Queen options. After some consideration, he selects QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3. He sits back down.

PROJECTION:
THE DUNGEON AT THE PALACE

(The 'Spitting Creatures of the Media' spy on the various scenes throughout the palace scene; DOGTOR ROOSTER is tied to a chair)

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3
Traitorous dog!
I suspected it all along.
You're a quack of a doctor, conspiring with the media to ruin my reputation.

DOGTOR ROOSTER
You've got it all wrong.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3
No Dogtor! You and your phony test have it all wrong.
Do you realize the results of that test are all over the news?
Claiming that I am a lesbian?

DOGTOR ROOSTER
Well. It was *you* that ultimately took the test.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3
Silence! Sit there and shut up until I come up with a way out of this mess.
Can't have all of society thinking that I'm a lesbian.

DOGTOR ROOSTER
You're the Queen. Can't you be whatever you want?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3
Stupid dog. Do you not understand society?

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I'm no sociologist.
(aside)
How many times I gotta tell this lady—I'm a foot doctor that kibbles in proctology.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

If we don't get this straightened out, it's going to be your head, Dogtor Rooster.

PROJECTION:
THE COB

(PRINCEZZ and NEECHY meet up; PESSY watches with binoculars)

NEECHY ROOSTER

Why do you hate your home?

THE PRINCEZZ

It's complicated. My mom, she's the-
She insists on me doing girly things like... playing with dolls and wearing dresses. She's so old school in her ways. And she forces them on me.
Why do you hate your home?

NEECHY ROOSTER

Mostly cuz of my sister. She's a bully. She has no friends, and no life. So she picks on me to make herself feel better.

THE PRINCEZZ

I wish I had a sister. Or a brother. Or even a pet.
Anything not to be The Princezz.

NEECHY ROOSTER

I thought your name was Princezz.

THE PRINCEZZ

It's The. The Princezz, of Hartz. But I'm also the princess.

NEECHY ROOSTER

The Princess? As in...

THE PRINCEZZ

Shhhh... you can't tell anyone. I've snuck out of the palace to meet you.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Me too. Well, not the palace. It's more kind of like a doghouse.
My sister would kill me if she knows I have on this dress.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

THE PRINCEZZ

Why do you wear dresses? I hate dresses.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Makes me feel close to my mum. She always wore dresses.
She died. Got hit by a car. I miss her so much.

THE PRINCEZZ

I've got tons of dresses that you can have.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Really?

THE PRINCEZZ

Hey! I've got an idea. Follow me.
(they exit; PESSY goes to follow them but bumps into THERSAURUS)

PESSY ROOSTER

Outta my way you big-
Whoa!

THERSAURUS

Can you help me?

PESSY ROOSTER

(aside)
I'm seeing things.

THERSAURUS

Nice to meet you, Seeing Things.
I'm Thersaurus.
I'm looking for my friends...
They're big, and green, kinda like me.

PESSY ROOSTER

You're... looking for... other dinosaurs?
(aside)
I must be hallucinating.

THERSAURUS

Hallucinating.
Day dreaming. Fantasizing. Envisioning-

PESSY ROOSTER

You're not supposed to hear those.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

THERSAURUS

Hear what?

PESSY ROOSTER

The asides. They're dramatic devices.

THERSAURUS

Asides. Confidential Statement.
Departure. Digression. Discursion Tangent.

PESSY ROOSTER

Speaking of. I'm on a mission and you have totally distracted me.

THERSAURUS

A Pursuit?!
Maybe I can help?

PESSY ROOSTER

I'm not so sure a big green dinosaur is going to be much help in not being seen.

THERSAURUS

I've felt really invisible lately.

PESSY ROOSTER

(aside)
Great. A dinosaur with 'issues.'

THERSAURUS

I can hear those dramatic devices, remember?

PESSY ROOSTER

Right. Come on. I think they went this way.

PROJECTION:

THE DUNGEON AT THE PALACE

(DOTTORE TARANTULA and QUEEN BEE sneak into the palace through the Dungeon)

DOTTORE TARANTULA

My niece said this was the best way into the palace.
She works with the paparazzi.

QUEEN BEE

And onze we're in the palaze, how do you propose, we get ze crown?
Surely the Queen haz guardz all over the plaze.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Relax my honeybee.

QUEEN BEE

DO NOT! Call me, a honey bee.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

My apologies, my Queen.

QUEEN BEE

If I don't get that crown, you are going to get such a sting.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Patience, I've got the whole web weaved.

The Media is in a frenzy,

publicizing the Queen's alleged sexuality.

My niece has the Media Creatures spitting venom through the rumor mill.

We're entering through the dungeon.

We'll start from the bottom...

(they begin to climb in)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Dottore Tarantula! Is that you? Oh thank dogness. You've come to save me and get me out of this royal mess that you got me in.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Dogtor Rooster? Mess that I got you in?

QUEEN BEE

Was this dumb dog part of your brilliant plan too?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

No... but it can play into our hands quite well.

(to DOGTOR ROOSTER)

I'm so glad we found you!

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I am too. The Queen is gonna have my head.

She thinks I leaked the information about the DNGay test to the public.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Well. Technically. You did. You told me. My niece works in the Media.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Dottore Tarantula. You've got to get me out of here!

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

DOTTORE TARANTULA

No can do Rooster.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

What do you mean? You're here to save me.

(aside)

He's not here to save me, is he?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Yes.

I am.

But not yet!

Tell me. Where is the Queen right now?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

How should I know?

I'm trapped in the Dungeon.

Remember?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Don't get smart with me! We're here to save you.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

It's the least you can do after the mess you got me into.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

I'm not the one that lost the DNGay kit.

I can't help it that the Media got their hands on the results.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

(enters with SERVANTS 1 & 2)

Well... well... well.

Looks like we have some visitors.

An audience for the be-heading?

QUEEN BEE

A brilliant plan, huh?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Your Honour, Queen of Hertz.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

Who may I ask, are you? And what are you doing in my palace?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Dottore Tarantula, at your service. This is Nurse Bee.

Your servants here let us in.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

They did?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

It must have been her. I have never seen these two before.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

What business do you have in the palace?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

It seems there's been some terrible mix-up, with your test results.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

A mix-up.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Precisely. A mix-up.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

What kind of mix-up.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

That test that you took... was actually not a DNGay test.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

(to DOGTOR ROOSTER)

I knew you were a fraud!

Servants. Bring out the guillotine.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

You're not helping Tarantula!

DOTTORE TARANTULA

It was an honest mistake really! The test! It got mixed up-

DOGTOR ROOSTER

That's right! When I picked it up. It got mixed up-

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

Stop you're barking!

QUEEN BEE

It got mixed up with another test-

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

DOTTORE TARANTULA

And Dogtor Rooster here was not aware that the test that he actually picked up was...

QUEEN BEE

A pregnancy test.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

A pregnancy test?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

A pregnancy test?

QUEEN'S SERVANTS 1 & 2

A pregnancy test?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Is there an echo in here?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

We *are* in a dungeon.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

That means...

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

The Queen is pregnant.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3

Pregnant?

QUEEN BEE

Congratu-

(QUEEN OF HEARTZ 3 passes out and hits her head)

SOUND:

(all freeze; The 'Spitting Creatures of the Media' infest the space)

[SCENE TO BE WRITTEN]

SPITTING SPIDER, SPITTING KIMODO DRAGON,
SPITTING COBRA & POISON DART FROG

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

SOUND
&
PROJECTION:

LEVEL 3 COMPLETE: 20 Moments Achieved!
TOTAL MOMENTS: 60

MUM

What happens now? I don't get this.

DOCTOR

Level 3 complete! Level 4 was always when things really got wacky in this game.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1 & 2, and DOGTOR ROOSTER try to wake up the QUEEN.
QUEEN BEE tries on the crown.

NEECHY ROOSTER arrives at the palace and finds the pink dress.

THE PRINCEZZ goes to the doghouse.

The Spitting Creatures of The Media go wild.

PESSY convinces THERSAURUS to go in the opposite direction.

(BOY steps out of bathroom and sees MUM and DOCTOR playing his game; he is visibly angry, but decides to go back hiding in bathroom)

SOUND
&
PROJECTION:

LEVEL 4

The 4 Queens step onto the platform.

MUM

Let me pick the Queen.

MUM steps towards them, exploring her Queen options. After some consideration, she selects QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

PROJECTION:

THE DUNGEON AT THE PALACE

(QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1 is on the floor surrounded by DOTTORE TARANTULA,
DOGTOR ROOSTER, SERVANTS 1 & 2)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

That's going to be one painful bump on her head.

QUEEN BEE

This crown feelzzzzzzz so nice. Fitzzzzzzzz perfectly.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

You better take that off. That's royal property.

MUM

What happens if I hit this button. SPIDEY? Where'd you go?
(BOY peeks out of bathroom)

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(sits up)

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

She's up!
Your Highness. Are you okay?

QUEEN BEE

Juzzzzzzzt my luck.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

Am I Okay?
Where am I?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

What in the dog's hell is she saying?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

All Greek to me.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

(takes the crown from QUEEN BEE, and places it on the Queen)
Your Highness. You've had a long day. Maybe you should rest.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

Highness?
Who am I? Who are you?

DOGTOR ROOSTER

She's lost it, clearly.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

No. She is *actually* speaking Greek.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Anybody round here speak Greek?
No one.
Uncultured primitive people.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

What a strange place. Dogs and spiders... What bizarre world is this?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

We need a translator. Or a Greek-English dictionary.
Otherwise we're not going to be able to communicate with her. Let's split up.
You! Servant woman. Is there a library in this palace?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

In the West wing.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Go see if you can find a Greek dictionary.

(to DOGTOR ROOSTER)

You go to The Cob and see if you can find a Greek.
There's all sorts of Greeks hanging around that place.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

There's just one small problem.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Always a problem with you.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

I'm still tied up.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

Oh right.

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 2)

Untie him. You're going to stay here in the Dungeon with the Queen.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

(to QUEEN BEE)

My Queen, you're coming with me.

QUEEN BEE

What are you up to?

DOTTORE TARANTULA

You wanna be *the* Queen, don't you? It's time to take over the world-wide-web.

(they exit)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

(aside)

That spider's crazy if he thinks I'm going to The Cob to look for a Greek. I'm going home, packing my bags, getting the pups, and getting the heck out of this town.

(exits)

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

Why are you wearing that silly outfit?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Why am I wearing this silly outfit?

Because you make me, Your Honour.

(aside)

Little do they all know. I understand Greek. I just don't speak it well.

(in Greek:)

You. Are. The Queen.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

The Queen?

The Queen of What?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(in Greek:)

You're the Queen. Of Here.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

And who are you?

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QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(in Greek:)

I'm your servant.

(aside)

I'm just explaining to her that she's the Queen, and that I'm her servant.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

I don't want to be the Queen.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

(aside)

She says that, she doesn't want to be the Queen.

(in Greek:)

But then who would be Queen?

(aside)

I asked her who would be Queen if she wasn't.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(in Greek:)

How about you?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

ME?! Oh, I couldn't, I'm just a serv- Wait a minute.

(in Greek:)

Sure. Why not?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

(giving the crown to QUEEN'S SERVANT 2)

(in Greek:)

What should I do?

DOCTOR

What did you do? You hit multi-lingual function.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Can we stop with the Greek already? It's really doing my head in.
Speak English!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 1

Yes, your Honour.

How else may I be of service to you?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Go find the other servant, and tell her...
That the Queen has demoted her to dungeon duty.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

PROJECTION:

THE PRINCEZZ'S BEDROOM

(NEECHY is wearing the pink dress, shredded. PESSY sneaks in.)

PESSY ROOSTER

(aside)

That stupid dinosaur was slowing me down.
Finally convinced it that we should split up.

NEECHY ROOSTER

Pessy?! What in the dog are you doing in here?

PESSY ROOSTER

What are *you* doing here?

NEECHY ROOSTER

You followed me?

PESSY ROOSTER

Dad left me in charge.

NEECHY ROOSTER

No he didn't!
(they have a dogfight)

PROJECTION:

THE DOGHOUSE OF DOGTOR ROOSTER

(THE PRINCEZZ and THERSAURUS stare each other down)

THE PRINCEZZ

Don't eat me- I'm a friend of Neechy's.
(aside)
Neechy didn't mention he had a pet dinosaur.

THERSAURUS

I'm not going to eat you. I'm a herbivore
And I'm nobody's pet.

THE PRINCEZZ

You can hear that?
I guess life outside of the palace *is* different.

THERSAURUS

Pessy sent me here.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

THE PRINCEZZ

Neechy's bully sister?
If you're a friend of Pessy's-

THERSAURUS

Oppressor. Annoyer. Antagonizer. Bulldozer.
Ruffian.
I wouldn't exactly call her a friend.
An Acquaintance? Associate? Colleague? Contact-
Let's just say I met her in The Cob, by chance.

THE PRINCEZZ

And she sent you here, to her home?
(DOGTOR ROOSTER barges in)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Alright pups, gather your things, we're taking a walk.
A very long walk. No time to ex-
(noticing THERSAURUS and THE PRINCEZZ; aside)
Oh no.

THE PRINCEZZ

(aside)
Uh-oh.

THERSAURUS

Oh.
Ooops-a-daisy.
Sorry.

PROJECTION:
THE COB

DOTTORE TARANTULA, QUEEN BEE and The Spitting Creatures of the Media.

DOTTORE TARANTULA

WOOPS.

QUEEN BEE

WOOPZZZZZZZZZ....

SPITTING SPIDER

I hope I've done you proud uncle.

SPITTING COBRA

Oopsssssssssssss...

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

POISON DART FROG

Oops a Daisy!

KIMODO DRAGON

Ooops. A. Daisy.

Song:

THE GREAT MIX-UP!

MIXZZZZZZZZZ.....

TIME FOR A MIXDOWN

MIXSSSSSSSSS.....

MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

QUEEN IS PREGGERS.

OUT OF WEDLOCK!

QUEEN'S MYSTERY LOVER?

DOG DOCTOR NAMED ROOSTER?

OR

SOMEONE ELSSSSSSSSSSSE?

WHO...

WHO....

WHO...

CAN IT BE?

MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

QUEEN HITS HEAD.

MIXZZZZZZZZZ.....

QUEEN LOSES MEMORY.

MIXSSSSSSSSS.....

QUEEN LOSES MIND.

MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

SAMPLE AND SELECT

CUT AND SPLICE

SPIT, SPIT, SPIT

MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

QUEEN SPEAKS GREEK.

QUEEN DECLARES GREEK THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE!

QUEEN TRADES CROWN TO SERVANT FOR...

GREECE!

SEX!

FREEDOM!

MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

PRINCEZZ RUNZZ AWAY FROM PALAZZZZZZZZE

PRINCEZZ RUNZZ...

INTO A WALL

INTO A DITCH

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

MISSSSSSSSING PRINCESSSSSSSS
LAST SEEN WITH CROSSDRESSING DOG
MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

SAMPLE AND SELECT

MIX, MIX, MIX IT UP.

CUT AND SPLICE MIX IT UP.

SPIT, SPIT, SPIT MIX IT UP.

BOY

ARE YOU TWO FINISHED PLAYING WITH MY GAME?!

(Game interrupted. All freeze.)

MUM

JONATHAN?!

BOY

Don't 'JONATHAN' me, Mum! That game is the only place I get to have fun and be myself. I go to school, and they pick on me. The kids tease me. The teachers embarrass me. And you, you'd rather tend to your visitors, than be with me.

MUM

Jonathan. That's not true.

BOY

It's my truth.

DOCTOR

Maybe I should... take off.

MUM

I didn't know they teased you at school.

BOY

You never asked.

DOCTOR

This is clearly a mother-son moment.

MUM

Why on Earth would anyone tease you?

BOY

Lotsa stuff.

(aside)

They tease me about her.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

DOCTOR

I'm gonna take off.
(exits)

MUM

I'm so sorry.
I feel terrible.

BOY

That's why I couldn't tell you. I didn't want to make you feel terrible. I don't like feeling terrible. Why would I make someone else feel that way.

DOCTOR

(sneaking back in)
Sorry. I... forgot my- there it is. Okay, I'm gone.
Hey Jonathan, if you ever want to play Imbroglgio together.
(exits)

BOY

(aside)
Yeah. Right.
(to Mum)
Where do you meet these weirdos?

MUM

I'll explain when you get older.
Hey! You wanna teach me how to play this Imbroglgio game of yours.

BOY

Really?

SOUND

&

PROJECTION:

LEVEL 4 COMPLETE: 20 Moments Achieved!

TOTAL MOMENTS: 80

PROJECTION:

LEVEL 5

The 4 Queens step onto the platform. BOY steps towards them, exploring his Queen options. After some consideration, he selects QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4. He sits back down.

(QUEEN'S SERVANT 1 is scrubbing the floors. QUEEN'S SERVANT 2 is the Queen.)

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

PROJECTION:
THE PALACE

NEECHY ROOSTER

Yes mum?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Your coming out party is this weekend
I had a dress specially tailored for you.
(to QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4)
Bring the dress. Servant.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Yes, your Honour.
(exits and re-enters with a pink dress)

NEECHY ROOSTER

I love dresses!

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

I know you do!
(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 1)
You may need to adjust the straps.
After you finish scrubbing the floor.
(to THE PRINCEZZ, smiling)
Now look at that!
Isn't it beautiful?

NEECHY ROOSTER

It's so pink.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Pink is the new black.

NEECHY ROOSTER

I love pink.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

That's what I thought.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

(enters abruptly)
Your honor!

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

EXCUSE YOU.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Excuse me?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Excuse you is right.
Just walking into the room?
Unannounced?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Tsk. Tsk.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Shut it, you. You're no better.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

My apologies, your Honour.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Your Honour, what?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Your Honour, Queen of Diamondz.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Your D's still need more work.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

I know your Honour.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Are you practicing?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Every day your Honour.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Practice harDer.
Now. Out you go!
And this time, announce yourself.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

(exits)

Servant to Her Honour, Queen of Diamondz.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

That's better.
Enter.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

(enters)

Your Honour.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

What brings you, my dear?

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

There's a Bee and a Spider here to see you.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

Nonsense. What nonsense are you speaking girl.

The Spitting Creatures barge in:

POISON DART FROG

NONSENSE!

SPITTING COBRA

GOOD NONSENSSSSSSSSSEEE...

KIMODO DRAGON

THE BEST KIND OF NONSENSE!

SPITTING SPIDER

NEWSSENSE!

DOTTORE TARANTULA

YOUR HONOR, QUEEN OF HEARTZ-

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

IT'S DIAMONDZ! And what are you freaks doing in my palace?

QUEEN BEE

You mean my Palace.

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

EXCUSE ME?

QUEEN BEE

No. Excuse you.

This is a sting.

You're being de-throned. Get her!

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

(The Spitting Creatures seize the Queen in an attempt to get the throne. All hell breaks loose. In the mayhem, DOGTOR ROOSTER, THE PRINCEZZ and THERSAURUS re-enter the palace.)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Oh pups! It's too late. Everything's gone amok!

(Pause: all freeze)

BOY

My game is totally messed up! What did you two do?

(BOY steps in and taps THERSAURUS)

THERSAURUS

Berserk! Batty! Bonkers! Screwball!

Confused. Cracked. Chaotic.

Erratic.

In a Mess.

In Pieces.

Insane.

Out of order. Out of whack. Out to lunch.

(BOY taps THE PRINCEZZ)

THE PRINCEZZ

I've got an idea!

(BOY returns to computer, and THE PRINCEZZ goes to QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4)

Mom? It's me. I have something to tell you.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Mom?

I'm your Mom. That's right. You're The Princezz and I'm your Mom.

THE PRINCEZZ

Mom, if you would just listen to me, I have something really important-

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Where is my crown? What the heck is going on? What is that, bee, doing with my crown. This place is a mess!

(goes to QUEEN BEE and takes back crown)

QUEEN BEE

Thatzzzzzzzz my crown!

THE PRINCEZZ

MOM!

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Just a second dear. SERVANTS! Remove this Bee.
(QUEEN'S SERVANT 1 unfreezes)

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Yes your honor!. Oh, it's so good to have you back.

THE PRINCEZZ

MOM!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Just a second dear.
(to SERVANT 2, who is still frozen)
SERVANT 2! Did you not hear me?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 2

No Bee is going to threaten the Queen of Diamondz!

THE PRINCEZZ

MOM!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Just a second dear! Queen of Diamondz?! Have you gone batty?

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Your Cinderella fairytale is over.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Alright you two, get these... creatures out of my palace.
You've got a major fumigation to do.
(SERVANTS 1 & 2 begin to push The Creatures, Dottore Tarantula and Queen Bee out of the palace)

Now, what was it you wanted to tell me, dear.
(DOGTOR ROOSTER goes to PESSY and NEECHY and unfreezes them; they begin dogfighting)

DOGTOR ROOSTER

Alright, you pups. We're going home.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Servants! Get these filthy muts out of my palace.

DOGTOR ROOSTER

These filthy muts are my children, your Honor, Queen of Fartz.
And we were just leaving.

I'll send the bill for my services in the mail.
(The Roosters begin to leave)

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

THE PRINCEZZ

By Neechy.
I'll see you tomorrow?

NEECHY

Of course. Wouldn't miss it for the world.
I can still borrow that pink dress right.

THE PRINCEZZ

Yup!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

You know the dogtor's son?

THE PRINCEZZ

Yup. He's going to be my date for my coming out party tomorrow.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

Your date...? The dogtor's son...?

THE PRINCEZZ

I knew you'd be thrilled. Later Momz. I've got places to be.

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

What were you going to tell me?

THE PRINCEZZ

Oh, nevermind.

(aside)

I'll wait until the coming out party to tell her.

(exits)

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

(to QUEEN'S SERVANT 2)

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?!

Get out of my face.

(QUEEN'S SERVANT 2 exits)

QUEEN'S SERVANT 1

Tsk, tsk!

QUEEN OF HEARTZ 4

You get out of my face as well.

You're worse than her, with your brown nose.

(QUEEN'S SERVANT 1 exits in shame; QUEEN OF HEARTZ all alone; and
THERSAURUS; all characters appear looking over the lonely Queen)

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

SOUND
&
PROJECTION:

LEVEL 5 COMPLETE: 19 Moments Achieved!
TOTAL MOMENTS: 99

BOY

Ninety-nine. Oh well.

MUM

What?! That's it.

BOY

That's my highest score. It's really hard to get one hundred.

MUM

That's preposterous! What happens when you get one hundred?

BOY

I dunno. Never happened. Guess I'd stop playing it over and over.

MUM

That's torture! Nothing happens?

BOY

I don't know. Maybe you get to have a dance at the end or something.
It's just a game, Mum.
A fun kind of...

THERSAURUS

Escapism.

BOY

Evasion. Elusion. Flight.
Delay. Departure. Dodge.
Recoil. Retreat.
Restraint. Recession. Prevention.
Run-Around. Shirking. Shunning.
Steering Clear of...
Absention.

(a pause)

Extinction.

IMBROGLIO
Or, 100 moments of beauty

THERSAURUS

Elimination.
Annihilation.
Destruction.
End of life.
No life.
Death.
Obsolescence.
A Thing, of the Past.
(slow fade to black)

Curtain Calls:

DOTTORE TARANTULA & QUEEN BEE
SPITTING CREATURES
THE ROOSTER FAMILY
THE SERVANTS + THE PRINCEZZ
THE 4 QUEENS
THERSAURUS, BOY + MUM

SOUND

&

PROJECTION:

BONUS ROUND: 1 Moment Achieved!
TOTAL MOMENTS: 100!
GET UP AND DANCE

Song: