

Diminished 'Magic Flute' ~ script sample

GUIDE 2: Enter Tamino and Papageno. 'Assignment One,' says the Priest.

GUIDE 3: And here we have that famous operatic device, Ladies and Gentlemen ~The Pointless Complication leading to Misunderstanding and Heartbreak.

GUIDE 2: 'You must be silent,' says the Priest, 'all the time. Not a word to anyone, or you've lost her.' Exeunt Priests.

Exeunt Priests. Enter Queen of the Night and 3 Ladies

[CONTD]: Enter Queen of the Night and her Ladies.

QUEEN: Give up your foolish quest. You can never win; but you know that, don't you? *[They nod]* You'd rather have me for a friend than an enemy, wouldn't you? *[They nod]* So trust me, I'm a queen. You do trust me, don't you? *[They shake their heads vigorously]* But.....Oh, this is impossible!

GUIDE 3: Queen and Ladies out; Priests back in.

Exeunt Queen and Ladies. Enter Priests

GUIDE 2: Well done, chaps. First test passed with flying colours.

GUIDE 3: All out. Scene 3. A garden.

*Exeunt all except Guides.
Enter Pamina who falls asleep. Enter Monostatos.*

GUIDE 2: Pamina is asleep, but not for long. Here comes Mr Hopeful again.

MONOSTATOS: There she is. Cor!

PAMINA: *[waking]* No! No!



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