

**BAKER'S WIFE**

I need it to have a child!

**CINDERELLA**

*(Through clenched teeth)*

And I need it to get out of here!

*(CINDERELLA wins the battle over the shoe, and desperately runs*

*OFFSTAGE; BAKER'S WIFE is embarrassed by her own behavior. SHE straightens herself up as CINDERELLA'S PRINCE with STEWARD bound ONSTAGE, only to curtsy deeply again)*

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

Where did she go?

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Who?

**STEWARD**

Don't play the fool, woman!

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Oh! You mean the beautiful young maiden in the ball gown? She went in that direction. I was trying to hold her here for you...

**CINDERELLA'S PRINCE**

I can capture my own damsel, thank you.

*(Begins to go OFFSTAGE towards CINDERELLA)*

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Yes, sir.

*(CINDERELLA'S PRINCE and STEWARD dash OFFSTAGE. We hear FLORINDA, LUCINDA and STEPMOTHER. THEY ENTER, first looking behind them, then looking towards CINDERELLA'S PRINCE)*

**STPMOTHER**

*(To BAKER'S WIFE)*

Where did he go?

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Who?

**LUCINDA**

The Prince, of course!

**FLORINDA**

Yes!

**BAKER'S WIFE**

That direction. But you'll never reach them!

**FLORINDA**

We would have if that mongrel with the cow hadn't molested us.

**BAKER'S WIFE**

Cow?

*(FLORINDA and LUCINDA giggle. BAKER runs ONSTAGE with MILKY-WHITE. THEY are both out of breath)*

**BAKER**

*(To STEPMOTHER, FLORINDA and LUCINDA, holding up an ear of corn)*

Please, let me just compare this color with that of your own.

*(Stepsisters chortle)*

**LUCINDA, FLORINDA**

He wants to compare our hair to corn!

**STEPMOTHER, LUCINDA, FLORINDA**

Ah! Ah! Ah! Ha, ha, ha.

**STEPMOTHER**

Over there!

*(THEY exit laughing hysterically. There is a long moment of SILENCE. BAKER'S WIFE and BAKER stare at one another)*

**BAKER**

*(Dejected)*

I thought you were returning home.

*(Angry)*

I've had no luck.

**BAKER'S WIFE**

You've the cow!

**BAKER**

Yes. I've the cow. I've only two of the four.

*(MILKY-WHITE continues to breathe heavily)*

**BAKER'S WIFE**

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