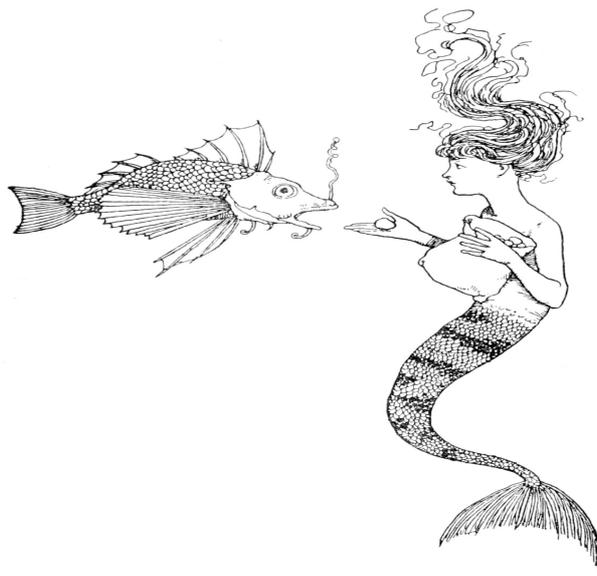


MY LITTLE MERMAID

a skit on The Little Mermaid



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CAST: Ariel
 Prince Error
 King Try-Again
 Umbrella
 Sarcastic
 Fillet
 Narrator

PROPS: Dress w/Velcro tail, white tunic & red sash, crown & robe, giant claws, ship's wheel, umbrella w/streamers dangling, cardboard fish

NARRATOR: Once upon a time 20,000 leagues under the sea, there lived a family of merpeople.

ARIAL: Hi, I'm Ariel. Not to be confused with the computer font. *[pause]* I'm just a normal 16-year-old. Well, except for the tail. *[lifts tail and lets it flop back down]* To be honest, I'm tired of being a mermaid. I want to be human, marry a prince, and live happily ever after.

KING: Never! As your father, King Try-Again, I forbid you to associate with humans.

SARCASTIC: That might be difficult, Your Majesty. They're the ones doing this skit.

KING: *[clears throat]* Yes, of course. I knew that. *[to Ariel]* As for you, young lady, try to stay out of trouble. *[pause]* If that's possible.

[King exits stage and Prince staggers in carrying ship's wheel and shaking his head]

PRINCE: Can't believe I survived that awful storm. But...where am I? And who are you?

ARIAL: I'm Ariel. You must be Prince Error *[pause]*. The guy I plan to marry.

PRINCE: Woah! Hold on there, missy. We just met 5 seconds ago. Besides, I'm human and you're a mermaid. Or haven't you noticed? *[pause]* Anyhow, it's been nice but I've really gotta run.

[Prince exits stage. Fillet and Umbrella enter.]

ARIAL: Fillet, my friend! How can I get the prince to fall for me when I don't have a leg to stand on?

FILLET: Wait, what? I thought humans had TWO legs.

UMBRELLA: I can fix that, Dearie. I'm Umbrella the evil, uh, friendly sea hag and I can give you as many legs as you want. You can even have eight like me!

FILLET: Sounds fishy to me. Don't listen to her.

SARCASTIC: You know what your father said, Ariel.

(Fillet and Sarcastic exit stage)

UMBRELLA: Never mind them. I'll make you human for 3 days. If you fail to win your prince by then, you become mine, ALL MINE. By the way, I need payment up front. Will that be cash, check or, voicebox?

ARIAL: Well, I don't have cash or checks so I guess I'll give you my voice. When does this transaction *[mouths the words "go into effect" but no sound comes out. Holds neck looking alarmed]*

UMBRELLA: Immediately. Works even faster than Paypal. *[cackles as she exits stage.]*

NARRATOR: So Ariel became human and somehow managed to swim four and a half miles to the surface without drowning.

KING: PLOT HOLE!

NARRATOR: *[frowning]* Everyone's a critic. *[pause]* At any rate, Ariel emerged from the water completely dry and already dressed despite a serious lack of clothing stores at the bottom of the sea.

PRINCE: Ariel, you've got legs! Let's announce our relationship on Facebook.

[Ariel smiles, nodding her head up and down]

NARRATOR: Soon they updated their status to "It's complicated." *[pause]* Complicated, indeed, for Umbrella the sea hag turned herself into a beautiful woman, whom the prince planned to marry -- at least till she showed her true colors. Prince Error sounds rather fickle if you ask me.

PRINCE: *[gives Narrator an annoyed look]* No one asked you.

NARRATOR: *[Sticks tongue out at Prince]* Meanwhile, Ariel got her voice back.