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Dramatis Personnae

PRINCE HANDSOMELY NORBERT PRINCESS MARIGOLD LION MOUSE DUCK DRAGON MAIDEN #1 MAIDEN #2 MAIDEN #3

Handsomely To The Rescue

A Family Musical in One Act

MUSIC CUE #1 - "ENTER THE PRINCE!"

(PRINCE HANDSOMELY comes out walking and looking at himself in a hand mirror. He stops and notices the audience.)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (with English accent) Oh, hello there! Fancy I should run upon you! Hmmmmm...... my! What a handsome looking group you are! (pause as he looks admiringly at the audience) Oh! I dear say! Excuse me...... I am Prince Handsomely. (Smiles and overexaggerated bow. Stands up and poses one way, then another.) And I am on a great quest! (stops) Oh wait a minute, please. (runs over to rock/platform and jumps onto it. Pulls sword out and poses.) (clearing throat, takes a deep breath and says loudly:) I am on a grirrirreat quest! I am searching the countryside for a maiden, fair and true, who needs to be rescued! (stops and jumps off. Goes towards the audience.) Um, you haven't seen any fair, true, helpless maidens lately have you? No? (puts sword back in holder) Well, no worries. I am strong, and brave.....and VERY handsome, yes?... and determined that I shall seek high and low until I find my maiden in distress!

(NORBERT, with a funny hat and glasses, comes out with a large map in a jumble.)

NORBERT: Prince Handsomely..... we really have been traveling for quite some time. What do you say we just go back to that last village and take a break for a little while? Hhmmm?

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Norbert, my dear faithful companion. My quest! My mission! My honor! How can you rest knowing that there is some helpless, fragile, beautiful maiden in distress out there who needs me? How dare you keep her from the chance to bask in the glory of all that is..... Prince Handsomely?

NORBERT: Sir..... perhaps... (NORBERT walks in front of Prince Handsomely and obscures his view from the audience)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (through a tense smile and locked teeth) You're upstaging me again....

(NORBERT jumps and moves to the side of Prince Handsomely)

NORBERT: Oh! So sorry your highness. What I mean to say is.. I know how very important your beauty sleep is to you..... and that last village had such an inviting inn.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Yes, yes, that is tempting, but I heard rumors from my princess cousin that they put peas and perhaps other vegetables in between the mattresses there for a practical joke. She said it was quite uncomfortable.

NORBERT: Oh..... yes.... that is strange. I certainly wouldn't like it if someone pea'd my bed! However, at the village before that I saw an advertisement for an inn with this new sleep number bed, where you could be a 25 and I could be a 7 and even if you roll around I wouldn't even feel it! Hear say that a young fellow named Rip Van Winkle was going to be the first person to test it out.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Norbert! You need to stay focused my good friend! What is important here?! (Shaking his head, he suddenly reaches up and pats his hair) Oh! Oh my.... how's my hair?

NORBERT: Um..... well.... let's see.. (licks his finger and smooths a curl on PRINCE HANDSOMELY's head) There. Very handsome sir.

(Trio of maidens enters giggling)

MAIDEN #1: Oh! Look! There he is!

MAIDEN #2: It's really him! It's the prince!

MAIDEN #3: *screams* Oh my goodness! I...I... (she faints and the other girls catch her.)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Ladies. (bows)

(All three MAIDENS run to him and fawn over him.)

NORBERT: All right now, back it on up. Let's give the Prince some room. (They ignore him.) Ladies! ... PERSONAL SPACE! (NORBERT physically removes them from the Prince.)

MAIDEN #2: Is it true you are on a quest to find your princess?

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Why, yes! I am on a mission to rescue a fair, helpless maiden and make her my wife!

MAIDEN #1: I'M FAIR!

MAIDEN #3: I'M HELPLESS!

MAIDEN #2: No you're not! I'm the one who needs rescuing! (Looks around, grabs NORBERTS hand and puts in on her arm.) See? I'm being held prisoner by this horrible person! Save me Prince Handsomely!

NORBERT: What? NO! (He removes his hand from her arm and pushes her away.)

(ALL THREE MAIDENS start bickering, pushing and fighting.)

NORBERT: LADIES! Please, you must calm down. Clearly you are all quite capable. We must respect the Prince and let him resume his mission.

(THE MAIDENS stop bickering and pout.)

NORBERT: (to Handsomely) Geesh. Groupies. Get on my nerves.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (Pulls out mirror and looks at himself admiringly.) I find them slightly entertaining. Well now Norbert, make yourself useful!

NORBERT: Um, yes.... well according to my latest calculations, we should be getting near the castle of Princess Marigold soon. (Sticks finger in mouth and pulls it out, testing wind.) I'd say, maybe three, or four more miles in this direction.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Oh! (embraces NORBERT in hug. NORBERT gasps for air) My dear Norbert. (bites fist almost in tears) I have such a feeling about this one! I think this may be the girl I am searching for!

NORBERT: Okay then....(breaking away from grasp).. shall we be on our way?

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (laughs) Of course, my dear Norbert. But first! I must SING!

(NORBERT rolls eyes, shakes head, throws up his hands and goes and finds a seat. Rests with head in hands.)

NORBERT: Of course, you must.

MUSIC CUE #2 - "THE GREAT PRINCE HANDSOMELY"

(Handsomely sings with MAIDENS singing back up)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY:

OH! (struggling to find his starting pitch)
I am so princely and so rich;
There's few like me, I fill a niche.
So handsome, tall and oh so cute,
I'm beautiful from head to boot.
I rescue maidens far and wide,
So strong I take it all in stride.
When faced with mountains tall and steep,
I just run fast and take a leap.

MAIDENS:

He is the great Prince Handsomely, Watch him walk so gracefully! Listen now, you'll understand, He is the greatest in all the land.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY:

When I confront beasts who are mad, I use a sword; gift from my dad. At raging rivers, waterfalls They're no big deal, I conquer all. Maidens in towers, locked on high, I scale the walls, easy as pie. With dragons, trolls and moats galore, I sort of find them all a bore.

MAIDENS:

He is the great Prince Handsomely, Watch him talk so gracefully! Listen now, you'll understand, He is the greatest in all the land.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY:

Maidens helpless and so fair
With delicate features and beautiful hair.
Weak and timid, oh so shy
They clearly need help, and I'm just the guy!
I save them and make them swoon,
It's easy as singing this masculine tune!
They all love me, I don't mind.
I mean, after all, I am one of a kind!

MAIDENS:

He is the great Prince Handsomely, Watch him stalk so gracefully! Listen now, you'll understand, He is the greatest in all the land.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY:

I'm such a hottie, don't you know?
Skilled to the max, from head to toe.
A supermodel, rockstar guyThe rarest royal, that is I!
I swiftly sweep them off their feet,
My hair alone is such a treat!

And if my face can't make the cut,
Just wait until they see my
(PRINCE HANDSOMELY turns and faces back)

NORBERT: WHOA! Hey now! (turns PRINCE HANDSOMELY back around scolding)

MAIDENS:

He is the great Prince Handsomely, Watch him gawk so gracefully! Listen now, you'll understand, He is the greatest in all the land.

NORBERT: Are you finished now, sir?

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Yes, yes, I believe so. Well, quit your dilly-dallying Norbert! What are you waiting for? My maiden awaits! (Takes out sword and charges on. PRINCE HANDSOMELY goes in the wrong direction. NORBERT points in the other direction. MAIDENS #1 and #3 follow Handsomely. MAIDEN #2 stays and sits down to listen to Norbert.)

NORBERT: But, sir....sir! You're going the wrong way! (*Turns and sees MAIDEN #2*) When I responded to that ad for a personal assistant a few years ago... the one that said I must have some experience applying hair conditioner and doing manicures.... I really thought I was going to be working for some diva Hollywood superstar. Boy, was I surprised! Not that I'm complaining! Prince Handsomely has been good to me. Along with the gig I get a free membership to the wholesale store. So worth it! Now I can purchase my tunics in bulk at wholesale prices! He likes to spend a great deal of time just looking in the mirror and that provides me with some down time to work on my poetry. Would you like to hear some? Okay....

MUSIC CUE #3 - "THE SERVANT'S SOLILOQUY"

I am a servant to the prince But when he talks it makes me wince. He's demanding and he's vain Serving him can be a pain.

He's on a mission that is true.
Just what that is, I have no clue.
To find a princess, win a war?
Once he's done that
What's it for?.

We journey long, we journey far.

If it were up to me we'd take the car. I press his clothes, I style his hair Regarding me he has no care.

Chorus:

OH! Being helpful, being nice
OH1 Giving in just once or twice
A companion I will always be
Wishing I could just be me

The Prince is bossy that's for sure His lousy jokes I must endure Help him answer his fan mail While he tans so he's not pale

He's popular and oh, so cool A mighty kingdom, he will rule. Find a princess for his bride She'll be gorgeous by his side.

I Follow him, I must obey
I jump at each demand and never stray
I am devoted and so true
Despite the fact his thoughts are few

Chorus:

OH! Being helpful, being nice
OH! Giving in just once or twice
A companion I will always be
Wishing I could just be me

He is so handsome and so rich And when he sings, he's right on pitch I tote his bags, answer his phone, He eats ice cream? I hold the cone.

I'm a person with my own desires, Hope's in me, like burning fires. My own destiny I wish to fill To be guided by my own free will!

I'm just a servant, still I dream.

Someday I'll manage my own team!

My name is Norbert, and each day

The Prince...-The Prince! He's going the wrong way! (NORBERT gathers things and runs after.) SIR! SIR!

(MAIDEN #2 looks left, then right, shrugs shoulders and follows)

(PRINCESS MARIGOLD enters. She is accompanied by her friends: LION. MOUSE & DUCK.) PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Well, Lion, Mouse, Duck, what shall we do today? Want to climb the highest mountain again?

LION: No way! It makes my head dizzy. And that guru guy at the top thinks he's a know-it-all. Gets on my nerves.

MOUSE: I like the mountain! We climbed it five times just last Tuesday!

DUCK: Quack!

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Yes, yes. That is getting old. Hhmm..... How about we take a walk through the dark and scary enchanted forest and search for fairies?

LION: Again? Didn't we just do that?

MOUSE: Not a good idea. The fairies are hosting the annual fairy convention in our forest this year. We can't disturb them. I hear the topic of this year's convention is "Recycling: The Many Ways to Repurpose Fairy Dust".

DUCK: Quack.

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Yeah, we better not disturb them. We do have such a good time playing in the enchanted forest though, don't we?

LION: Raaawwwrrr! Yes! It's always a great time. Except I think I still have a bruise from the other day when the talking trees threw an apple at me. Thank goodness that goodie-two-shoes with the sparkly slippers and funny looking little dog came along and distracted them so that we could get away.

MOUSE: What's with her anyway? She keeps saying that she wants to go home. Someone needs to tell her that she's had the power all along.

DUCK: Quack, quack?

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Yes, hopefully she'll figure that out. Oh Lion, Mouse and Duck! How I do want a new adventure! Don't you? I just hate being stuck in that castle all day. Everyone there is so..... so....... boring! I like excitement!

LION: Excitement is my middle name Princess Marigold! (taking a bold stance) There is nothing I am afraid of! Nothing that can intimidate me! Nothing (looks down at ground and shrieks) EEEK! A spider! (Jumps into PRINCESS MARIGOLD's arms and sucks thumb like a baby)

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Lion! (Putting LION down) Get a hold of yourself! (MOUSE shoos the imaginary spider off stage) There, it's gone. (LION still cowers and clings to MARIGOLD) At Happily Ever After Academy my teacher taught us about famous adventurers. Like..... Jack and Jill! Wow! They would have had great fun on that hill if Jack hadn't been so clumsy! Good think Jill had brought along her first aid kit.

MOUSE: Yeah, I've heard of them. I guess that's kind of exciting.

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: And Hansel and Gretel! They were so brave. Finding their way back home through the forest and finding a house made of treats! Thank goodness Gretel was smart enough to get them out of being eaten by that witch.

MOUSE: I hope Hansel appreciates having such a smart sister!

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: There were so many other books about great adventures too. Hey......Perhaps one day someone will write a book about us!

LION: (roars and does a happy dance) A book! Wouldn't that be something!

DUCK: Quack! Quack! Quack! Quack!

MOUSE: (interrupting DUCK) Take it easy Ducky!

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: hhhmmmm..... I wonder what it would be called? Perhaps "Marigold the Brave!" or..... "Marigold, Mouse, Lion and Duck's Greatest Adventures!"

MOUSE: Ooooohhhh! Maybe they would even make it into a movie! (dreamily) Hollywood here we come!

LION: ROAR! Now you're talking! I can just see it now...in big lights! (Music Cue 4 starts here, vamping) LION! Played by...(Insert popular Star Name Here)! (sings song by star while MARIGOLD and MOUSE laugh) Wait, wait, I can do better. LION...played by (Insert another star name here)! (Breaks into song while MARIGOLD and MOUSE laugh) What? You don't think they have enough star power to play me? Ok, ok, I got it...LION...played by (Insert another star name here)! (again sings some song while MARIGOLD and MOUSE crack up). What? Why are you still laughing?

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: What? Oh, of course Lion. I'm sure that they would. (MOUSE and

MUSIC CUE #4: "HOLLYWOOD, HERE WE COME!"

LION:

I can see us now; our name in lights
High up on a billboard for all to see!
The red carpet rolled out for us to strut our stuff,
Fancy clothes and paparazzi!

MOUSE:

Making our way through the crowd Signing autographs for all our fans Feeling like superstars Waving with our cupped hands!

LION & MOUSE:

Famous, famous, oh so famous Money and fun we won't lack Everyone will want to know us But we won't give a ...

DUCK: QUACK!

MARIGOLD:

Contracts, agents, obligations, Busy schedules and late nights Working hard until we fall down Sweating under hot lights

All/Chorus (except DUCK):
Super stars we are destined to be
We should be famous next to none
Our talent will amaze the world
Hollywood here we come!

LION:

Contract riders, dressing rooms and free food Lots of free stuff! Gift bags, designer clothes Chauffeurs, P.A.s and agents at our beck and call Fawning over us from head to toes!

MOUSE:

We'll be filming everywhere
Traveling the world from near to far
Having the greatest life
Big yachts and fancy cars!

LION & MOUSE:

Servants and maids must be quick We won't cut them any slack Our needs will be so very posh If they're not quick, we'll say...

DUCK: QUACK!

MARIGOLD:

Late, late nights and interviews, we'll Never have a moment's rest Lawyers, contracts, reading scripts Sleeping on a plane, at best.

All/Chorus (except DUCK):
Super stars we are destined to be
We should be famous next to none
Our talent will amaze the world
Hollywood here we come!

LION:

Being stars of stage and screen MARIGOLD:
Obligated beyond our will MOUSE:
Seems a bit overwhelming MARIGOLD:

Perhaps we don't need top bill

LION:

Hollywood, maybe, not yet, Adventures can be found right here.

MOUSE:

There is more fun to be had With much enthusiasm and no fear!

MARIGOLD:

There are many mountains still to climb And so many caves to explore

LION:

There are oceans yet to swim And that is not a bore!

MOUSE:

Really, we need time to just relax Sit awhile and enjoy a snack

DUCK:

Quack, quack, quack, quack Quack, quack, quack, QUACK!

All (except DUCK):

Super stars we are destined to be We should be famous... some future date Our talent will amaze the world Hollywood, well, we can wait!

LION: So, this talking and singing stuff has been fun and all, but we still haven't decided what exciting, adventurous thing we are going to do today! And my tummy is starting to growl.

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Wha? Oh yeah..... what to do, what to do. Oh! Want to jump the rocks over Crocodile River?

DUCK: (excited and nodding) Quack!

LION and MOUSE: Puh – lease! Boooooring!

DUCK: (disappointed) Quack.

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: How about trying to tame the dragon?

(DUCK gets excited and about to "quack" but MOUSE puts hand over DUCK's mouth)

LION and MOUSE: Double booooring!

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Well, then what do you want to do? I'm out of ideas!

MOUSE: I know what we can do! (MOUSE whispers to LION and they sneak up and get into a tickle fight with MARIGOLD as DUCK runs around flapping wings and "quacking".)

LION and MOUSE: Tickle Fight! Tickle, tickle, tickle!

(PRINCE HANDSOMELY comes on stage ready to defend)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (gasps) Do not fear, fair maiden! Prince Handsomely is here to save you! (He tries to pull out his sword but it is stuck. He spins around trying to pull it out and ends up facing the wrong way.)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Well, now, I could have sworn I saw a beautiful maiden being attacked by a lion...

(NORBERT turns him back around)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Ah, yes!

(PRINCE HANDSOMELY goes charging with sword out ready to kill LION.)
(PRINCESS MARIGOLD, MOUSE, LION and DUCK stop and PRINCESS MARIGOLD puts herself over LION.)

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: No, No! Stop! What are you doing?!

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (confused) I – I – I am rescuing you, beautiful, helpless maiden! I will save you from this ferocious lion!

LION: Ferocious?

MOUSE: (offended) Hey! What about me? What am I? Chopped Liver?

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (patting MOUSE on head) Oh, aren't you a cute little thing? (boops MOUSE on nose) Boop!

MOUSE: (to DUCK) Well, that's just humiliating.

DUCK: Quack. (also boops MOUSE on nose)

MOUSE: Why I oughta..... (makes fist at DUCK. DUCK sticks out tongue)

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Rescue ME? Are you serious? I do not need rescuing, sir. I am just fine, I assure you.

(The lion moves away, and hides behind MOUSE and DUCK.)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Oh, you must be confused and not right in the head from that terrible lion attack! Here, let me help you up..... miss....... miss.......

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Marigold. (She gets up without taking his hand.)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (singing) Mar-i-gold! Ahhh... how beautiful!

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: (to audience) Is this guy for real?

NORBERT: I'm afraid he is.

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: And you are?

NORBERT: Oh, sorry, um..... Well, this is Prince Handsomely.... (PRINCE HANDSOMELY clears his throat and stares at NORBERT) oh, yes, YOUR HERO, Prince Handsomely, and I am his faithful companion Norbert.

(MAIDENS come running on - first one stops abruptly and two behind collide with her.)

MAIDEN #1: Yoo-hoo! Prince Handsomely! You should choose me! Clearly I'm the prettiest. (she smiles to reveal missing teeth)

MAIDEN #2: But I'm the one with all of the talent. Watch this! I can burp my ABC's while patting my head, rubbing my belly and jumping on one foot! (she demonstrates)

MAIDEN #3: Ha! Sisters, you can't even compete with me. I'm the smartest. I'm fluent in all twelve of the Elfish languages. I have a full ride scholarship to the University of Far, Far, Away and I was recently published in the Journal of Scientific Fairy Tales.

(The three maidens start bickering and fighting. NORBERT pushes their gathering over to the side.)

NORBERT: Ladies, please stay back and do try to control yourselves!

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Beautiful, fair, helpless Marybeth...

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: That's MARIGOLD.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Huh? Margorie?

LION/MOUSE/NORBERT: MARIGOLD!

DUCK: (face palm) Quack.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (singing) Mar-i-gold! How beautiful! Now that I have rescued you from that terrible lion, I shall see to it that you are completely protected from now on! Fear no more, for Prince Handsomely is here! (strikes a pose... DUCK imitates pose and MOUSE makes him stop.)

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Oh, I get it. *(mockingly)* Prince Handsomely.... how can I ever thank you for rescuing poor, helpless, little me?!

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (proud) Just doing what comes natural!

MOUSE: (Whisper to MARIGOLD) You want I should take care of him?

DUCK: (nodding) Quack!

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: No, thank you. I can handle this.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Now, my faithful Norbert, prepare the way and let all know of my heroic efforts!

(During this time NORBERT started to scratch LION behind the ear in which LION responds by thumping his foot loudly)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: NORBERT!

NORBERT: Oh, of course! (he jumps up and begins taking notes) ummm.... .yes... and would you like trumpets before the royal announcements, or perhaps bagpipes, or even doves this time?

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: No, Norbert, I want something more..... manly.

NORBERT: Manly?

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Yes! MANLY Norbert! You know... (PRINCE HANDSOMELY demonstrates by flexing muscles and doing a push up. LION claps and DUCK flaps wings and "quacks" and MOUSE makes them stop. The MAIDENS cheer and clap.)

NORBERT: Yes, yes, of course, manly. Hmmmm..... Oh! I've got it! BUBBLES!

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: *(jumps up and down, clapping hands and squeals)* Oh! Yes! Bubbles! I LOVE bubbles so much!

(PRINCE HANDSOMELY and NORBERT do some discussing about the details of the announcement ceremony)

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: I see...

MUSIC CUE #5: NEED TO BE SAVED

PRINCESS MARIGOLD:

I am but a helpless maiden Weak and fragile and so shy I can't even make decisions Clearly I need help from this guy.

There are no thoughts in my head My hands so delicate they sit in my lap Unable to speak for myself Clearly I need help from this chap.

Looking pretty I bat my lashes Keeping cool I use a fan Unable to defend myself Clearly I need help from this man.

MARIGOLD/LION/MOUSE:

She is the Princess Marigold Capable, strong and brave She goes on wild adventures She does not need to be saved!

LION:

Hunting game and going fishing Bringing meals for all to eat. Reading books and doing math, well, Clearly she is strong, and quite neat!

MOUSE:

Taking the helm of the ship Laughing aloud while she rides on the wave Even pirates stand agog in awe Clearly she is so very brave

NORBERT:

Saving maidens is his forte Catching them if they should fall This maiden does not need his aid Clearly she is exceptional!

MARIGOLD/LION/MOUSE/NORBERT:

She is the Princess Marigold Capable, strong and true She goes on wild adventures She does not need to be saved!

(minus NORBERT)
Especially by the likes of you.

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: (sitting down on rock listening to the song, when it is finished he starts clapping and stands up) Beautiful! A voice like an angel, don't you agree Norbert?

NORBERT: Yes, very much..... an angel.

MAIDEN #2: An angel? You want an angel? I can be an angel!

MAIDEN #3: You? An angel? Ha! More like a clown!

MAIDEN #1: Well, I'm beautiful enough to be mistaken for an angel.

MAIDEN #3: Yeah...right. I think maybe you two are delusional.

MAIDEN #1 & #2: Huh?

MAIDEN #3: (shaking head) How we share the same DNA just amazes me.

(PRINCE HANDSOMELY gently pushes them aside)

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Now, Princess Meredith.....

LION/MOUSE/NORBERT: MARIGOLD!

PRINCE HANDSOMELY: Mar-i-gold! How beautiful! Princess Marigold, I know that you may be a bit overwhelmed in my presence.... don't be embarrassed, most ladies are..... however you must be careful not to run around like that, you might hurt yourself.

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: Hurt myself? Oh, boy. (to DUCK) This guy is just not paying attention, is he?

DUCK: (shaking head) Quack.

PRINCESS MARIGOLD: (To NORBERT) How can you stand to work for this guy?

NORBERT: Well, it's a lot better than the job I had before, working for that tiny fairy with all the sparkly dust. She just kept asking me if her outfits made her butt look big. That was awkward.

Or the time I worked for Snow White....I didn't appreciate that she called me her 8th dwarf, "Dorky", though.