Princess Penelope and the Dragon
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Notes for a household production:
1. Establish your settings before you start. Example: the kitchen can be the castle, a bedroom can be the deep dark cave (or you can build a blanket fort), your yard can be the meadow.

2. Assign the roles. People can play more than one character. Do you have a hat/shirt/scarf you can use to establish the differences in the characters?

3. Props – You can have props or just pretend to have props.

4. Print scripts for each actor and highlight lines. Read the script out loud before performing.

5. Anything written in *Italics* are stage directions. They are not meant to be read, but acted.

Characters:
Princess Penelope
Lords and Ladies
Dragon
Prince Henry
King Henderson

Settings:
Castle
A meadow
A deep dark cave
SCENE ONE
In the castle

Princess Penelope
Daddy! I am going for a walk

King Henderson
Okay, Penelope, but don't forget, I am making your favorite tonight. Haggis and onions!

Princess Penelope
That's not my favorite, it's your favorite!

King Henderson
Oh yeah! Well, how about I throw in some spaghetti and meatballs too!

Princess Penelope
YUM! I won't be long. I will just gather some flowers to decorate the table.

Prince Henry comes screeching in on his bike

Prince Henry
Totally righteous! Did you see that excellent skid mark I just left?!

King Henderson
Henry! You are cleaning that up right now.

Prince Henry
Aw man! Totally lame, dude.

Princess Penelope
Aren't you supposed be protecting the castle?

Princess Henry
I knew I was forgetting something.
Princess Penelope
Maybe protecting the castle just isn’t your thing. See you later, LITTLE brother. I’m going to pick flowers.
*She exits.*

Prince Henry
Don’t call me little, dude.

King Henderson
Don’t call your sister, dude.

Prince Henry
Fine, dude

King Henderson
And, don’t call me “dude”, I’m your dad, and the king. Now get to cleaning!

Prince Henry
Do I have to du—I mean, dad?

King Henderson
No of course not, but if you don’t, you’ll never ride that bike of yours again.

Prince Henry
Seriously?!?! Fine!
*He exits.*

King Henderson
Now let’s get cooking! Can’t wait for some Haggis and Onions!
*He exits.*
SCENE TWO

Princess Penelope is in the field picking flowers

Princess Penelope
Oooh, yellow roses. Oh cool! A frog.

*She starts to look at the frog and talk to it, but doesn’t notice the DRAGON sneaking up behind her.*

Dragon
Boo!

Princess Penelope
Ahhhhhh!

Dragon
Whoa! You scream loud

Princess Penelope
Uh, yeah, I do! Especially when a dragon sneaks up on me! What are you doing here?

Dragon
I see you like frogs.

Princess Penelope
Yes, I do.

Dragon
I have some frogs in my deep dark cave, want to come check them out?

Princess Penelope
I don’t think that would be the best idea. After all, you are a dragon.

Dragon
Well, I tried to be nice. Guess I’ll have to try my super secret power

Princess Penelope
Huh?
Princess Penelope passes out from the loud roar (or the dragon’s stinky breath) the actor can choose. DRAGON takes her back to his deep dark cave.

SCENE THREE
Back at the castle. KING HENDERSON is sitting at his throne admiring the smells coming from the kitchen. Lords and ladies come running in. There can be as many as you want.

Lords and Ladies
Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

King Henderson
What?!? The princess has been kidnapped? By who?!?!?

Lords and Ladies
Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

King Henderson
A Dragon! That’s ridiculous! All the dragons were killed ages ago!

Lords and Ladies
Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

King Henderson
He took her to his deep dark cave!

Lords and Ladies
Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

King Henderson
Yes! That is my delicious haggis cooking.

Lords and Ladies
Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!
King Henderson
Yes, I used my mom’s recipe. WAIT! We’re getting off topic! Where is his deep dark cave?

Lords and Ladies
Chatter! Chatter! Chatter!

King Henderson
I see.
*Screaming*
Prince Henry!

Prince Henry comes walking in

Prince Henry
Yeah, dude.

King Henderson
Excuse me?!?!

Prince Henry
I mean Dad. Majesty Dad, what’s up?

King Henderson
Your sister has been captured by a dragon.

Prince Henry
A dragon?! Du—I mean Dad. That’s like totally tubular! I get her room!

King Henderson
No. You are going to rescue her.

Prince Henry
Rescue her! Sounds hard. I’m totally not into hard.
King Henderson
Do you ever want to ride that bike of yours again?

Prince Henry
Ah man, not cool.

King Henderson
It is cool. I’m the king. Now go.
SCENE FOUR

_In the deep dark cave. Princess Penelope is waking up_

Princess Penelope
What happened?

Dragon
I used my fearsome roar and you went to sleep.

Princess Penelope
More like, I passed out. What are you going to do to me? Eat me?

Dragon
Eat you? Gross!

Princess Penelope
Well, then why else would you bring me back to your deep dark cave?

Dragon
Do you like tea?

Princess Penelope
I love tea!

Dragon
Oh good! I’ve put a pot of chamomile on.

Princess Penelope
My favorite! I like it almost as much as I like spaghetti and meatballs

Dragon
I love spaghetti and meatballs! Do you sprinkle yours with cheese?

Princess Penelope
I do! Lots of it! Too much my dad says.

Dragon
No such thing as too much cheese!

_They both start to laugh._
Princess Penelope
Why did you bring me back here?

Dragon
Well, the truth is—

*Prince Henry comes racing in on his bike*

Prince Henry
SCRREEEEEEECH
Look at my totally awesome skid mark, man!
*Sees the dragon*
NOW! Unhand my sister dragon!

Dragon
Your “totally awesome skid mark” messed up my cave. Clean it up, duuuuuuuude.

Prince Henry
You can't call me dude.

Dragon
I think I just did, dude.

Prince Henry
Oh no you don’t, dude.

Dragon
Oh yes I did, dude

Henry
No, dude

Dragon
Yes, dude.

Henry
No, dude.

Dragon
Dude, yes, dude.
Princess Penelope
Both of you stop it!

Prince Henry
Sister! I’m here to rescue you, because I am your awesome brother.

Princess Penelope
And what are you rescuing me from? A dragon, who wants to sip tea?

Prince Henry
Huh?

Princess Penelope
To Dragon
Why did you bring me here?

Dragon
The truth is, I was lonely. All the other dragons have disappeared and I have no friends.

Princess Penelope
Oh no! That’s terrible. You should come stay with us!

Dragon and Prince Henry
Huh?

Princess Penelope
Well, we could use a strong dragon with a fearsome roar to protect the castle.

Prince Henry
Hey, that’s my job!

Princess Penelope
But, I’m sure you would rather be riding bike and practicing your cool tricks.

Prince Henry
That would be righteous!

Princess Penelope
To Dragon
We are having spaghetti and meatballs tonight.
Dragon
YUUUUUMMMM!

Prince Henry
Let’s get back to the castle, dudes!

**SCENE FIVE**
*Back at the castle. The king is sitting in front of the table that has a delicious meal laid out. All the Lords and Ladies are there.*

Lords
Chatter, chatter

Ladies
Chatter, chatter

King Henderson
Chatter, chatter

Lords
Chatter, chatter

Ladies
Chatter, chatter

King
Chatter, chatter

*Enter Princess Penelope, Dragon, and Prince Henry*

King Henderson
Princess Penelope, you’re back in time for— whoa! Is that a dragon?!?

Lords and Ladies
CHATTER! CHATTER!

Princess Penelope
He’s a friendly dragon! He likes tea and spaghetti and—
Dragon
Is that Haggis and onions! Delicious!

King Henderson
He can stay! You shall be protector of the castle!

Dragon
Oh, thank you your majesty!

King Henderson
Now let’s eat!

THE END!