

Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF) 2024-2025 Set Pieces for Asia Division

Monologue
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Choice A
Time Limit:
4 minutes

Wonka

By Paul King (An adapted version of the 2023 movie, based on Roald Dahl's novel)

WILLY WONKA: Here we go, mama. Ladies and gentlemen of the Galerie Gourmet, my name is Willy Wonka! And I have come to show you a marvellous morsel, an incredible edible, an unbeatable eatable delight this world has never seen, so quiet up and listen down. Nope. Scratch that, reverse it. I give to you, the Hovochoch.

No, You've never had chocolate like this! Thank you! Now, who wants to try one? Mr Slugworth, sir! Mr Fickelgruber! And Mr Prodnose! What an honour! Ever since I was a little —boy! That's quite a handshake!

It is not just chocolate. There's marshmallow. Harvested from the mallow-marshes of Peru. And Caramel. But it's ... salted. With the bittersweet tears of a Russian clown. And ... Cherry? Cherry-picked by the pick of the cherry-pickers from the Imperial Gardens in Japan.

There we have it, Ladies and Gentlemen! An endorsement from Mr — Wait! The worst? Oh it's a shame. If you thought the chocolate was weird, you're going to hate what happens next. That's the hoverfly! It's broken out of its cocoon and is flapping its wings like billy-O!

Yes a fly is doing this but don't worry, it'll be completely unharmed! In about 20 minutes, it'll get tired and exit through your rear. Let's find out, shall we? Who's for Hoverchoc? A sovereign a piece! Thank you! Thank you very much! One sovereign! Thank you madam! Have a great fly!

Complaints? Hey! Could you at least leave me a sovereign? I need to pay for my room. Thank you.

- The End-

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The Stepsister Speaks Out

By Peg Kehret

(Cinderella's ugly STEPSISTER bemoans the fact that, although she tries so hard, Cinderella is beautiful, good-natured and gets the prince in the end.)

STEPSISTER: It isn't easy being the ugly stepsister. Everybody always feels so sorry for poor little Cinderella, but what about me? I deserve a little sympathy, too. Does my fairy godmother ever turn up with a magic wand? Does the prince ever dance with me at the ball? Not on your life. The best I can ever hope for with my pumpkins is a decent piece of pie. And as for the rats, well, rats are rats, with their sneaky eyes and skinny tails, nibbling and gnawing at the garbage. I never saw one yet who turned into a coachman.

If you ask me, that Cinderella is weird. Certainly, she isn't normal. Besides the fact that she has naturally curly hair and wears size 4.5 shoes, she is so good-natured that it's downright sickening. If you had to dust and sweep and clean all day long, would you go around singing to the birds? Of course you wouldn't. No sensible person would.

A lot of people think I'm jealous of her. Maybe I am. And with good reason. I subsisted on 700 calories a day for 3 whole weeks before the ball. I did my leg-lift exercises faithfully. I got a perm and a facial and a manicure. I even bought a new gown. Blue velvet. Designer label. I mean, I was ready. Princey, I thought to myself, here I come!

And what happened? Little Cindy, who has never seen the inside of a health club in her life and who doesn't know the caloric difference between a carrot stick and a chocolate éclair, whips together a dress out of some old curtains from K-Mart, waltzes off to the ball and snags the prince. It isn't fair! It really isn't fair!

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