

**1 MALE, 1 FEMALE: Tuck Everlasting - Jesse Tuck & Winnie Foster**

JESSE           Excuse me, are you lost?

WINNIE          That's exactly what I was going to ask.

JESSE           You shouldn't be here right now.

WINNIE          But these are my woods!

JESSE           I don't care whose woods these are, its not safe for you to be here.

WINNIE          You're not old enough to boss me.

JESSE           Believe me, I am.

WINNIE          Oh, really. How old are you?

JESSE           Let's just say, I'm... seventeen.

WINNIE          Oh. That is old.

JESSE           You have no idea. (*Winnie brushes past Jesse*) Uh, where do you think you're going?

WINNIE          I'm thirsty. I'm getting a drink from that spring like you did.

JESSE           Oh no, you saw me drink? Look, you need to leave right now.

WINNIE          But it's just water!

JESSE           No, no, listen: when little girls drink from this spring, they turn into... toads.

WINNIE          (*She laughs*) Nice try.

JESSE           I'm Jesse Tuck, how do.

WINNIE          Winnie Foster. (*They shake hands*) I just ran away from home!

JESSE           And how's that going?

WINNIE          So far, it's just a bunch of trees.

JESSE           Just a bunch of trees! You own these woods. Come with me!

WINNIE          Where are we going?

JESSE           There's no use running away if you don't make it an adventure!

WINNIE          Good point.

JESSE           I just hope you're not afraid of heights.

WINNIE          Only one way to find out!

## **2 FEMALES: Tuck Everlasting - Mae Tuck & Winnie Foster**

MAE Oh, this attic is an embarrassment. I've had a hundred years to tidy up, but when you never have guests, why clean?

WINNIE We never have guests and we do nothing BUT clean. But Mother says "good girls" don't complain about chores.

MAE I like your mother.

WINNIE Don't tell anyone, but so do I.

MAE Oh, it is so nice to talk to a girl, for once. What I'd give to have a daughter.

WINNIE I'm not sure you'd want me.

MAE Why would you say that?

WINNIE Before I ran away, I told my mother I hated her.

MAE She didn't believe it for a second.

WINNIE Are you sure?

MAE Cross my heart. Now, rummage through that trunk and see what you find.

WINNIE *(bends down and picks up a dress)* Look at this!

MAE Oh, goodness.

WINNIE It's beautiful. Was it yours?

MAE Still is. I bet it still fits. Between you and me, I think the water was good for my figure.

WINNIE Was it a special dress?

MAE I wore it the night Angus asked me to marry him. We danced all night until the floors shook.

WINNIE My father couldn't dance at all, but that didn't stop him from trying!

MAE Isn't it nice when a memory makes you smile?

WINNIE It is - but what if I start to forget it?

MAE Impossible. Besides - your best memories haven't even happened yet.

WINNIE You think?

MAE I know.

## **2 MALEs: Tuck Everlasting - Jesse Tuck & Angus Tuck**

ANGUS Morning, Jesse. Can I make you some breakfast?

JESSE I'll pass, thanks.

ANGUS So... How was your big late-night adventure?

JESSE It was fine.

ANGUS Fine?

JESSE Pa, I did something really stupid last night.

ANGUS Give yourself some credit, son. You do something really stupid every day.

JESSE No, Pa. Take me seriously. Please. We met this... crazy carny at the Fair. Except he wasn't crazy.

ANGUS Well, what was he?

JESSE Dangerous. Scary. Pa, he knows about us.

ANGUS Where is he now?

JESSE I don't know. I hope we lost him.

ANGUS These woods are getting thinner and thinner every year. If he wanted to, he could track us down within a couple of days.

JESSE So, what do we do?

ANGUS First, we figure out how to break it to you-know-who.

JESSE Then?

ANGUS We'll have to leave our cottage - maybe for good this time.

JESSE Pa, let me be a man and admit what I did.

ANGUS This is my fault. I should never have taken us to Treegap Wood in the first place.