

**SCENE FIVE: PRINCE ERIC'S SHIP / SEA BELOW / BEACH**

*(Sailors prepare for a storm aboard the ship.)*

**SAILORS**

HEAVE HO, HEAVE HO!

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STOW THE MAINSAIL!

BATTEN THE HATCHES!

**PRINCE ERIC**

I don't want to be King—

**GRIMSBY**

I swore an oath to your father on his deathbed that I'd turn you from an errant roustabout into a proper royal, so you're worthy to fill his shoes!

**PRINCE ERIC**

Now you're making *me* queasy.

**GRIMSBY**

And that's not all. I promised I'd have you married before your next birthday.

**PRINCE ERIC**

*(incredulous)*

Married?

**GRIMSBY**

Our kingdom needs a queen!

**PRINCE ERIC**

Did you ever try to take a princess sailing? It's a joke! Their crinolines get caught in the rigging. And most of 'em can't even swim—

**GRIMSBY**

Swim, sire? Is that a prerequisite?

**PRINCE ERIC**

Sure, if we go sailing! Where am I gonna find her, Grimbsy? A girl who's as carefree and alive as the sea itself! Where?

*(Ariel and Flounder bob up to the surface. Scuttle hovers nearby.)*

**SCUTTLE**

Well, whaddaya know—

**ARIEL**

Scuttle, be quiet! They'll hear you!