

WOKE BEAUTY

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FADE IN:

INT. ROYAL BEDCHAMBER - NIGHT

KING STEPHEN beams down into the cradle. The QUEEN lies wrecked in the bed beside him.

KING STEPHEN

All these years, we've been wishing for a beautiful baby girl. Finally, we're blessed with one. She will be loved and admired by everyone in the kingdom. Everyone who encounters her will be charmed by the intelligence and good looks she got from her fath--

QUEEN

Stephen, I have been in labor for the past 48 hours, with zero drugs to aid me. Please, let's just name her so I can rest.

KING STEPHEN

I'm sorry, my love. What do you think about the name Augusta, after my mother?

QUEEN

No, I want her name to stand out. She's a miracle. Your mother is a nice woman, but she's not a miracle. How about Aurora?

KING STEPHEN

I just feel like--

QUEEN

(through gritted teeth)
48 hours of labor.

CUT TO:

INT. ROSE PARLOR - DAY

Stephen addresses envelopes. The card reads: "You are cordially invited to celebrate Princess AURORA's birth." The Queen stands behind him, hugs him, rubs his shoulders.

QUEEN

Thank you for being so understanding, my love.

KING STEPHEN
Of course, dear.

CUT TO:

INT. THRONE ROOM - NIGHT

Party music plays. The King and Queen sit in their thrones with the baby, smiling and laughing. The lights flicker, then go out. Gasps and screams. The lights snap back on to reveal MALEFICENT.

MALEFICENT
MWAHAHAHA! Your child is mine--
(beat)
Wait. Where is everyone?

KING STEPHEN
The party's over. We just like to relive moments that we cherish.

QUEEN
Yes, we recorded audio so that we could role-play the party later.

The room is empty. A speaker sits beside the couple, playing to nobody.

MALEFICENT
(hushed)
Royalty is always so fucking weird.

KING STEPHEN
What?

MALEFICENT
Nothing. Anyway, I didn't receive an invitation to your party, and you invited everyone in the kingdom. So I have come to give a gift to the girl! She will grow up to be a beautiful princess, and on her 16th birthday she will prick her finger on a spinning wheel and die!

KING STEPHEN
You're going to kill a teenager because you didn't get an invite to a party?

QUEEN
She's so embarrassing.

KING STEPHEN
Right? Get a load of this guy!

MALEFICENT
(flustered)
Shut up! You know what, fine!
She'll just sleep for 100 years.
You'll be long gone and you'll
never see her again after her sweet
16! Or should I say, not so sweet
16?

The King and Queen turn and stare down the lens, deadpan.

QUEEN
Wow. That was unfunny.

KING STEPHEN
I'm genuinely almost impressed at
how bad you are at giving a villain
monologue.

QUEEN
(mockingly)
"Or should I say, not so sweet 16."
Headass.

The King and Queen burst out laughing, ignoring Maleficent.

MALEFICENT
ENOUGH! You won't be laughing when
your daughter is taken from you
forever.
(tearfully, trying to
act unaffected)
Also, Aurora is a stripper name!

Maleficent vanishes into thin air, just before the Queen
lunges at her.

QUEEN
You BITC--

SMASH CUT TO:

"16 YEARS LATER..."

EXT. SHAKESPEARE GARDEN - DAY

AURORA lies asleep in the grass. PRINCE PHILLIP walks by and stops in his tracks. He shakes her body, trying to wake her.

PRINCE PHILLIP
Oh, you were so beautiful, and
taken from this world so soon.

He cries beside her body.

PRINCE PHILLIP (CONT'D)
How is it that I fell in love at
first sight for the first time in
my life, and she's dead? Maybe the
power of my true love can awaken
her.

Prince Phillip leans down to kiss her. Aurora wakes up.

AURORA
(sniffs, dazed)
What... is that godforsaken smell?
Who died?

She looks up at the Prince and pushes him away.

AURORA (CONT'D)
Did you just try to kiss me while I
was asleep?

PRINCE PHILLIP
Yes! I wanted to wake you with true
love's kiss! Now that you're awake,
we can get married--

Aurora slaps him HARD.

AURORA
I'm a minor, what the fuck? Also,
my true love doesn't kiss
unconscious women.

VOICE (O.S.)
She's 16! Boooo!

PRINCE PHILLIP
What? Guys, come on--
(chuckling nervously)
I'm a prince! Everybody knows I'm
above the law! You know, princesses
these days are so sensitive. I
kissed Snow White 30 years ago and
NO ONE complained back then.

AURORA
30 years ago? How fucking old--
never mind. How are you not in
jail?

Aurora punches him in the balls and walks away, yelling for
her mom and dad as she goes.

"THE END."

SUPER: THE PRINCE WAS FINALLY CHARGED AFTER TERRORIZING
TEENAGE GIRLS IN FAIRYTALE LAND FOR 60 YEARS.

FADE OUT.