

POLIXENES

By whom, Camillo?

CAMILLO

By the King.

POLIXENES

I do believe thee.
I saw his heart in his face.
We leave tonight!

Camillo and Polixenes flee.

Antigonus appears again, he watches them leave. [**TRACK #3.5: SO THE POISON SPREAD**]

ANTIGONUS

SO THE POISON SPREAD
FROM THE MIND OF THE KING
AND TO STOP THE COMING DREAD
THE GOOD QUEEN COULD DO
NOT A THING
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This is where I start to figure into things.

11 INT. THE NURSERY (MAMILLIUS'S BEDROOM) - EVENING 11

Mamillius, Hermione, and her LADIES IN WAITING are having a pillow fight. It is way past bedtime, but the young prince is too excited to sleep now.

Mamillius runs in circles with his pillow, and in his fervor, accidentally whacks Hermione in the belly with it. She staggers to sit, catching her breath. The ladies quickly pull Mamillius away.

LADY #1

Come, my gracious lord,

MAMILLIUS

No, I'll none of you.

LADY #1

Why, my sweet lord?

MAMILLIUS

You'll kiss me hard, and speak to me as if I were a baby still.

(to SECOND LADY)

I love you better.

LADY #2

Hark ye,
We shall
Present our services to a fine new prince
One of these days.

HERMIONE

Come, sir, now
I am for you again: Pray you sit by us,
And tell's a tale.

Mamillius scurries over to his mother, cuddles up to her.

MAMILLIUS

Merry or sad shall't be?

HERMIONE

As merry as you will.

MAMILLIUS

A sad tale's best for winter.
I have one of sprites and goblins.

HERMIONE

Let's have that, good sir.
Come on, sit down, come on, and do your best
To fright me with your sprites. You're powerful at
it.

Mamillius jumps up, preparing to enact a dramatic tale.

MAMILLIUS

There was a man...

HERMIONE

Nay, come sit down.

Mamillius sits back down. The ladies in waiting gather around to
play audience his story.

MAMILLIUS

...dwelt by a churchyard.
I will tell it softly.

HERMIONE

Come on then,
And give't me in mine ear.

12 INT. OUTSIDE MAMILLIUS' BEDROOM

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Leontes storms down the hall, on his way to Mamillius' bedroom.
Antigonus, and several LORDS trail close behind him.