

Dialogue: Wings –Story of a Butterfly Princess

Characters

PP: Princess Pandora

QG: Queen Gwendolyn (Mother)

AA: Aunt Agatha

KC: King Charlie (Father)

PrPi: Prince Piper

A: Addi and Butterfly Gang Girls

Act 1

Overture (Medley - Butterfly Princess / Pretty butterfly/ Shut the world / Extra special me)

Dancer dances to overture dressed in a butterfly princess tutu

After dancer leaves and music ends Princess Pandora enters.

She sits in a garden of flowers and butterflies. She is wearing her pink princess dress. She puts on her elastic butterfly wings over her Princess dress. She runs around the garden with squeals of delight and sings and hums to herself

“ I’m a pretty butterfly, pink and blue, purple green and white.. “

She starts to take photos of herself with her phone and her ‘selfie’ stick.

Pandora then stops and looks up at the green light glowing above her head.

Song # 1 Butterfly Princess

She is mesmerized by the green light and becomes immersed in this. She starts to sing the opening song, during which she takes off her elastic butterfly wings and her princess dress. Underneath is her butterfly dress

PP sings : “ I wriggle and I worm, I squiggle and I squirm, I’m not the least bit poisonous.. “

After the song she emerges as a ‘Butterfly Princess’ after shedding her princess dress

After the song she dances around and sings to herself again, “ I’m a butterfly, just a princess in disguise... “

Song # 2 What’s a Princess ?

She finds her princess dress and puts it on a mannequin which is sitting at her dressing table with a mirror. She looks glum as she looks at the dress.

She sings ‘What’s a Princess’ to the mannequin, whilst dressing it up with jewelry and a princess’ crown.

Sings: “ What’s a princess what’s a girl what does she matter in this world ..?”

She then returns to her phone taking ‘selfies’ of herself in her newfound identity as a butterfly, running around the garden smiling and giggling to herself showing off to the world her new identity as a colourful Butterfly Princess.

Her Mother Queen Gwendolyn walks in as she is singing and dancing. She is taken by surprise

PP: Mother !!!

Gwendolyn “ Pandora ! What’s this *silliness*? And *where is your proper dress??Aah!!*. Aunt Agatha will be here at any moment now, we must have you at your best appearance ...and *behaviour* !! She is very influential you know, and is highly regarded in the ‘Royal Academy of Personal Development!

PP: Aunt Agatha !*OOH Aargh !!!*

QG: What was that dear? (Innocently)

PP: Nothing

(Queen Gwendolyn tries to squeeze the princess dress over the butterfly costume)

QG: And put that *blessed* phone away and your selfie stick. This is no time for vanity my dear, we must think of your future!

PP: Future !? What do you mean??

QG: Who you are to *become* dear, its *very* important, its all about appearances Pandora, don’t you know, keeping up the *Royal Reputation*!

PP: *Reputation?* But Mother.. (sings and dances) “All I want to do is to fly, like a butterfly! “

QG: A *what* dear?!

PP: A butterfly, Mum

QG: Ha, that’s sweet dear, but you can’t get a job as a butterfly, besides I don’t know how much they make or what there award wage is. Ha! Award wage !!! And do they have a *union* dear? Ha Ha
A butterfly union !!

Now come along (*they continue to squeeze Pandora back into her princess dress over her butterfly costume, but its very tight*)

PP: AAARRGGH! Mother!!

She falls over with her legs in the air just as Aunt Agatha walks in

AA: “What’s all this commotion?? And what’s that silly dress you are wearing Pandora. You look like an *insect!!*”

PP: I’m a butterfly

AA: *A What?????*

Queen Gwendolyn walks AA away from PP and speaks directly to her

QG: Don’t pay any attention to her Aggie, we were expecting you, and Pandora is ready for your ‘little chat’ about the Professional Development Academy, aren’t you Pandee?”

(Pandora is hiding behind a shrub with the butterflies flying around her trying to catch them, and pulling at her dress)

AA: Hmm...Well dear Gwendy ... (looking at Pandora behind the shrubs and speaking softly to Gwendolyn) I’m not sure if she fits the *criteria!!*

Gwendolyn looks confused

(Speaks to her up close)

AA: Is she ...Employable???

QG: looks puzzled and unsure

Song # 3 Get a Job

Aunt Agatha sings : “ Get a job, get a job, got to get to work, all this talk of butterflies, don’t be a twerp!”

*AA is ‘hounding’ PP and struts about close behind her while PP tries to get away from her as
AA keeps persisting with her and singing ‘ Get a job!’*

Pandora has taken off the princess dress and is back wearing the butterfly dress

*QG and AA try and get the Princess dress back over her Butterfly dress
They keep persisting but they leave in dismay*

QG and AA: “ Aahh!!! “

AA and QG leave PP alone in her garden of butterflies

She picks up her phone again and flicks through social media and points and smiles at the pictures, then looks over at her princess dress back on her mannequin and sighs and has a little cry/sniffle

Song #4 No-one understands me

PP Sings : “No-one understands me, not in this place, no-one understands me they call me a disgrace, no-one knows what I want..”

Segues into next song

#5 Shut the World

“Shut the world out of my eyes, I don’t want to see another cold and dull surprise.. Shut the world out of this day, I just want to go someplace and live another way, shut the world out of my eyes..”

Prince Piper: Hey Pandee, what’s with the long face? Hey, cute dress what’s with the costume party? And Where is my invitation ?

PP: (cries out) Its *not* a costume ! and there’s no *party* !

Prince: Oh, gee, sorry Pandee, didn’t mean to upset you princess girl

Pandora starts to cry

Piper: Now what *is* the matter with you Pandee? I left you this morning with you looking so radiant and happy like you could fly to the moon and back in one start!

Pandora: Well, it’s...just that...(starts to whimper)

Sings softly: All I want to do is fly...(sniffle/whimper) like a...butterfly

Prince Piper: fly...like a what? sorry, I can’t hear you?

Pandora softly whimpering: A butterfly

Piper: A *butterfly*?

Pandora: (softly, looks up at Piper) Yes

Piper: Well Pandee, you know can be anything you want to be , and you have my full support, always!

Why don't you tell me *all* about it..

Song # 6 Prince's Song (I want to know)

PrPi: “ I want to know all about your life, give it to me, give it to me “

Pandora brightens up, starts taking selfies again of herself and Prince Piper with her phone, giggles and they walk off together

Act 2

Song # 7 Pretty Butterfly

Pandora is back in the butterfly dress singing and dancing, butterflies flying around her, while she is looking at her phone with her selfie stick

Sings : “ I’m a pretty butterfly, pink and blue, purple green and white ”

Toward the end of the song Addi the ‘top’ butterfly with her butterfly gang enter who have been listening to her singing. They all laugh and sing to themselves “I’m a pretty butterfly pink and blue, purple and green and white !!! ”

PP: Oh! Addi , I didn’t know you were there?

Addi (obsequiously /sarcastically): Mmm ‘nice dress’ Pandee !!

PP: Oh, thanks

(All the girls look at her and start to giggle amongst themselves)

Addi goes up to PP and touches her hair

Addi: And um, can I ask, who is your hair stylist?

Girls giggle again

PP: Oh I got it off facebook, you know, the latest ‘butterfly hair’ fashion (Pandora twiddles the butterfly clips in her hair and fluffs it up)

Girls giggle again

Addi: Oh! I mean, Uh.. It’s *beautiful!!!*

PP: Thank you

Girls giggle amongst themselves and start to walk off stage. Pandora catches up with them

PP: Uh, Where are you all going?

Addie: Oh, nowhere in particular...(Addi thinks to herself a moment)
Do you want to *come Pandee?*

PP: Oh, yes please!

Addie: Hmmm , well I'm not sure. You see, you have to meet certain criteria

PP: (pause) *Criteria?? Not again !*

Addi: Yes

PP: And what's *that?*

Addi: Um... (All the girls look at her and giggle to themselves again and give each other cheeky looks) Well , I'm not sure...but um, you don't meet : I'm afraid !

PP: Don't *meet* it?

Addi: Yes, uh, I mean No!

PP: (speaks softly to herself) Yes...No (nods then shakes her head as she looks at the ground confused)

PP: Well how do you know I don't *meet it* if you don't know what it *is?*

A: Oh, well Um.. We just um..know... don't we girls?

Butterfly gang girls all chime (slowly): Uh- huh! (Giggle)

Addi: But ... maybe..Um..Lets see. We'll give you a *practice run Pandee..* And see if you 'cut it!' ...*Ok??!!*

PP: (shakes then nods her head and says softly) Ok

Addi: Oh come on.. Come with us Pandee!

They run around the stage and come to another part of the garden where there is a big box of butterfly costumes with lots of multi-coloured dresses and butterfly wings

Butterfly gang and Addi sing “ We’re all pretty butterflies, blue pink purple green and white ”(laugh to themselves)

They start trying on the butterfly dresses and wings, then take ‘selfies’ of each other, then they all look at her and laugh, as if she doesn’t look as ‘good’ as them in *their* butterfly dresses

Song # 8 Pretty Practice Queen

Addi sings to her : “ Come and be like us *Pretty Practice Queen*, but if you don’t fit in, then *you can leave!*”

“ ‘Cos we *walk* a certain way “ (all walk elegantly in a line)
...And we *talk* a certain way, (all laugh together) and we *chitter chatter nitter natter* bought *nothing in particular* “ (all talk and giggle to each other secretly)

They all walk close to each other, bumping into each other, falling over each other, and continue to take ‘selfies’ all the while laughing, and giggling at Pandora

Pandora watches with confusion and distress

Butterfly gang pick up her phone and her selfie stick and take photos of each other and then take a group shot with Pandora in it, then give it back to her leave her alone after giggling between themselves

Pandora is left feeling upset and confused

Prince Piper comes in

Pandora runs to him and sobs deeply into his chest

Piper: What on earth and in the sky is the matter, dear Pandee?

PP: The butter..flies...they don't ..Like me! I don't.. '*Fit...in*'!
(Starts to sob deeply)

Prince: Pandee, you let *them* upset *you*? One as beautiful and sweet and a person as *you*?

Song # 9 Fickle flying friends

“Fickle flying friends, there just your Fickle flying friends...They don't love you like your family and I do “

Queen Gwendolyn and King Charlie enter

Pandora is still a little upset by everything. She so desperately wants s to 'fit in' and be liked by the butterfly gang girls

PP: Oh Mother! Oh Father ! (Starts crying again when she sees them)

QG: What on earth *and in sky* is the matter my Pandora darling ?

PP: I want *so* much to be a butterfly and be *liked* by everyone Mum, but I - just - don't – think- I - '*Fi- t- in*'! Oh, what can I *do*??? (Cries again)

Takes Pandora aside, and sings to her

Song # 10 Princess Pandora

QG: “ Pandora, the moment I saw you I knew. Beauty I know, just like a rose, perfect in every way like a perfect summers day.

Princess Pandora we all adore you for who you are, ‘cos you are our shining star!”

Her Mother Queen Gwendolyn and Father King Charlie sing her the song and give a big hug at the end

Pandora puts her Princess dress back on over the butterfly dress

Song # 11 Extra Special Me

“ I stand here and I’m looking at all those pretty butterflies, and I ask myself a question ‘cos now I wonder why, I wanted to be more like them than like me?

But I don’t look like them,

I don’t talk like them,

I won’t be bullied into being, someone else but me

And I’m something particularly important..

Extra special me “

After the song she then sings acapella and dances around the garden

*“I don’t look like them ...I don’t talk like them..
But I’m something particularly important..
Extra special ME ”*

Prince Piper enters to see Pandora dancing and singing to herself

*“ I don’t talk like them, I don’t walk like them,
I’m extra special me!”*

Pandora dances with Piper and sings

“ I’m something particularly important! ”...And starts laughing with Piper

Piper: Sings with her *“ Extra special YOU! “* They laugh together then they stop and stare at each other.

Piper: I want to be your friend Pandora, a *real* friend

Pandora: Yes! (They embrace)

Song # 12 I want to be a friend

Pandora and Piper: " I want to be a friend with you .. "

QG and KC as well as AA come in at end

They all sing the chorus together at the end

Together: *“ Friends and Family, are all that we are meant to be, to live our lives meaningfully.*

A bu-tterfly family, are so superficial, artificial they don’t love you like your family.. (Piper) And I Do “

Prince Piper , Queen Gwendolyne and King Charlie all share a hug with Pandora at the end

Even Aunt Agatha joins in with a kiss on Pandoras cheek !

Princess Pandora lives happily as a Princess in the castle with her loving family and her true friends !

The End