

SINGE

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Prompte - JaiBee Baxter: In a fire, I would save my precious Disney VHS tape collection. I would be lost without my *Fox and the Hound*, *Cinderella*, and *Lion King*.

A middle aged woman sits in the corner of her bedroom surrounded by fire. This fire is portrayed by a man on stilts wearing wild fabric with a abre chest and red eyes. Lights flicker! It is frightening.

PROMETHEUS

I: fire am the fuck of nature

The quick killing cancer of creation that no one ever accounts for

For I am conjured in the crevices of unkindness

Sparked when two smooth stones are gnashed together like teeth

Whipped out when God lashes his lightning tongue on the children of men

And struck! when a match is stroked on its head to arouse a flame.

But I am not evil.

For evil digs a plot and paces, picks and pokes at a body till it pushes it in

And I am patient. Pretty. The perfect kiss of heat and light, I burn only to touch

And touch only to embrace, to hold and be held and feel human heat

Yes, I am sweet... on men.

But tis my Midas curse: to burst into flame every man and woman I touch, I torch

And what's worst: the touch is pure torture and hurts like hate.

Though I try to escape my fiery skin:

Rushing through woods, sweeping through homes...

It does no good.

For I'm chained to this flesh that eats everything to it's bone.

Alas I roam to and fro alone-

TINA

Okay, and I understand all of that but I still can't let you destroy my Disney VHS collection. I mean look at this...

She shows off her collection of videos.

I have *The Fox and the Hound*, *The Lion King*, *Oliver & Company* – instant classic. You don't want to burn these Mr. Fire. These are collector's items from the Magical World of Disney.

PROMETHEUS

The name is Prometheus. And I care not for Disney. I am here to burn things for tis my curse and my passion. Now hold still and let me sing thee-

TINA

-Hold up! Hold up! Don't you want to watch *Beauty and the Beast* with me. His story is a lot similar to yours. He too had a curse – the beast but he was cursed because of true love. I mean, there's a lesson – no a moral, in this tale that I think you could use-

PROMETHEUS

You are boring me Tina with the Disney VHS Video affliction. I do not want to watch cartoons. I am a grown ass fire. I take down forests, I blow up shit. Lets get real. You are trying to distract me because you don't want to die what is quite possible the worst form of death that exist. Although I would argue that being eaten alive by rats is much worst. But I digress. Its time for me to devour.

He launches at her, she sings:

TINA (singing)

WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR, MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHO YOU ARE-

PROMETHEUS

-What this malarky? Are you singing, Tina with the Disney VHS abomination?

TINA

ANYTHING YOUR HEART DESIRES WILL COME TO YOU.

PROMETHEUS

Sweet Moses! You are just making it easier for me to devour you! Good night-
Tina stands her ground.

TINA

Let it go! Let it go! I will fight fire with Frozen. Let it go, man!

Pause.

PROMETHEUS

Okay, that one was pretty good I have to say. I saw some of it at a theater before I burned it down. In fact, it was so good nobody noticed that I was setting things on a blaze. Nobody yelled fire in the crowded theater – and they were supposed to. That’s how good Frozen is. I don’t get the anorexic snow man but everything else was deeply moving.

TINA

See. Disney movies do have value. You can burn me all you want but you will never burn the magical kingdom.

*Prometheus smiles, he takes out a
cigarette, lights it and thinks.*

Time.

He sets Tina and her videos on fire.

END OF PLAY