

and your great-great-grandchildren after you must never, ever sting another human being as long as your kind exists. Not on the arm, not on the leg, and especially not on the... *(Whispers)*

Bee I promise.

Ms. Noah All right, then. In that case: welcome aboard.

(She exits. The bee looks at the audience and shrugs.)

Bee So I lied.

(Blackout. End of play.)

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN

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Based on the comic strip, "Peanuts," this musical portrays the trials and tribulations of the cartoon characters Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus, Snoopy and others as they deal with school, baseball and friendships.

In the following scene Lucy and her younger brother Linus discuss Lucy's plans for the future.

1 Boy and 1 Girl Linus and Lucy

Linus at home watching T.V. Lucy enters.

Lucy Okay. Switch channels.

Linus Are you kidding? What makes you think you can come right in here and take over?

Lucy These five fingers, individually are nothing. But when I curl them together into a single unit they become a fighting force terrible to behold.

Linus Which channel do you want? *(He looks at his hand.)* Why can't you guys get organized like that?

Lucy Linus, do you know what I intend? I intend to be a queen. When I grow up, I'm going to be the biggest queen there ever was and I'll live in this big palace with a big front lawn and have lots of beautiful dresses to wear and when I go out in my coach all the people...

- Linus** Lucy.
- Lucy** ...all the people will wave and I will shout at them, and...
- Linus** Lucy, I believe "queen" is an inherited title.
- (Silence)*
- Yes, I'm quite sure. A person can only become a queen by being born into a royal family of the correct lineage so that she can assume the throne after the death of the reigning monarch. I can't think of any possible way that you could ever become a queen.
- (Silence)*
- I'm sorry, Lucy, but it's true.
- (Silence)*
- Lucy** ...and in the summertime I will go to my summer palace and I'll wear my crown in swimming and everything, and all the people will cheer and I will shout at them. *(She dreams her vision. Then the vision pops.)* What do you mean I can't be a queen!
- Linus** It's true.
- Lucy** There must be a loophole. This kind of thing always has a loophole. Nobody should be kept from being a queen if she wants to be one. IT'S UNDEMOCRATIC.
- Linus** Good grief.
- Lucy** It's usually just a matter of knowing the right people. I bet a few pieces of well-placed correspondence and I get to be a queen in no time.



- Linus** I think I'll watch television. *(He returns to the set and resumes his watching position.)*
- Lucy** I know what I'll do. If I can't be a queen, then I'll be very rich. I'll work and work until I'm very, very rich and then I will buy myself a queendom.
- Linus** Good grief.
- Lucy** Yes, I'll buy myself a queendom and then I'll kick out the old queen and take over the whole operation myself. I will be head queen. And then all the people...when I go out in my coach all the people will shout at me... *(She glances at the TV, becomes engrossed, crosses to the set. Linus looks at her.)*
- Linus** What's the matter, Lucy?
- Lucy** Huh?
- Linus** What happened to your queendom?
- Lucy** Oh that, I've given it up. I've decided to devote my life to cultivating my natural beauty.