

MIAMI CITY BALLET

THE STORY OF FIREBIRD

Scene 1

It's nighttime in the forest. Prince Ivan is out hunting. He has strayed into a mystical realm. He senses an eerie feeling in the air - do the trees have eyes?

Ivan sees a flash of light and he chases it. It's the Firebird, an enchanted creature with exceptional magical powers. The Firebird comes here to eat from the majestic golden apple tree. Distracted, she doesn't see Ivan approaching.

Ivan catches the Firebird, surprising them both!

Ivan is captivated by the Firebird's power and beauty. He realizes she is a creature that should never be caged. He releases her. To thank him, Firebird offers him an extraordinary gift; one of her enchanted feathers that he can use to summon her should he be in dire need.



Scene 2

In the domain of the evil sorcerer Kastchei, thirteen princesses gather. They dance, but they are prisoners, trapped under a spell.

Ivan watches the princesses dance, and is drawn to one of them. Is this love at first sight? As the Princess and Ivan dance together, they discover the feeling is mutual.

Danger approaches... The princesses flee in fear. A monster appears and attacks Ivan. Soon there is a gaggle of strange and fearsome monsters surrounding the Prince.

The ominous figure of Kastchei appears, and casts a dark and powerful spell that forces Ivan dance the "infernal dance" to his death.



Ivan knows the only way to save himself and the princesses is to use the enchanted feather to summon the Firebird for help.

The Firebird appears, and gives Ivan a sword which he uses to defeat Kastchei. With Kastchei vanquished, his spells are broken. The monsters fall to the ground. The knights emerge from their woody prison.

The Firebird sends Prince Ivan and his beloved Princess safely home while she restores peace to the mystical forest.



Scene 3

It's daybreak. Finally free, the knights and the princesses attend the wedding of the Prince Ivan and the Princess.

Costume sketches by Anya Klepikov

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