

PLACE: A Mansion and the Land of Narnia.

TIME: The 1940's

In front of the main curtain - or a scrim - four children enter. From oldest to youngest: PETER, SUSAN, EDMUND, and LUCY. ALL except EDMUND look about in wide-eyed fascination.

SUSAN: What an exciting old mansion!

EDMUND: I think it's boring.

SUSAN: Oh, Edmund.

PETER: Come on, Ed. It'll be a fun place to explore.

LUCY: I'm glad Mother and Father let us come out to the country for a while to get away from all those horrid air raids!

SUSAN: I'm going to love staying here with the old professor. Isn't he a dear?

PETER: Yes. But I'm not sure I like his housekeeper. *(Mimicking the housekeeper)* "Please remember to always stay out of my way!" *(They laugh. PETER points off)* Hey, let's go look at that room that has all the swords and suits of armor inside.

SUSAN: You go ahead, Peter. I think I'll go back down to the library and look through some books. How about you, Lucy?

LUCY: *(Pointing off)* That room over there seems very interesting.

EDMUND: There's nothing in it but an old clock and a big wardrobe.

LUCY: But it's the largest wardrobe I've ever seen. I want to take a closer look at it.
(Exits)

PETER: Come on, Ed.

EDMUND: *(Unenthused)* I'd rather explore outside.

PETER: But it's raining. Let's go to the sword room.

EDMUND: All right. But only till we can go outside.

SUSAN: Don't get lost. It's almost time for dinner.

EDMUND: Oh, Susan. Stop talking like Mother. *(He and PETER exit)*