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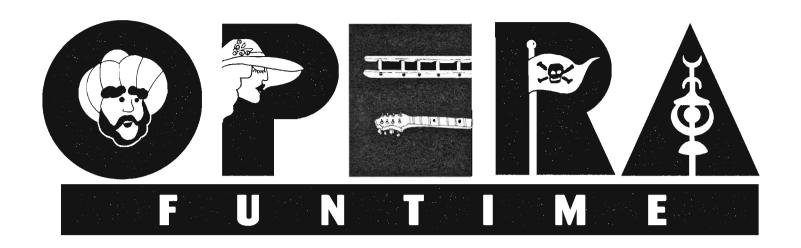
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#### A YOUNG PERSON'S INTRODUCTION TO THE ARTS



Featuring

# The ABDUCTION from the SERAGLIO

By Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

GAMES MUSIC DRAMA CRAFTS STORY PUZZLES

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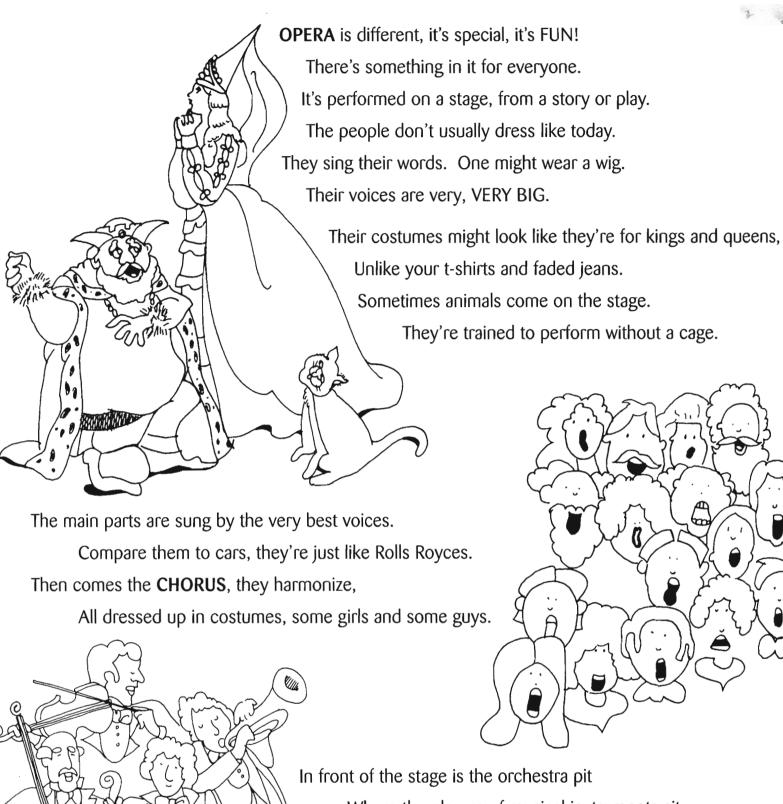
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Where the players of musical instruments sit.

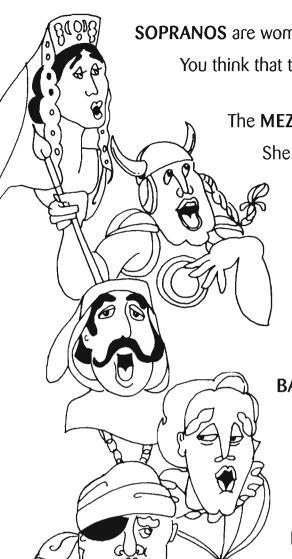
The **CONDUCTOR** tells them just when to begin,

To stop or slow down, with a nod or a grin.

The people on stage also wait for his cue.

He's the one that signals them

just what to do.



**SOPRANOS** are women. Their notes go so high, You think that they're soaring right up to the sky.

The MEZZO-SOPRANO has a deeper voice,

She can also sing roles of young men or boys.

**TENORS** are men whose voices will rise,

They often play heroes and really good guys.

**BARITONES** sing lower down on the scale. It's the middle range for the opera male.

**BASS** is the deepest....it goes way down low. The very lowest a man's voice can go.

It's the **OVERTURE** that opens the show.

Nobody's singing, that much you should know.

Beautiful music sets the mood. As you sit still in silence,

To talk would be rude!

Some operas have ballet, some kissing and hugging.

There are good guys and bad guys; fist fights and mugging.

Some characters die; some go to jail.

Some succeed, while others fail.

Some carry guns, a sword, or a knife, Exactly the same as it is in real life.

Some think it's weird that people sing while they're dying.

They use ketchup for blood on the floor where they're lying.

Dry ice is used for special views

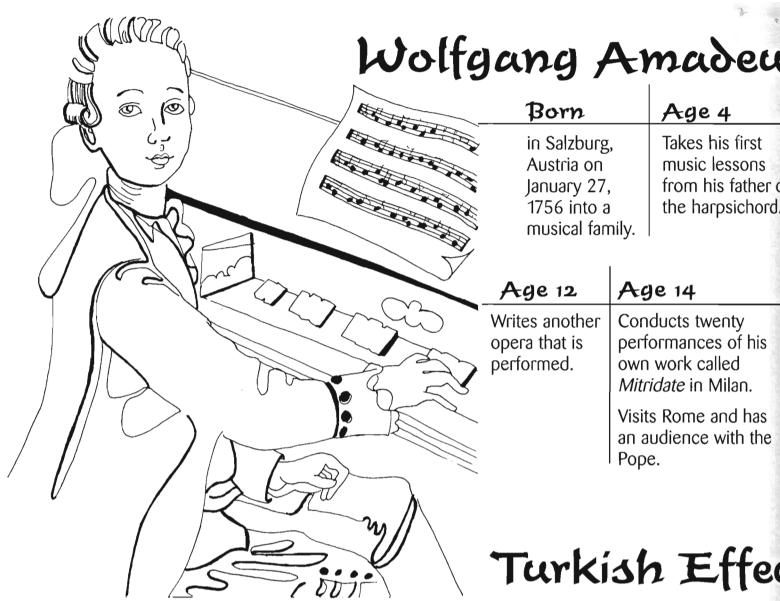
Of smoke and fog and witches' brews.

It's full of emotion....when all's said and done, the best of the arts all rolled into one.

So, go see an opera! It's the best place to be.

You will really enjoy it. We guarantee!





#### Born Age 4

in Salzburg, Austria on January 27, 1756 into a musical family.

Takes his first music lessons from his father of the harpsichord.

#### Age 12

Writes another opera that is performed.

#### Age 14

Conducts twenty performances of his own work called Mitridate in Milan.

Visits Rome and has an audience with the Pope.

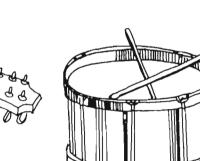
# Turkish Effec

A Mandolin is an eight string instrument (four pairs) which is plucked rather than strummed. Today's guitar developed from the mandolin.

The **Triangle** is a metal bar bent into a triangle shape with one corner left open. It makes high pitched sounds when struck with a metal beater.

The **Tympani** is a large copper kettle (sometimes called a kettle

drum) with skin stretched on top which can be tuned. It produces a booming sound.



A Snare Drum has a tube of wood or metal with skins stretched over top and bottom. Struck with a drum stick it makes a snapping sound; with brushes a rustling sound.

# MOZART: The Wonder Boy (1756-1791)

Age 5	Age 6	Age 8	Age 10	Age 11
Writes his first short musical pieces called minuets.	Tours European capitals performing for the Emperor and Empress of Austria and the Kings and Queens of France and England.	Writes his first symphony.	Speaks fluent French, Italian, English and German.	Writes his first opera.

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Given his first job
as court organist
and Konzertmeister
to Archbishop of
Salzburg for little
money.

# Age 25 Moves to Vienna and continues to write music.

# Writes The Abduction from the Seraglio and names the lead role for his fiancée Constanza. Marries Constanza Weber with whom he has two children.

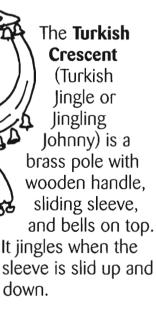
#### Ages 27-35

Resides in Vienna, teaches students and continues to compose music and operas. However, he earns little money and his debts grow. He is unable to control his spending habits.

#### Age 35

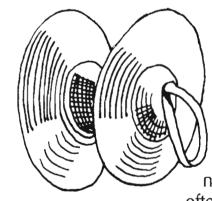
Dies poor and is buried in a common grave in Vienna. He writes over 600 musical compositions in his short lifetime. His most famous operas include The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni, Così fan tutte and The Magic Flute.

## Instruments



#### A Bass Drum

produces a low pitched note. It can be carried on straps to march or placed on the floor with a kick pedal.

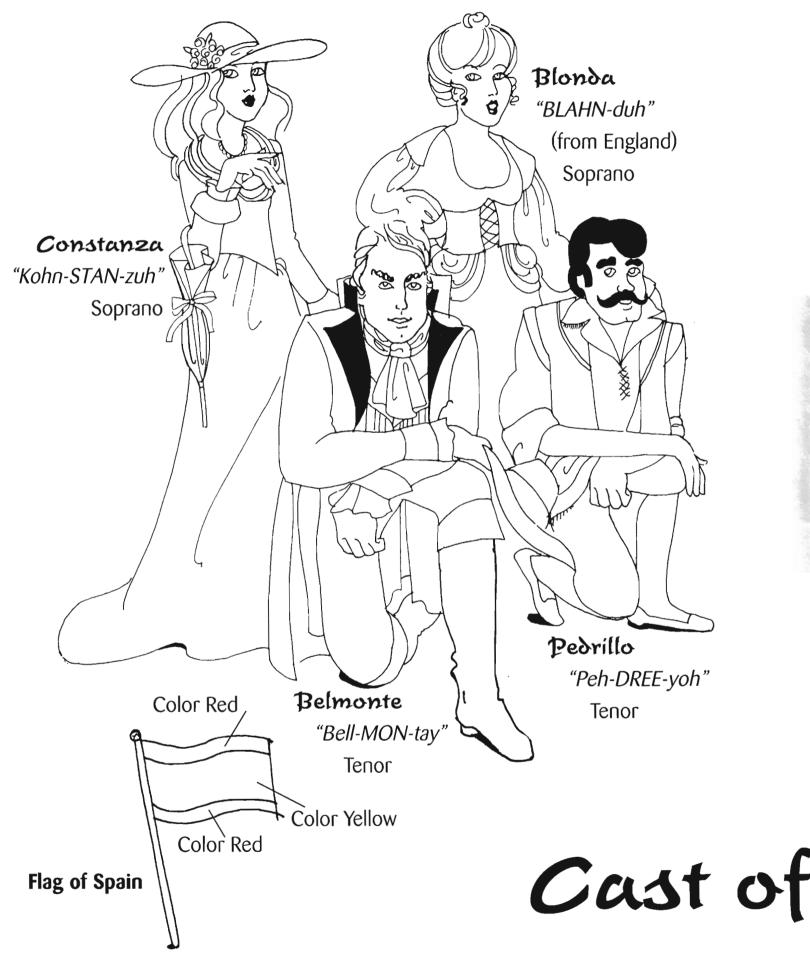


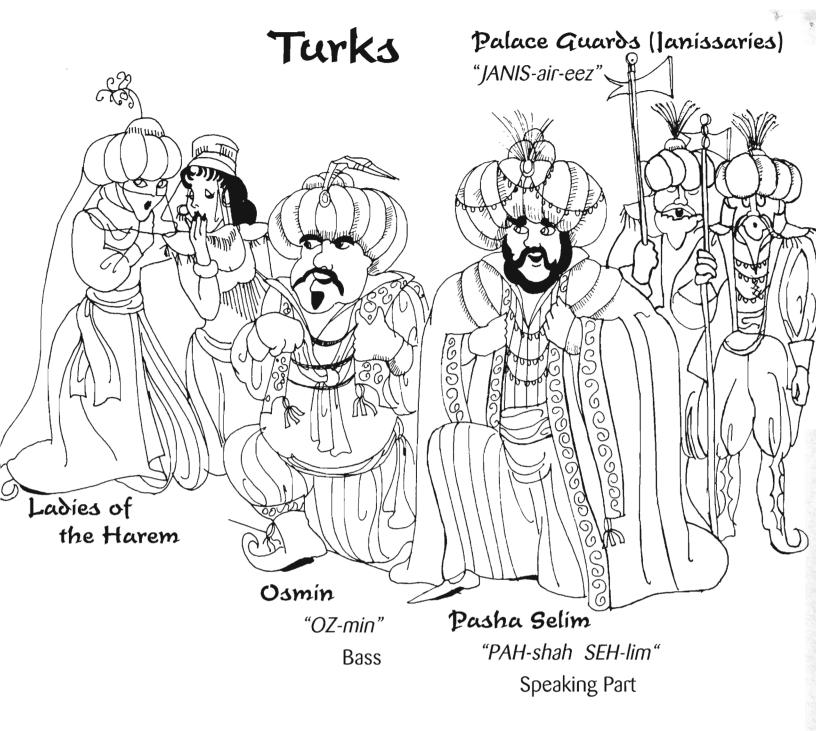
Cymbals are two plates of metal. When clapped together they make a crashing noise. They are often used for the

sound of lightning, followed by tympani for thunder.

The **Piccolo** is a "small flute" but is higher pitched. It can sound like a bird chirping.

# Visitors From Spain





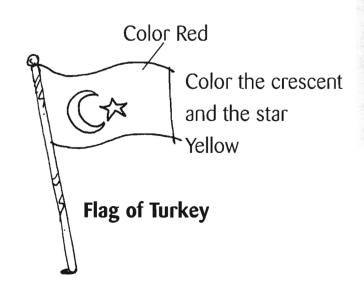
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The Abduction from the Seraglio.

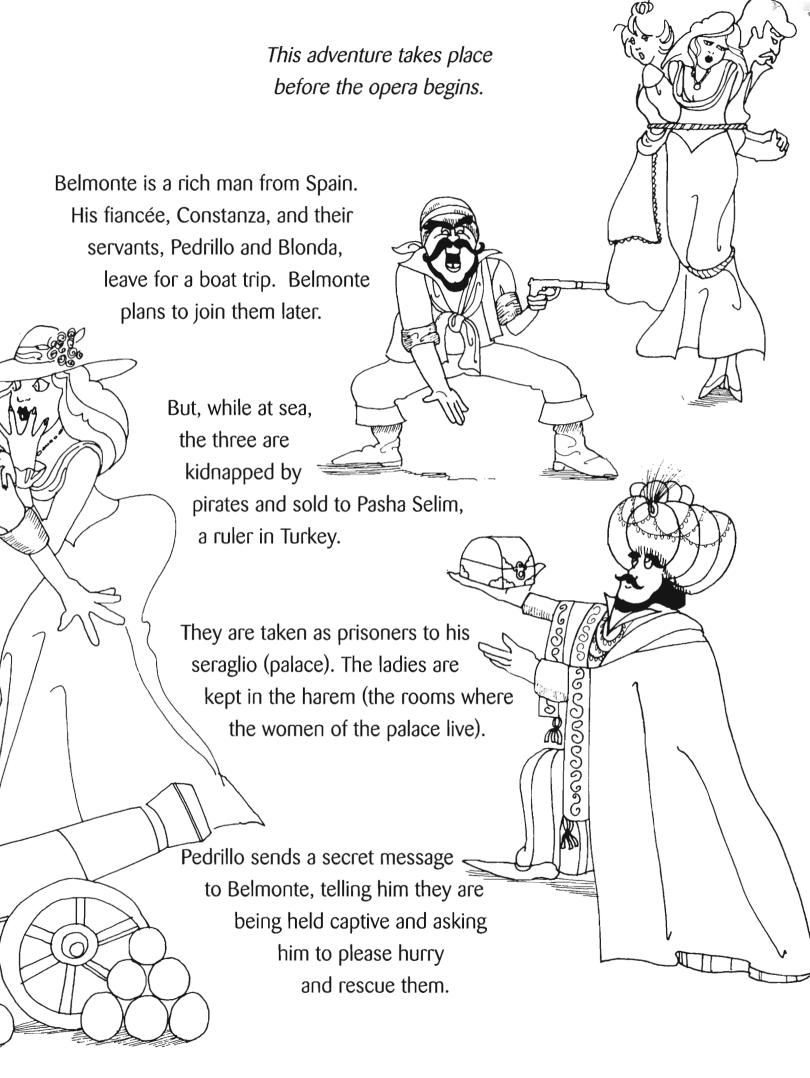
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The opera is sung in **German**. It is called **Singspiel** because it has speaking parts.

Characters









Find the hidden Musical Instruments that Mozart used to create the "Turkish Effect."

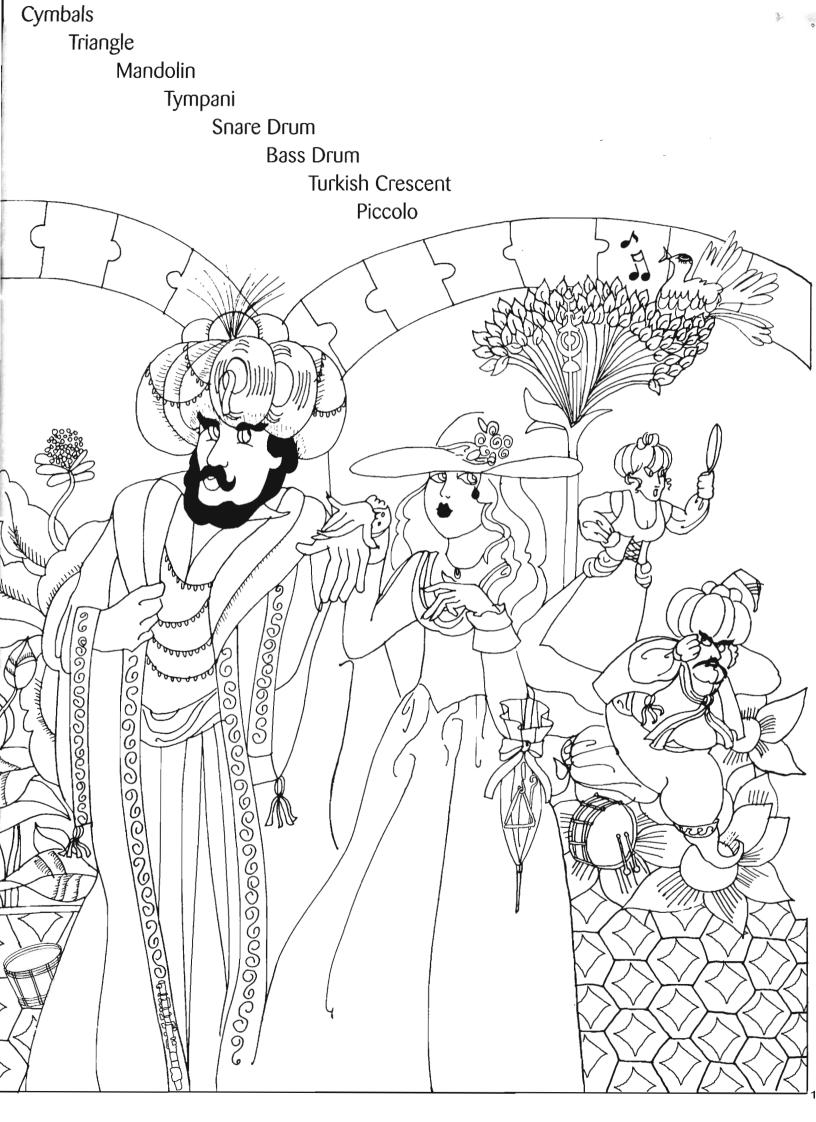
# The Story

Belmonte arrives in Turkey and makes plans with Pedrillo to rescue the ladies from the seraglio, by ladder, at midnight.

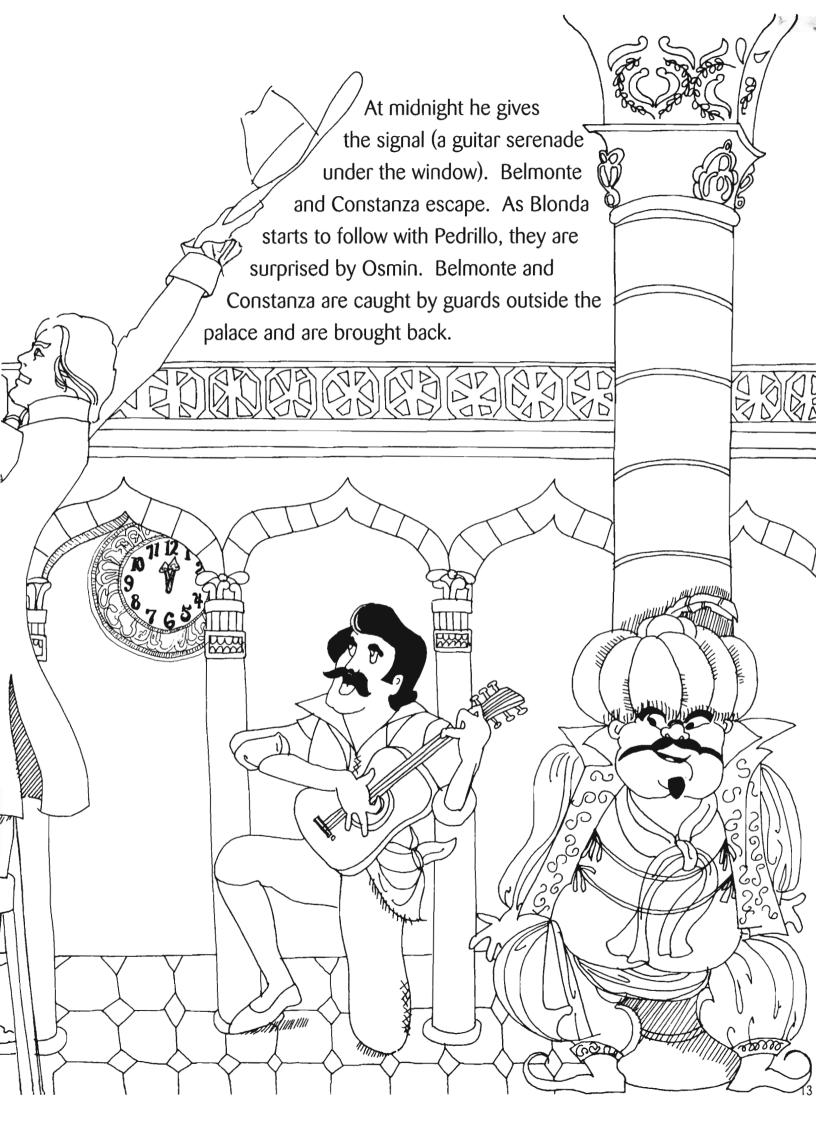
Pasha Selim adores Constanza but she remains true to her beloved Belmonte, whom she doesn't yet realize has already arrived from Spain.

Osmin wants Blonda's love but she insists Pedrillo is her man.



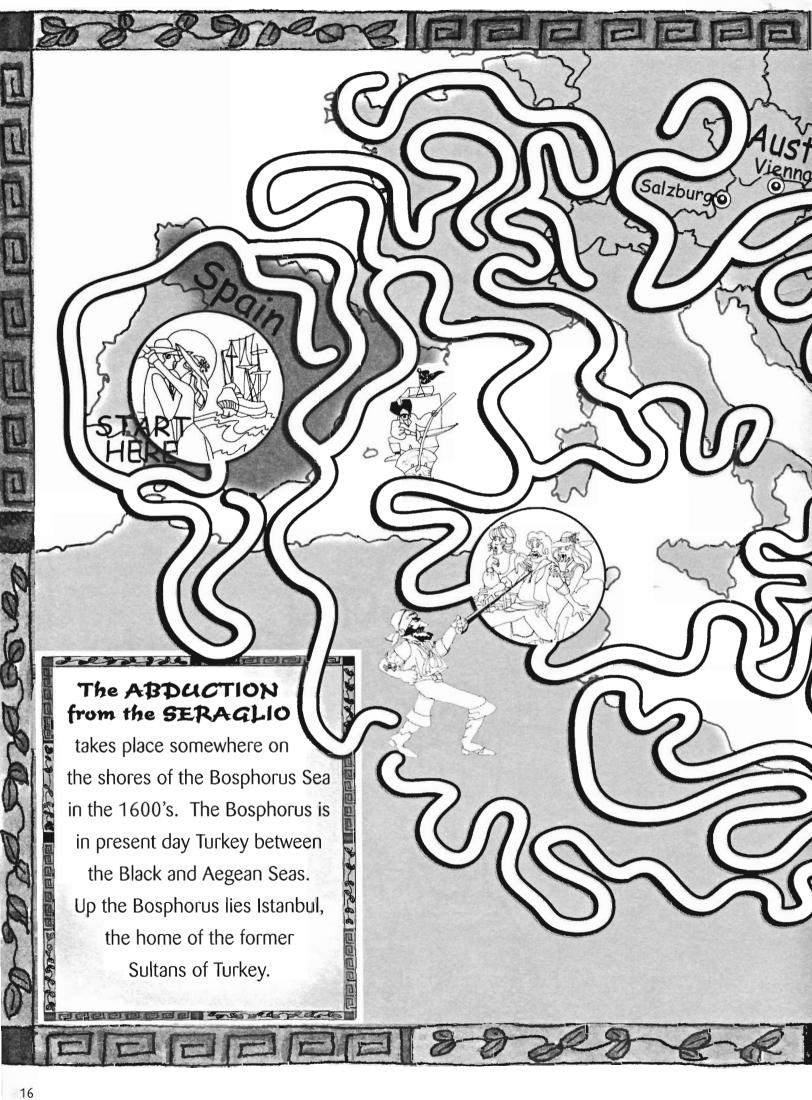


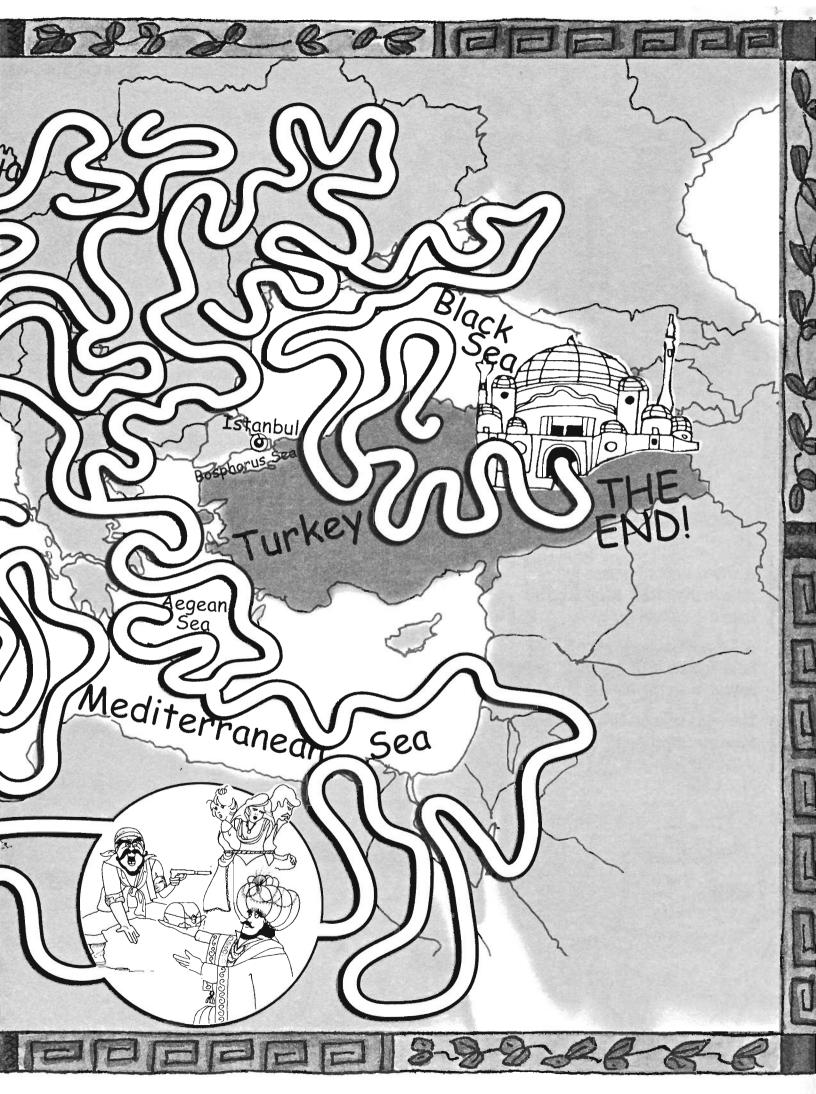


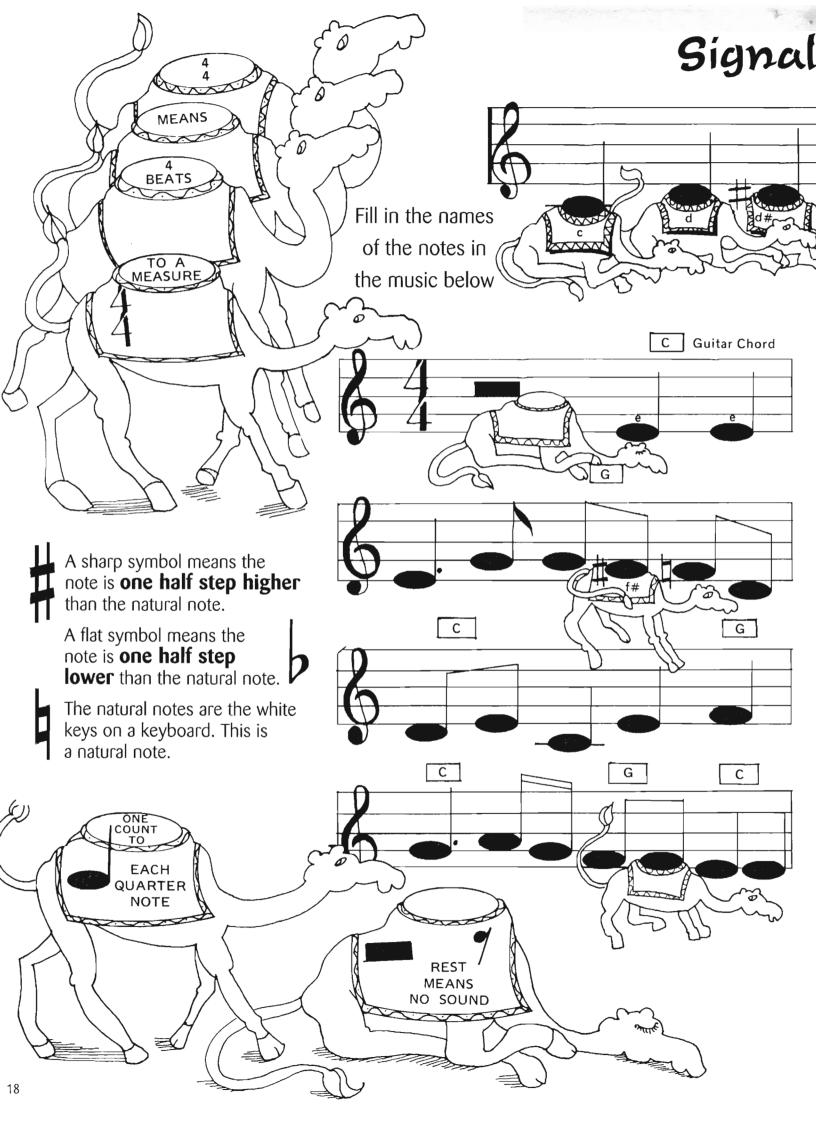










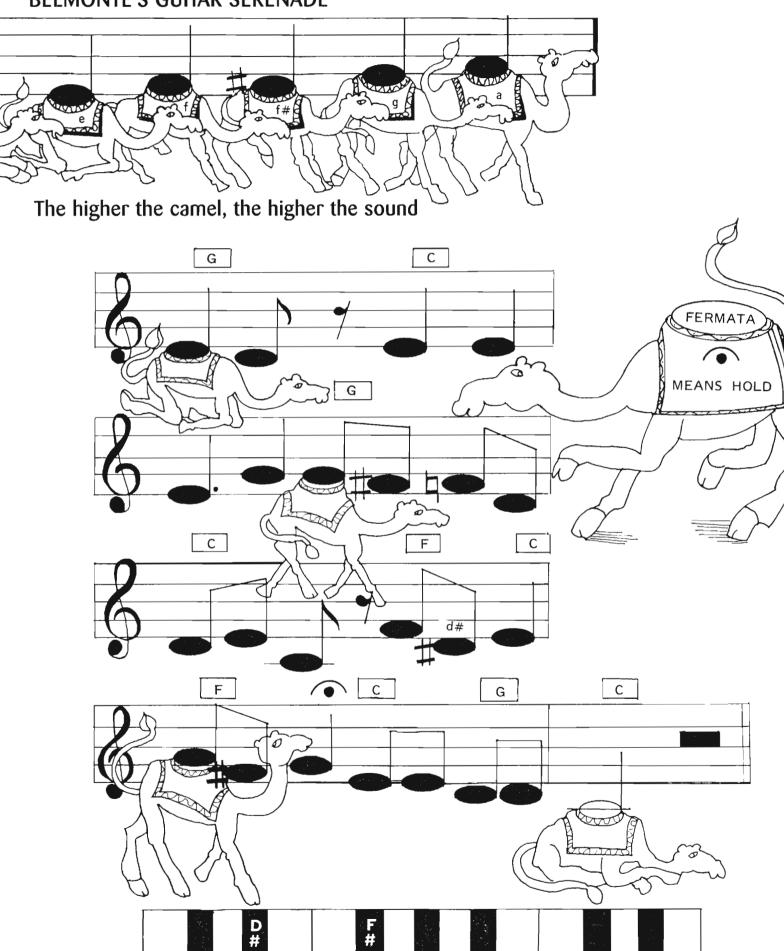


# For Escape (from Act III) BELMONTE'S GUITAR SERENADE

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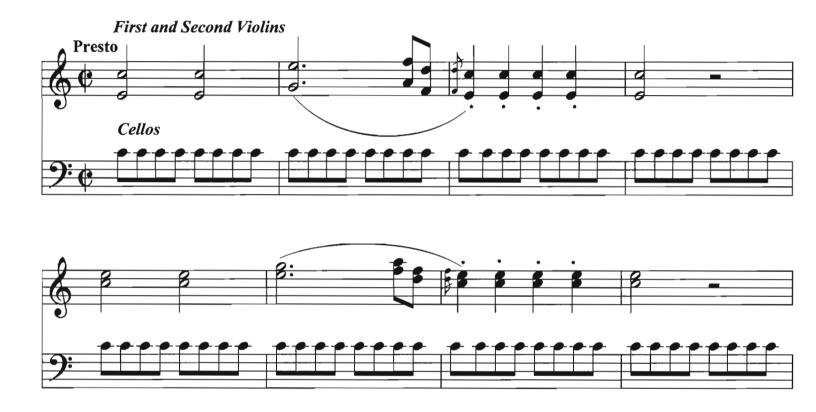
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#### Overture

An opera's first section of music is called an overture. It sets the mood for the opera and combines some of the music you will hear during the performance.

Here is a small piece of the overture from The Abduction from the Seraglio.



The top staff (set of five lines) starts with a  $\mathfrak{D}$ . It is called a **treble clef**. The bottom staff begins with a  $\mathfrak{D}$ , the bass (pronounced *base*) clef. Because they are connected, they are played at the same time.

Clef is French for "key". The clef unlocks the meaning of the lines of music. The treble clef is used for higher instruments like violins. The bass is for lower instruments like cellos. Some instruments, like the piano and harp, play both.

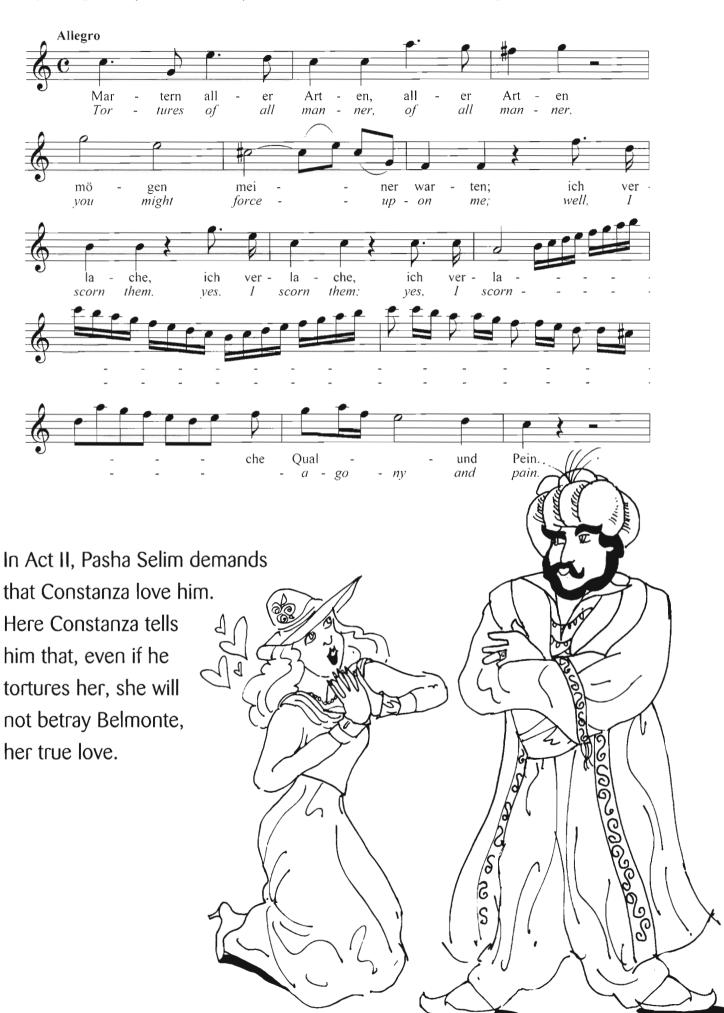
Put a triangle around the treble clefs and a circle around the bass clefs.

# Marsch, Marsch, Marsch

At the end of Act I, Osmin wants to keep the two Spanish gentlemen out of the palace. Belmonte and Pedrillo want to go inside! In this amusing **trio** (three people singing together), notice how Belmonte and Pedrillo join to imitate Osmin as they argue with him.



# MARTERN aller ARTEN



# FINALE

#### Act III

The opera ends with Constanza, Belmonte, Pedrillo and Blonda singing gratitude to the Pasha for his mercy. Osmin sings of his misery.



Wer so Viel Huld ver-ges-sen kann, One who such mer-cy could for-get,

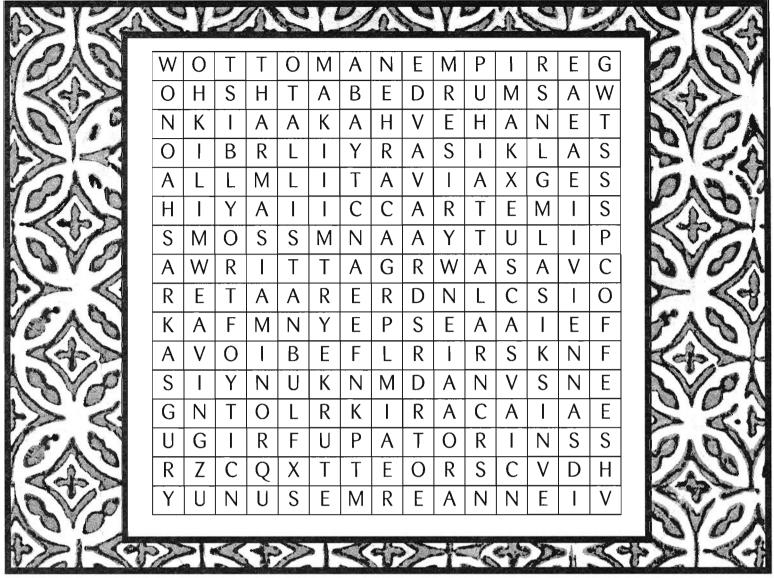
One who such mer - cy could for - get,

Osmin

den seh' man mit Ver - ach-tung an. he should be treat - ed with con -tempt.

with con -tempt.

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# The Treasures of Turkey

Find the treasures in the Word Search, they are in **bold**. Look up, down, diagonally, frontward and backward.

- 1. Our opera takes place in **Turkey** which has a rich past and goes back to the beginning of human history. Turkey is known as the **cradle** of civilization.
- 2. Mount **Ararat** is Turkey's highest mountain and is believed to be the resting place of **Noah's Ark**.
- 3. A **Whirling Dervish,** a member of a religious order, spins around and around as a form of prayer.
- 4. Popular aspects of Turkish culture include strong **coffee**, Turkish **baths**, varieties of **drums** and the national game of **tavia**, also known as backgammon.
- 5. Turkey produces beautiful **carpets** and Turkish **rugs** featuring detailed **kilim weaving**.

- 6. Turkey's capital is **Ankara** and its largest city is **Istanbul**.
- 7. The national flower of Turkey is the **tulip**. It was introduced to the Netherlands from Turkey several hundred years ago.
- 8. The legendary ancient **City of Troy** was located in Turkey.
- 9. The **Ottoman Empire** was huge and powerful and included North Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East from the 13th century until the end of the late 19th century.
- 10. The Empire attempted to conquer **Vienna** one hundred years before the opera takes place.
- 11. **Asia Minor** was the name given to Turkey by the Romans.

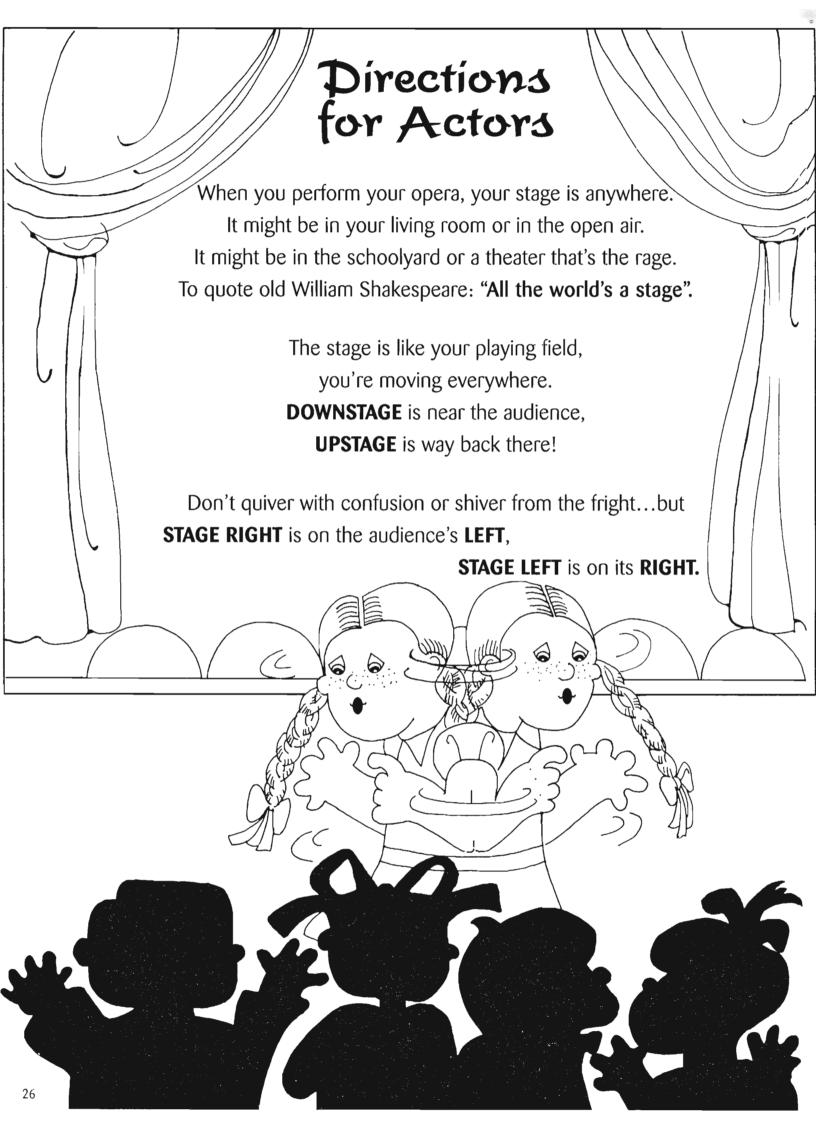
With a FEZ (a Turkish hat) and a MUSTACHE, you too, can disguise yourself as a Turkish Man! Turn a popcorn bucket upside down and paint it red. Then poke a rope through the top. A knot inside will keep the rope secure. You may knot and fray the other end to make a tassel.

Tracing this pattern, cut a mustache from black construction paper and attach it under your nose with a piece of double-sided tape.

Now, with a white shirt or blouse and a pair of loose-fitting black pants, you may pretend to be a palace guard!

Try to find at least 50 words of three letters or more in the word

MUSTACHE



# Act Out The Escape

Underline each part with a different color crayon:

Constanza with bright pink; Blonda with lavender;

Belmonte with blue; Pedrillo with yellow; Osmin with green.

PROPS YOU WILL NEED: Guitar, Ladder (you can use a footstool), Big bag

ACT III - SCENE I

#### The Abduction (Kidnapping)

In the garden of the Seraglio at midnight (Belmonte waits impatiently outside the harem window)

PEDRILLO: Everyone is asleep, sir.

BELMONTE: Where is the ladder?

PEDRILLO: I have it, sir. Now, go to the other side of the garden and keep a

lookout. The ladies will know we are ready as soon as I give my

serenade.

(Pedrillo starts to play his guitar and sing)

BELMONTE: We must hurry! The ship is waiting!

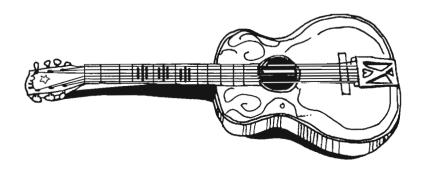
CONSTANZA: (softly from offstage) Hello.

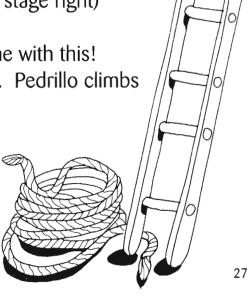
PEDRILLO: They are at the window! (both men look up, stage right)

BELMONTE: (carrying ladder or footstool) Pedrillo, help me with this!

(placed half on stage and half off, stage right. Pedrillo climbs

up to give Constanza help coming down)





BELMONTE: Darling, never, ever shall we be apart again.

PEDRILLO: Please master...there's no time...hurry. Blonda and I will follow.

BLONDA: (offstage) Pedrillo, are you there? Help me with this!

(hands him a big bag)

PEDRILLO: Blonda! We agreed, no luggage!

BLONDA: I refuse to leave my tea things behind! Come on,

give me a hand!

(Pedrillo climbs up the ladder to assist Blonda just as Osmin

staggers in rubbing his eyes)

OSMIN: (muttering to the audience) Robbers? In the palace?

(Pedrillo holding heavy bag, climbs down the ladder. He is so

intent on helping Blonda that he lets go of the bag which falls

into Osmin's hands)

PEDRILLO: (automatically) Oh, thank you!

OSMIN: (bows sarcastically) Delighted, I'm sure.

(as Pedrillo and Blonda reach

the bottom of the ladder,

Osmin points an accusing

finger at them)

So...the snake of a gardener and our little Spanish Miss are robbers!

Guards...take them!

(Two guards enter, seizing them. Two more guards follow with Belmonte and Constanza, their captives. One guard whispers to Osmin)

OSMIN:

I am told you two (pointing to Belmonte and Constanza) were caught trying to escape to the harbour, where your ship is waiting. You will never...never see that ship! Guards...throw them into prison! (all file off stage)

ACT III - SCENE II

#### Inside The Palace

(Three large poofy pillows should be placed center stage. Two guards with Belmonte and Constanza are stage right. Two guards with Pedrillo and Blonda are stage left. Osmin stands just to the right of his "Pillow" throne)

PASHA:

What is going on here?

OSMIN:

My lord, that man (pointing to Belmonte) and Pedrillo tried to kidnap Constanza

and Blonda.

CONSTANZA: (kneeling) Pasha Selim, my lord, I am the guilty one. This (motioning to Belmonte) is the man I love. Please, I beg of you, spare his life!

**BELMONTE:** 

(kneeling) Pasha Selim, your mercy. Any ransom you name will be paid for Constanza. We will give you anything you ask. My family is one of the noblest in all of Spain. We are the Lostados!

PASHA:

(aghast!) Lostados! That name sends shivers down my spine! There is no man on earth I despise more than your father. He has caused me nothing but misery. Many years ago he was personally responsible for my losing my fortune and my true love. Now, I have you – his son – in my power. Tell me, what would he do if he were in my place?

**BELMONTE:** 

(unhappily) Show no mercy!

PASHA:

Ah yes, revenge is sweet!

So, Señor, are you ready to hear

your punishment?

**BELMONTE:** 

(reluctantly) Yes, Pasha Selim.

PASHA:

You may all go free. Return to your country and live happily

ever after. To the truly noble in spirit, it is far better to forgive

than to take revenge.

Guards! Escort them to

their ship.

Have a happy voyage and

may peace be with you

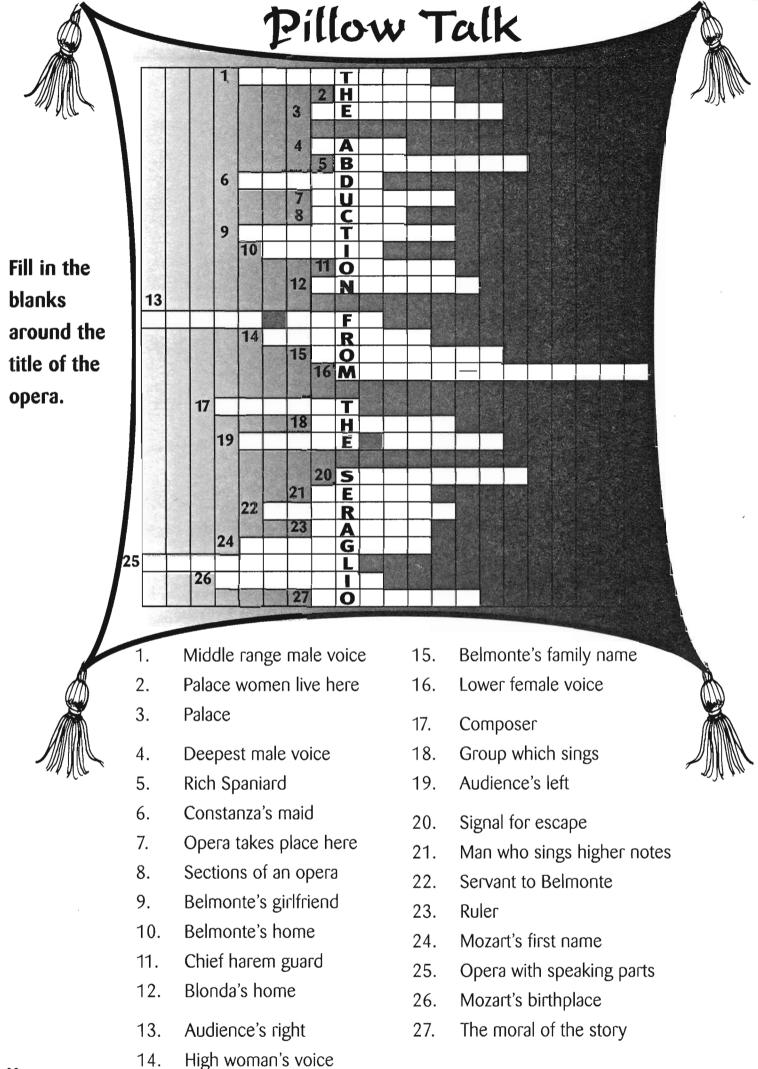
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(Guards and happy couples exit stage left, leaving behind a beaming

Pasha and a very angry Osmin.)

# Follow the Story

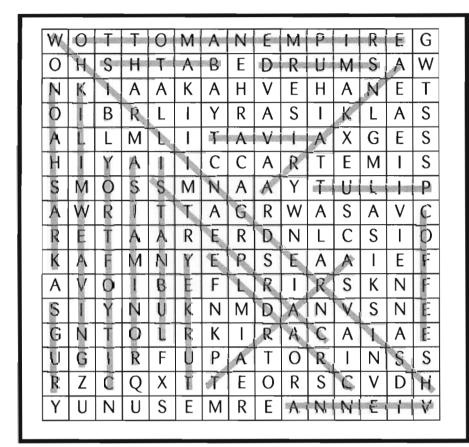
The pictures are scenes you will see in the Opera. Fill in the names of each picture.				
Belmonte sends his fiancée on a trip with her friends. They are				
captured by and are sold to the				
who is a ruler in Turkey. He takes them to his				
Constanza and are kept in the				
makes plans to free his friends.				
He plots to put to sleep.				
Belmonte uses a to climb up to the balcony.				
His servant, plays a serenade on				
his to let the ladies know they are being rescued.				
As they are escaping, Osmin wakes up and catches Pedrillo and Blonda.				
Two take them to the Pasha.				
After much consideration, the Pasha decides that it is better to forgive than take revenge.				
He lets them leave and they sail away happily on their				



### Game Solutions

#### Treasures Of Turkey

(page 24) Solution Key



#### Follow The Story

(page 31) Answers

Constanza

**Pirates** 

Pasha Selim

Seraglio (Palace)

Blonda

Harem

Belmonte

Osmin

Ladder

Pedrillo

Guitar

Palace Guards

Ship

#### Pillow Talk

(page 32) Answers

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# Opera's Fun for Everyone!

