

**SCENE SEVEN: KING TRITON'S COURT**

*(King Triton enters with Sebastian and Flounder.)*

**SEBASTIAN**

Most merciful Triton, I pray that you'll keep calm—

**KING TRITON**

Where is she? Where is Ariel?

**SEBASTIAN**

She'd be so angry if she knew I was here!

**KING TRITON**

I entrust my youngest daughter to you! And what happens? I ought to have you cracked! I ought to have you shelled—

**FLOUNDER**

He almost was, Your Greatness. And all for Ariel—

**KING TRITON**

You ought to be ashamed of yourself, too! What kind of tragedy will it take—

**SEBASTIAN**

A tragedy involving the Sea Witch, to be exact.

**KING TRITON**

*(his alarm growing)*

What did you say?

**FLOUNDER**

*( chiming in, unable to stop truth-telling)*

These two eels came and they took her straight to Ursula, and she traded her voice for a pair of legs, and if the Prince doesn't kiss her—

**KING TRITON**

Her voice? She bartered away her voice to become human?!?

**SEBASTIAN**

By sunset tomorrow, that child could be giving up her very soul—

**KING TRITON**

Her soul?

**SEBASTIAN**

— and all to that wicked sister of yours.

*(The full gravity of the situation dawns on King Triton.)*

**KING TRITON**

It's time I settled things with her once and for all.

*(King Triton, Sebastian and Flounder exit.)*