

## The Perfect Kingdom

(Starts out in the town square with trash scattered every where)

(King Tidas is standing stage right with Guard, and Citizens are stage left)

King Tidas: Citizens! Let us move on from mourning my father's death and look ahead to the great plan I have created. In my reign I promise to give you The Perfect Kingdom!!

The first part of my plan that will be put into action is the establishing of schools with the best teachers from this kingdom and my cousin King Midas' to the left of us.

Citizen: What about the adults? What do we get?

King Tidas: I was about to say that (obviously trying to think of something to say.) Oh, I know! We will be giving funding to businesses that are not succeeding in any way. And all taxes will be lowered.

Citizen: If you are giving funding to businesses and creating better schools how can you lower taxes without causing our Kingdom to go into debt?

(King Tidas quickly waves to the guard not having an answer to the question)

Guard: The king has spoken his daily words of advice. The weather will be forecast from here in 30 minutes. Thank you for watching our new program "Kingly guidance." If you would like to buy any of our

King Tidas: (cutting him off) Come on, most of them have already gone home.  
(They go down stage right)

Guard: So how are you going to lower taxes your greatness?

King Tidas: (angry) I don't know! I mean I have no idea what I am doing. There was no warning for me. I thought I wasn't going to be king for another 20 years. But then Dad just had to go and eat those 30 bags of puffy cheetos and die from over dose of fake dairy products.

Guard: I thought your dad died in a horse accident.

King Tidas: That's just what we told every one so dad wouldn't seem like an idiot.

Anyway, that's not the point! I had no warning to think of something to make a big first impression on the whole kingdom so I got stuck making up the "Perfect Kingdom" plan.

Guard: How did you make that up so quickly?

King Tidas: I read it in a book about what to tell your subjects when your kingdom is in trouble.

(Meanwhile down stage left)

Citizen: That speech wasn't very convincing- I bet he doesn't even have a "perfect kingdom" plan at all. I bet he just read that out of a book somewhere.

Citizen 2: Well the general idea of a "perfect kingdom" sounds good. It will be great for my business to get some funding and with my daughter about to start school- the best teachers in this kingdom and the next would really help her get a good education. Then maybe she could get out of the family business.

Citizen: What **is** your family business?

Citizen 2: Selling pea-melons.

Citizen: What's a pea-melon?

(Citizen 2 exits stage left shaking her head)

3 weeks later in the town square

(King Tidas and guard are standing center stage)

King Tidas: Although the first step of my plan is still in progress, I have decided to put the rest of my plan in action. Next I will

Citizen: (cutting him off) I'm not pleased with your first step yet. The only deduction I've

seen on my taxes is the one cent you took of the education bill.

Guard: The king has not finished!

King Tidas: Yes thank you, as I was saying. Next I will add arts programs all over the kingdom, have pollution control, give nice parks for all ages to enjoy, and my 2 favorites I know you will enjoy the most: 50% off days at all cheap burger joints and give free tours of the palace on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Guard: Brilliant sir, just brilliant.

King Tidas: And I almost forgot! I am going to enlarge the pea-melon market!

Citizen 3: What's a pea-melon?

King Tidas: Well (stumped) I...uh...don't really know to tell the truth.

Citizen 2: You would think people in this kingdom never read. A pea-melon is a watermelon shrunken down to the size of a pea.

King Tidas: (surprised) how did you know that?

Citizen 2: (trying to show off) Well you know 3 whole years of high school and all that reading I do and you know I just have a talent for knowing those things.

Citizen: (cutting him off) you've never even read Make Way for Ducklings. Selling pea-melons is you family business.

(Lights drop on the scene)

(A year later in the town square, the streets are much cleaner)

Citizen: It's been a year now and surprisingly this crazy guy's plan actually worked. This kingdom is perfect!

Citizen2: You said it. The pea-melon business is better than ever. Actually it is so good my daughter dropped out of school so she can stay in the family business!

Citizen: What if all of a sudden the pea-market crashes? What will your daughter do? Ok anyway, back to our original point. This kingdom is so perfect we really don't even need a ruler any more.

Guard: The King will speak!

King Tidas: It's been a year now since I have started this task of making my kingdom perfect, and what can I say? I did it!

(Citizen and Citizen2 start talking between themselves)

King Tidas: I really have created the perfect kingdom.

Citizen2: That's right, WE created the perfect kingdom. Well, almost. One thing still bothers me, any one care to guess?

Citizen3: (waves her hand in the air) Oh pick me! Pick me! The way the park smells after it rains? Or the way my chickens are selling so much better than your pea-melons. Or the way Tom asked me to the dance instead of you.

Citizen2: I don't like Tom I like Bob! Now stop bringing that up, other than that last one good guesses- but no. It's these annoying speeches we have to listen to every day from this guy.

King Tidas: Well if you insist, I will only hold my Lovely speeches 3 times a week.

Citizen: Actually why don't you just stop giving then. As a matter of fact, why don't you just stop ruling.

(Guard gasps looking more offended than the king)

Citizen: As you have stated many times this is a perfect kingdom. In a perfect kingdom there are no troubles, no crime, and no outrageous taxes. Am I right?

All: Yes

Citizen: well then, If you don't mind me asking. What is there left for a King to do?

Citizen2: (grinning) and since we wouldn't want you to get bored.

Citizen: Get out of this kingdom and stop giving all the credit to yourself. It also took the people's hard work for this to work

(King Tidas runs up stage and guard follows)

Guard: Your not so greatness at the moment! Keep running

King Tidas: Why don't they include this kind of stuff in those books?

(All Citizens chase them out stage right)