

Atlantis

ACT ONE SCENE ONE

1, Prologue

[We are at Olympus, the home of the gods. Zeus is calling on the gods to join him.]

ZEUS: Gods of the earth,
Hear my command.
Come forth and show your faces;
Those known unto creation.
In one unity
May we stand
To cast a light across this land
And show the power in our hands.
Hear my call ...
Poseidon!

[Poseidon, god of the sea, enters.]

ZEUS: God of Fire –
Hephaestus!

[Hephaestus enters.]

ZEUS: Aphrodite
Goddess of love.

[Aphrodite enters.]

ZEUS: And Athena,
Goddess of wisdom and war

[Athena enters.]

APHRODITE: Zeus, why have you called us here?

POSEIDON: Yes, why have I come?

ATHENA: Zeus, why have you called us here?

HEPHAESTUS: Yes, why have we come?

FEM. ENS: Zeus, why have you called us here?

MALE ENS: Yes, why have we come?

ZEUS: To give to one an island.
An island that tests the powers
And the worthiness of a god.

ATHENA: Where is this place?

2. Golden Land

ZEUS: Across the raging oceans;
Across the windswept skies;
Across the land of green and brown;
An island does lie.
Here is my place of birth,
Created my Fate's hand.
And one of you will rule here

ENSEMBLE: Over this...

ZEUS: The Golden Land.

ENSEMBLE: Yes!

ALL: Beyond the crystal waters.
Beyond the shining sands.
Beyond the chosen cities
There lies the Golden Land.

ENSEMBLE: Ah ...

ZEUS: The greed that taints most people,
The power and the lust,
The pain and hurt they will not know,
My people, they live in trust.

My people of grace and presence
No war must they command
This is the rock of a new foundation

The Golden Land!

ENS: Ah ...
Ah...
Ah new
foundation
Atlantis!

ALL: Land!

Beyond the crystal waters;
Beyond the shining sands;
Beyond the chosen cities

There lies the Golden Land.
There lies the Golden Land!

ATHENA: Then who is it to be?
Who is the chosen sage?

ZEUS: My decision is now final.
The decree can never change.

HEPHAESTUS: Now speak!

ALL: Tell us who it is!

ZEUS: My brother – Poseidon.

ATHENA: No!

POSEIDON: With a firm and upper hand
I will rule the Golden Land,
And together the people of Atlantis
Will stand.

ZEUS: You may all leave ...

[All peoples and gods leave, except for Athena, who watches Poseidon leave.]

ATHENA: A world of gold and silver,
Wealth beyond compare.
How could he choose Poseidon?
How could he dare?

3. No Friend Of Mine

ATHENA: From the waters and from the seas
The god Poseidon once rescued me.
“A friend,” he said, “will always be true.”
But this time, my friend, the battles renewed.
You knocked me down so I couldn’t fight.
And you took my heart in the dark of the night.
You raped my soul and lied to my face.
So now it’s time to put you back in your place.

You crossed me once before
No more!
This time we’re through!

You are no friend of mine!
You can take the bread –

You can cheat the blind.
You are no friend of mine!
In this personal war
The victory's mine!
You are no friend of mine!

I have the wisdom and I have the fight.
I have the power to take you tonight.
A place in Hell is reserved for you.
Perhaps the fires will kill you too.

You crossed me years ago
And so!
This time we're through!

You are no friend of mine!
You can take the bread –
You can cheat the blind.
You are no friend of mine!
In this personal war
The victory's mine!
You are no friend of mine!

When the blind lead the blind
It's only just a matter of time
Before the master falls and dies.
And then his people can never rise!
Poseidon!
You are no friend of mine!

SCENE TWO

4. Homeland Dreaming

[We are now at Atlantis, and we see the people of Atlantis out working.]

ENSEMBLE: Beyond the crystal waters
Beyond the shining sands
Beyond the chosen cities
Here is the Golden Land

POSEIDON: I rule a kingdom full of glory
But there's a falsehood I need to spread.
I rule in waters and now land
Still, the people must be misled.
Yes!

ALL: Beyond the chosen
 Cities -
 Waters -
 Sands!
 Here is the Golden Land.
 Here is the Golden Land!

[Poseidon eyes off Cleito and he approaches her to make his move.]

POSEIDON: Who are you?

CLEITO: Who me?

POSEIDON: Yes, of course.

CLEITO: Maybe someone you should know.

POSEIDON: Well, are you so sure?
 Could you be the one that I'm searching for?
 The one to share my land?

CLEITO: What are you talking about?

POSEIDON: What do you think I'm talking about?

CLEITO: Sex!

POSEIDON: Well, that's in the bargain too.

CLEITO: What are you talking about?

POSEIDON: Maybe I've not been clear,
 So listen close,
 For the king of Atlantis
 Wants you to bear his name.

CLEITO: What is it you're trying to say?

POSEIDON: You will be ... my wife!

CLEITO: Ha!
 Is this just a game?
 Some kind of manly sport?
 Your wife and a queen?
 Surely my standards fall short!

POSEIDON: We'll see.

CLEITO: Yes, we'll see.

5. High Society

POSEIDON: In high society
There's a simply common law
With bright lights
And late nights
And dances on marble floors.

CLEITO: You think I'm worthy?
I think you're insane!

POSEIDON: But you'll see
While by me
The pleasure! The passion!

CLEITO: And what of pain?

POSEIDON: Well, there's none, really.

CLEITO: So,
In high society
There's a standard you must keep.
You'll need a sexy wife
To keep up all night
With fantasies about ... sheep!

POSEIDON: You'll live in a palace with servants and maids

CLEITO: And not to mention I'll be sticking rich!

POSEIDON: Well, in high society
There's no room for piety.

CLEITO: 'Cause everyone's a bastard or a ... bitch!

POSEIDON: In high society.

CLEITO: You can rewrite the law.

POSEIDON: To suit yourself.

CLEITO: To get more wealth.

BOTH: And to live without a flaw!

CLEITO: Let's dance!

[They launch into a soft-shoe shuffle.]

POSEIDON: Well,
In high society
You can do what you want
You can be a pest
And make a mess

CLEITO: *[Performing a slow strip]* Da da da da da da ...

POSEIDON: Cleito!

CLEITO: Oh sorry...

BOTH: In high society.
In high socie ... ty!

CLEITO: Let's get hitched!

6. Ceremony

POSEIDON: I call upon the people of Atlantis
To come forth and stand.
And listen
And see
And find
And know
That your lord, Poseidon, is to be married!

[A brief wedding ceremony unites Poseidon and Cleito.]

FEM. ENS: Ten sons,
Borne of Cleito,
Now stand at their parents side.
Faithful wife,
At Poseidon's whim,
He determines her life.
Trickery,
Borne of blindness,
Cleito will never see.
Evil at heart,
The devil's advocate,
Start his darkened reign!

ONE FEM: Tyreni, the eldest, is to become king of Atlantis.

ANOTHER F: The other nine will become princes.

7. Kings And Princes

POSEIDON: Kings and princes,
Gods of land.
Remember your duty to your lord.
Kings and princes,
Power in hand.
A ruler, no rest can he afford.

Battle cries will not be known.
Battle scars will not be shown.
Battle voices never will be heard!

ALL: Kings and princes we will be
To stand in righteousness
Kings and princes standing free,
The rulers of this land.

CLEITO: Kings and princes, sons you are
Remember to never grow weak.
Kings and princes, stars at night,
Here is the beauty that you seek.

Listen to the voice of truth.
Listen to the voice of life.
Listen to the people of your land.

ALL: Kings and princes we will be,
To stand in righteousness.
Kings and princes standing free,
The rulers of this land.

TYRENI: I will rule with peace and joy,
Forever and eternity.
I will listen to the voice
And we will live so peacefully and free.
They will stand by me.

ALL: Kings and princes, night and day
Standing right and free.
Standing strong, to live, to be
To march and raise our hands.
Kings and princes of this land!

8. Like Father, Like Son

[Poseidon takes Tyreni aside.]

POSEIDON: Tyreni,
Do you understand my words?