THE ORACLE

THE ECOLOGICAL MUSICAL
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Cast of Characters

RENZE DIVREE	Reluctant hero
DR PETER LEECH	A Humanoid, half-man \ half-machine
LOTHAIRE DIVREE	The ghost of Renze's father
DYAS	Leader of the Water people
KINDRED	A young outcast
WILSON	Leech's aide
PRAAG	A gigantic organic creature, one of Leech's creations
GUARD1	A member of Leech's inner guard
GUARD2	A member of Leech's inner guard
LION	An anahume
EAGLE	An anahume
WP1	A water person
WP2	A water person

Place: The planet Earth

Time: The year 2050

Songs

“THESE ARE THE DAYS TO HOLD ON TO” - Cast
“ARE WE NOT THE KEEPERS” - Lothaire
“GIVE BACK TO THE LAND” - Lothaire & Renze
“OUTSIDE WORLD” - Renze & Kindred
“ORACLE” - Dyas, Renze and the Water People
“KING WITHOUT AN HEIR” - Leech & Guards
“PALE AND BLUE” - Renze & Dyas
“100% SYNTHETIC WORLD” - Leech
“ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION ON MY MIND” - Praag & Kindred
“ONE DROP OF WATER” – Dyas
“THE SONG OF PEACE” - Renze, Dyas, Water People & Outcasts
“AS I WONDER” - Kindred
“WHITE DOVE” - Anahumes
“THE BATTLE” - Leech, Guards, Dyas & Renze
“FIND THE GOOD IN YOURSELF” - Renze & Leech

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ACT I

In darkness the overture

As it finishes the opening song begins and the stage is filled with bright light indicating sunshine.

The cast enter dressed in street clothes and with smiles on their faces they sing the opening number

THESE ARE THE DAYS TO HOLD ON TO: All Cast

ALL CAST

Dancing and running fast like the wind
Climbing the trees with the birds and the bees
Walk in the forest, swim in the lake
How many daisy chains
Do you think it might take?
These are the days
These are the days to hold on to

Sweet golden hair tied up with lace
For all men and women a start up to space
A walk in the forest, a swim in the lake
How many years
Do you think it will take?
These are the days
These are the days to hold on to

Sing!
Hey … hum diddle diddle da dum
Ho … hum diddle diddle da dum
These are the days to hold on to

Flying hurdy gurdies, a walk on the moon
Catastrophic earthquakes, sporadic typhoons
Cut down the forest, dry up the lake
Can you believe what is at stake
The days slip away
The days to hold on to

Life itself is caught on the breeze
No second chances no guarantees
That you can walk in the forest
Or swim in the lake
Closing our eyes was our biggest mistake
Foresight is needed if these are the days
To hold on to

We sing!
Hey … hum diddle diddle da dum
Ho … hum diddle diddle da dum
Hey … hum diddle diddle da dum
These are the days
These are the days to hold on to

Song ends

At the end of the song suddenly we hear a slamming door, the lights darken and the cast flee the stage. We hear an icy wind howling across the wastelands accompanied by atmospheric music.

From out of the earth arises Lothaire, a man in his mid sixties dressed in a flowing earth coloured robe.

Lothaire sings

ARE WE NOT THE KEEPERS: Lothaire

LOTHAIRE *(spoken)*
The golden times have past
The age of network has arrived
The world once fresh and young is now barren and gray
the ozone layer is no more
by day the heavens rain fire over a scorched earth
by night the winds chill to the core

More precious than life is the food that we eat
and more dreadful than death is this world we meet
People of the earth take heed
the prophesy of the oracle
prepare your heart the future is upon you
Gone, depleted, deleted, defeated,
All gone ...

(sung)
Something's in the atmosphere
A poison in the air
Something's in the atmosphere
Network madness everywhere

Cast out on the badlands
People of the earth
Cast out on the badlands
Stripped of all their worth

One man sits upon his throne
Trapped inside a bubble
One man standing on his own
The rest banished to the rubble

Cast out on the badlands
People of the earth
Cast out on the badlands
Stripped of all their worth

This is the song of the earth
This is the fate of all mankind

Are we not the keepers
People of the earth
We need believers
Cause there will come a time

When we no longer remember
No longer recall
All that is lost

One man sits upon his throne
Leech is his name
One man standing all alone
Destruction is his fame

Cast out on the badlands
The tongues cut from their throat
Cast out on the badlands
They only live in hope

This is the song of the earth
This is the fate of all mankind

Are we not the keepers
People of the earth
We need believers
Cause there will come a time
When we no longer remember
No longer recall
All that is lost

The world is pale and blue
The earth is dying
But there is one chance
A stranger,
A man unknown to Leech
A man who has not seen the sky for 20 years
A man buried underneath the earth
Scared, hungry and defeated
A broken man about to be reborn

(spoken)
it is foretold the sleeper will awake
from beneath the earth he will rise
a glimmer of hope where once there was none
as the earth breathes her last breath
he will come
and all of man will await him

(sung)
My only living son awaken to your destiny
Now your time has come
Can't you see the wheels are turning
The revolution has begun

Cast out on the badlands
Renze it's now or never
Cast out on the badlands
It'll soon be lost forever.

One man standing on his own
You ... are ... The chosen one.

Song ends

SCENE 1 - RENZE'S HIDEOUT

Renze on his bed, tossing and turning. Lothaire enters

LOTHAIRE Renze

Renze turns and sees Lothaire. Grabs steel rod to protect himself.

RENZE Who are you?

LOTHAIRE You know who I am

RENZE How did you get in here?

LOTHAIRE You cannot keep me out

RENZE Stay away from me

LOTHAIRE I have come for you

RENZE You're from the network

LOTHAIRE I am a friend

RENZE How did you know I was here?

LOTHAIRE I see everything. You cannot hide from me. I have come for you, my son. Come. Feel my hands. Look into my eyes. Do you not recognise your own father?

RENZE My father is dead

LOTHAIRE And I have returned the dead bring you a message

RENZE The dead don't come back. Get out.

LOTHAIRE Hear me Renze

RENZE Hear me. Get out.

LOTHAIRE My little rebel. Still as angry as ever.

RENZE How did you know that name? No one knows that name.

LOTHAIRE I know everything about you my son

RENZE You're not my father!

LOTHAIRE Listen. The time has come, you must find the key. You must begin the quest.

Lothaire sings

GIVE BACK TO THE LAND: Lothaire & Renze

LOTHAIRE I am the voice of past and present
I am the wind, the breath of life
I dance through trees to send a message
I come to you to start the fight

Together we will save the earth
From the tyrants who now rule our land
It's up to you, be my disciple
Take my hand and we'll fly

I will guide you to your destination
The journey's long you must be patient

Give back to the land, I tell thee, what it gave to you
It's hurting and it's crying - I'm telling you the truth
But the day is fast approaching
When she'll just lay down and die
She cries out for forgiveness
Though she cannot reason why

RENZE Leave me, leave me, go now, please leave me alone
I have surrendered, my heart has turned to stone
The ideals I once had, have long been forgotten
The world in which we live - is now decayed and rotten.

I no longer care for the beauty which I cherished
I loved it, I watched it slowly perish

Give back to the land, I tell thee, what it gave to you
It's hurting and it's crying - I'm telling you the truth
But the day is fast approaching
When she'll just lay down and die
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Song ends

LOTHAIRE Begin the quest my son, find the key. You are our only hope, our last hope.

Lothaire exits

Suddenly there is a loud clatter off, Kindred covered in dirt and dressed in rages tumbles onto stage. She sees Renze and recoils against a wall.

RENZE It's alright I'm not going to hurt you. Good isn't it, pure H2O, compliments of the network.

KINDRED Guardman!

RENZE No, not a Guardman. Who are you?

KINDRED Me - Kindred

RENZE Kindred, come from the Spheres did you? Runaway?

KINDRED Me live - (points upwards)