

A SWASHBUCKLING PANTOMIME BY
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CAST

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

CAPTAIN BLACKTASHE – *A fearsome pirate captain.*

WINKLE – *The bumbling henchman of the above.*

CALYPSO – *Spirit of the Seventh Sea.*

DAME CRYSTAL CRUSOE – *Robinson's loveable, batty mother.*

POLLY PERKINS – *The Innkeeper's daughter with a soft spot for Robinson.*

PETER PERKINS – *The Innkeeper.*

CAPTAIN CRUSOE – *Robinson's dad.*

SPRAT CRUSOE – *Robinson's daft brother.*

ROBINSON CRUSOE – *The man himself!*

FRIDAY – *An island native.*

ADDITIONAL CAST

TOWN CRIER

BUTCHER

BAKER

CANDLESTICK MAKER

HOST

EXCERPT FROM ACT ONE | SCENE ONE:

MUSIC CUE: OVERTURE/PROLOGUE NAUTICAL UNDERSCORE:

VOICE: *Once upon a time – across the ocean foam,
In a perilous place that Pirates call home,
A treasure trove of gold was stowed in a temple by the beach,
By a Captain who drew a map to keep his booty within reach.
But the salty seaman’s greed grew strong,
For he knew his crew would do him wrong.
With a pistol in hand, there’s no way he could fail,
The crew were helpless but dead men tell no tales!*

SFX CUE: GUN SHOT

VOICE: *But the map he drew to find his way was lost overboard that fateful day,
Into the ocean with a terrible splash and far from the clutches of Captain
Blacktashe!*

CLOTH OUT TO REVEAL CAPTAIN BLACKTASHE: **SFX CUE: THUNDER**

BLACKTASHE: Be afraid ye lily-livered landlubbers for it is I! The awesome, the fearsome, the handsome, Captain Blacktashe! Master of the mast and the most feared Pirate Captain ever to grasp the helm! Soon I will rule the seven seas when I finally find my map and get my hands on the treasure. Now, where is my feckless first mate?! Winkle!

WINKLE ENTERS: **SFX CUE: THUNDER**

BLACKTASHE: I have a plan...

WINKLE: I love a good plan!

BLACKTASHE: ...a scheme...

WINKLE: I love a good scheme!

BLACKTASHE: To get us out of this dump...

WINKLE: I love a good dump!

BLACKTASHE: And you know the best bit? There’s no one who can stop me! Oh no there isn’t! [BUSINESS]

CALYPSO ENTERS.

CALYPSO: Oh yes there is! *Never fear boys and girls, it’s me!*
Calypso! Spirit of the Seventh Sea.

BLACKTASHE: *I might have known you’d turn up here,
But you are no match for this buccaneer!*

CALYPSO: *That's where you're wrong Blacktashe!
So you can shut your trap!*

BLACKTASHE: *Enough of this nonsense; now tell me...
Where's my map?*

CALYPSO: *The map is with our hero and hidden safe from view,
His name is 'Robinson Crusoe' and he'll get on top of you!*

BLACKTASHE: *Crusoe! Is that so? Well, he'll end up 'up the spout'
For even brave men tremble when I get my chopper out!*

CALYPSO: *You don't scare me Captain! I'll have your guts for garters,
I'll turn you into a Prawn Cocktail and that'll only be for starters!*

BLACKTASHE: *I tire of you Calypso, you've taken too much of my time.
It's bad enough that I have to speak to you in rhyme!
Now it's time to go to battle; 'Boo' me as I do so,
To steal my map and bring an end to the boy, Robinson Crusoe!*

EXCERPT FROM ACT ONE | SCENE TWO:

CAPTAIN CRUSOE AND SPRAT (WEARING A FOOTBALL ON HIS HEAD) ENTER:
MUSIC CUE: COMIC ENTRANCE

SPRAT: Hello everybody! My name is Sprat and this is my Dad!

CAPTAIN: [Flirtatiously to front row woman:] Captain Crusoe at your service madam!
I wouldn't wear that around here son...

SPRAT: Why not?

CAPTAIN: You might get your head kicked in! Ha-ha! What's wrong with you, Sprat?
You don't look well!

SPRAT: I'm homesick.

CAPTAIN: Homesick? But you are home!

SPRAT: I know! I'm sick of it!

CAPTAIN: We can't have you moping around the place! What will you do if the pirates attack?

SPRAT: Well, that's easy! I'll get a tin of red paint and a tin of blue paint and throw it all over them.

CAPTAIN: Why on earth would you do that?

SPRAT: Because then they'll be marooned!

CAPTAIN: [To audience:] You've got another two hours of this! I tell you what son, I'm sick of this place as well! Very fortunate really as your mother and me were about to set sail!

SPRAT: For a swashbuckling, sword fighting, treasure hunting adventure?

CAPTAIN: No, we need to sail to the mainland to get more little wooden forks for the chippy!

SPRAT: Oh well! A voyage is a voyage!

CAPTAIN: That's the spirit son! Time to pack the provisions...

SPRAT GETS A TIN OF ALPHABETTI SPAGHETTI WITH DYNAMITE IN IT.

SPRAT: Ta da!

CAPTAIN: What do we need a tin of Alphabetti Spaghetti with dynamite in it for?

SPRAT: I don't really know but if it goes off it could spell disaster!

CAPTAIN: Get rid of it Sprat!

SPRAT: Okay, okay!

SPRAT ENTERS WITH A SHREK TOY THAT IS SHAKING.

CAPTAIN: Oh, what now?!

SPRAT: It's a nervous Shrek!

CAPTAIN: We don't need either of these things!

SPRAT: I know! But I've got one more! Ladies and gentlemen, the highlight of the show!

SPRAT HOLDS UP A HIGHLIGHTER PEN.

CAPTAIN: I've had enough of this! I'm off to Ye Olde [LOCAL PUB]!

ROBINSON(OFF): Oh no you're not!

ROBINSON ENTERS: **MUSIC CUE: ROBINSON ENTRANCE**

SPRAT: Robinson! It's you!

ROBINSON: Hello everyone! Yes, it's me! Robinson Crusoe! [THIGH SLAP] I've brought something to launch the ship...[Holding up a bottle of Champagne:] Champagne! Well, it's better than *real* pain!

SPRAT: I've brought something too!

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SPRAT COLLECTS A BOTTLE OF HEAD & SHOULDERS.

SPRAT: Shampoo! Well it's better than *real* poo! Y'know I was in Tesco the other day and I asked "Do you have any Shampoo?" and they said "Extra volume?" so I said "DO YOU HAVE ANY SHAMPOO?!"

CAPTAIN: We have to get the Jolly Roger ready, Robinson.

ROBINSON: Don't you ever long for a real adventure Dad?

CAPTAIN: I used to! Then I married your mother...

ROBINSON: Leaving Widdling by the Sea behind for tropical islands, buried treasure and pirate maps where X marks the spot!

CAPTAIN: It's always been a dream of mine too son but we've got a chippy to run! I'm going to find your mother and when I get back I want you to have assembled a crew and have them ready to set sail! We need everything to be ship shape!

SPRAT: But I like mine the shape it is!

CAPTAIN: No messing about this time!

ROBINSON: Aye aye!

SPRAT: Ear ear!

DAME CRUSOE ENTERS: **MUSIC CUE: DAME ENTRANCE**

DAME: Ahoy boys and girls! Listen to you lot causing a racket in public!

ROBINSON: It wasn't me Mum!

DAME: I knew it wouldn't have been you Robinson. You're the intelligent one!

SPRAT: Whoa, whoa, whoa! – I'm intelligent too! I did a jigsaw once in 2 months!

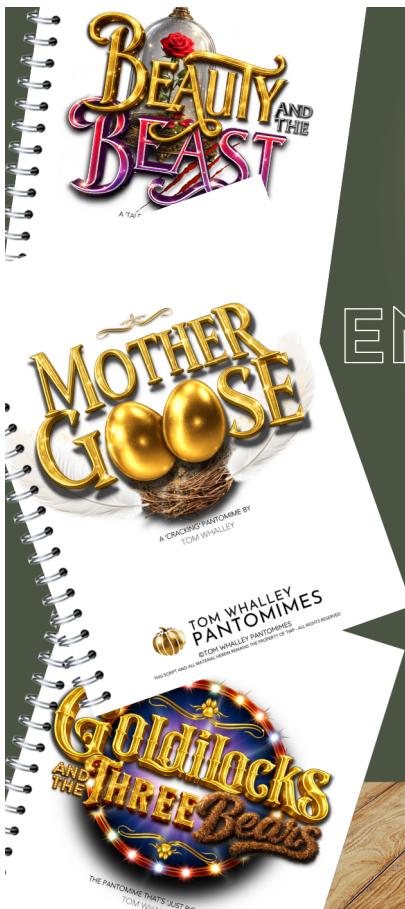
CAPTAIN: What's so good about that?

SPRAT: It said 3-6 years on the box!

DAME: Come on Crusoe's, we need to get back to the chippy and update the prices of our pies. In Jamaica and Barbados, Mince and Onion is £1; Steak and Kidney is £2 and Chicken and Mushroom is £1.50

SPRAT: Really?

DAME: Yes! Those are the pie rates of the Caribbean! Come on Crusoes! See you later boys and girls!



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