



A 'CRACKING' PANTOMIME BY
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CAST

IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

FAIRY LIQUID – *A spirit. Magical, mystical and very bubbly!*

MOTHER GOOSE – *The leading lady. A warm, motherly Dame.*

DEMOM FOIE GRAS – *A demon hellbent on destroying mankind. The villain. [French Accent]*

GIBLET – *Demon Foie Gras' bumbling henchman.*

JILL MAYNOT – *The Mayor's Daughter. A sweet and fun-loving principal girl.*

SILLY BILLY GOOSE – *Mother Goose's son. A bit dim. The comic.*

MAYOR MAYNOT – *The bombastic, jolly mayor of Billville.*

PRISCILLA THE GOOSE – *The prize goose who lays golden eggs! Mother Goose's only friend.*

KING GANDER OF GOOSELAND – *The King of Gooseland and judge at Mother Goose's trial.*

ADDITIONAL CAST

TOWN CRIER

HOST

HERON HERALD

EXCERPT FROM ACT ONE | SCENE TWO:

MOTHER GOOSE: If it's not one thing, it's your mother!

MOTHER GOOSE AND MAYOR MAYNOT'S EYES MEET.

MAYOR: Goosey-Woosley!

MOTHER GOOSE: Mayory-Wayory!

MUSIC CUE: 'SAVE YOUR LOVE' UNDERSCORE

THEY 'FLOAT' TOWARDS EACH OTHER AND HOLD HANDS.

MAYOR: Be still my beating heart! Mother Goose...

MOTHER GOOSE: Mayor Maynot!

MAYOR: Please, call me *Roger*...

SILLY BILLY: Roger the Mayor?

MOTHER GOOSE: Not in front of the kids!

MAYOR: You look like a bag of rubbish...

MOTHER GOOSE: What?

MAYOR: Now, let me...take you out!

MOTHER GOOSE: Oh! Mr Mayor! You're in the pink!

MAYOR: And I'm afraid you're in the red! I've been sent for the rent on your bird sanctuary...

MOTHER GOOSE: Oh, Mayor Maynot, we're poor!

JILL: Poor?

SILLY BILLY: Penniless!

MAYOR: Penniless? [To Mother Goose:] Surely you have a little something tucked away?

MOTHER GOOSE: I do, but don't tell [NAME OF MAN]! I wish we were rich!

JILL: Money can't buy you happiness!

MOTHER GOOSE: You've clearly never paid for a divorce!

MAYOR: Oh! A divorcee? I see! Tell me in that case, if I kissed your cheek, would you blush?

MOTHER GOOSE: If I pulled your chain, would you flush?

MAYOR: I must say, Mother Goose, there is nothing like a woman...

SILLY BILLY: Yeah, and she's *nothing* like a woman!

MOTHER GOOSE: Shut up!

MAYOR: Perhaps one day I'll take you to London to see the sights! Have you got a head for heights?

MOTHER GOOSE: Well, you can show me Big Ben but I won't be taken up the shard...

MAYOR: I'd settle for a little peck on the cheek!

PRISCILLA PECKS THE MAYOR.

MAYOR: Ow! Not like that!

MOTHER GOOSE: Oh, Mayor Maynot! Follow me to my sanctuary. You can peek at my woodpeckers, gaze at my guineafowl and, if you're very good, you can ogle my owls! The fellas can't get enough of my hooters!

MAYOR: As truly tempting as that is Mother Goose, I have many mayoral matters to attend to! All those potholes won't ignore themselves! I'm sure I can give you one more day to pay. Come, my darling Netflix and *Jill*!

JILL: Goodbye Billy!

JILL KISSES SILLY BILLY'S HAND.

SILLY BILLY: I'll never wash that hand again!

JILL KISSES SILLY BILLY'S CHEEK.

SILLY BILLY: I'll never wash that cheek again! Keep going!

JILL: Why?

SILLY BILLY: I was hoping never to have a bath again!

MAYOR MAYNOT AND JILL EXIT: **MUSIC CUE: MAYOR EXIT STING**

MOTHER GOOSE: Come on Casanova, back to the cottage. I need to take down the flowers from my headboard after your birthday last week.

SILLY BILLY: Why *do* you put flowers above your bed for my birthday?

MOTHER GOOSE: To commemorate where the accident happened! You're too poor for a girl like Jill.

SILLY BILLY: Then *you're* too poor for a man like the Mayor!

MOTHER GOOSE: Oh, it doesn't happen often but when you're right, you're right! We're so poor we can't even afford toilet roll...

SILLY BILLY: We have just to do handstands in the shower!

MOTHER GOOSE: And I'm sorry son but with the cost of feed and seeds I've had to give away some of our geese!

SILLY BILLY: Oh, Mum! Which ganders have gone?

MOTHER GOOSE: *Geese* Witherspoon!

SILLY BILLY: No!

MOTHER GOOSE: *Pâté* LuPone!

SILLY BILLY: Say it ain't so!

MOTHER GOOSE: And the baby one – *Ryan Gosling*!

SILLY BILLY: You're not going to give away Priscilla, are you?

PRISCILLA: [Panicked:] HONK!

MOTHER GOOSE: Don't be silly, Silly Billy. She's our best feathered friend – no matter how bad things get I could never give her away!

EXCERPT FROM ACT ONE | SCENE FOUR:

MOTHER GOOSE: Hello goslings! Yes, can you believe it? It's me! I've never had so much attention. You know, [NAME OF MAN] came backstage in the interval looking for a choc ice...

TOWN CRIER: Did you give him one?

MOTHER GOOSE: Don't ask personal questions! I can't wait until Silly Billy gets a glimpse of his new yummy mummy!

SILLY BILLY: Excuse me lady, we're looking for my Mum.

MOTHER GOOSE: Lady?! I'm no lady.

SILLY BILLY: Sorry! Excuse me sir...

MOTHER GOOSE: What?!

MAYOR: We're trying to find his Mother...

JILL: Mother Goose...

SILLY BILLY: Have you seen her?

MOTHER GOOSE: Don't be so silly, Silly Billy! It's me!

SHE POSES COMICALLY.

ALL: Who?

MOTHER GOOSE: Your mother!

ALL: Mother Goose?! [Taking a step back:] Steps back in amazement!

JILL: What happened to you?

MOTHER GOOSE: Can't you tell? I'm gorgeous! I had a dip in a magical pool and now I make all the men drool!

MAYOR: Mother Goose, you look so...different!

MOTHER GOOSE: I knew you'd come crawling back!

SILLY BILLY: Mum, something terrible has happened!

MOTHER GOOSE: Oh no! Have I broken a nail?

JILL: No! Much worse!

MOTHER GOOSE: My hair is out of place?

SILLY BILLY: No!

MOTHER GOOSE: Well, what's happened then?

MAYOR: Priscilla is missing!

MOTHER GOOSE: [Sheepishly:] Oh no she isn't...

SILLY BILLY: Oh yes she... what do you mean, Mum?

MOTHER GOOSE: Priscilla *isn't* missing...

JILL: Then where is she?

MOTHER GOOSE: I don't know because – she's not our goose anymore...

SILLY BILLY: Not our goose? Don't tell me you gave Priscilla away!?

MOTHER GOOSE: Okay then – I won't tell you!

MUSIC CUE: 'YOU'RE SO VAIN' underscore

SILLY BILLY: You gave Priscilla away? Is this true?

MOTHER GOOSE: [Preening:] Yes, but look what I got in return!

SILLY BILLY: I don't recognize you, Mum...

MOTHER GOOSE: And isn't that wonderful?!

ALL: No!

MOTHER GOOSE: Who cares about Priscilla? Now that she's gone I have everything I've always wanted! I'm rich! I'm beautiful!

MAYOR: No, you're not!

JILL: Beauty is only skin deep, Mother Goose...

SILLY BILLY: And if you can selfishly sacrifice our best friend Priscilla just for beauty and to feel a bit better about yourself then deep down you must be the ugliest person in the world.

MOTHER GOOSE: Jill...

JILL TURNS AWAY FROM HER.

MOTHER GOOSE: Mr Mayor...

MAYOR MAYNOT TURNS AWAY FROM HER.

MOTHER GOOSE: Son...

SONG #11: 'YOU'RE SO VAIN' – CARLY SIMON [CHORUS]

SILLY BILLY SINGS THE CHORUS BEFORE TURNING AWAY. EVERYONE EXITS LEAVING MOTHER GOOSE ALONE. **MUSIC CUE: SAD underscore**

MOTHER GOOSE: Oh, boys and girls, what have I done? I thought that if changed everything about myself and I were rich and beautiful everyone would love me but now that I have both of those things I've never felt more alone. Fairy Liquid! I want Priscilla back! There must be something I can do?

FAIRY: *You were warned, Mother Goose, with the option to choose,
You've lost more than you were prepared to lose.*

MOTHER GOOSE: Oh, Fairy Liquid, can I get Priscilla back and return my beauty?

FAIRY: *The answer is "No", I must confess; I'm afraid this isn't M&S!
But, despite your poor behaviour, there is a way that you could save her...*

MOTHER GOOSE: There is?! I'd do anything!

FAIRY: *You won't change how your story ends, without the help of all your friends!*

MOTHER GOOSE: I don't have any friends anymore. Everyone has left me.

SILLY BILLY ENTERS.

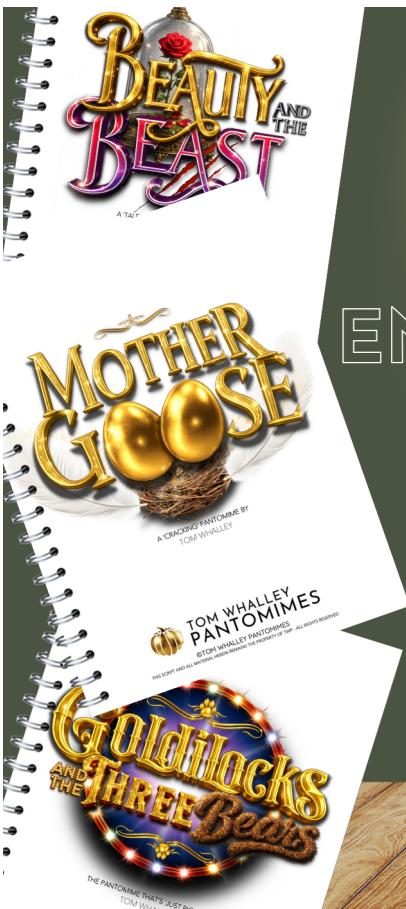
SILLY BILLY: Oh no they haven't!

MOTHER GOOSE: Billy! You came back!

MAYOR MAYNOT AND JILL ENTER.

MAYOR: We *all* did.

SILLY BILLY: Just because you made a mistake, Mum, doesn't mean you can't make things better again.



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