

TOODLES OF
TREASURE TOWN
AND HER
SNOWMAN



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*To my three granddaughters,
Alaia, Zoey and Molly,
who like Toodles,
seek out many marvelous adventures
each and every day.*

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TOODLES OF TREASURE TOWN AND HER SNOW MAN was first performed at the Yorkshire Playhouse in York, Nebraska, June 22-25, 2023: John I Baker III, director; Clare Bierbaum, assistant director; and Clare Willis, student intern.

TOODLES: Cadence Marquart
TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Alanna Gillespie
STEENA: Arabella Robison
MOTHER: Hannah Kreifels
LOYAL: Sara Reynolds
PEDRO: Isaiah Kriefels
FIRE FLY: KlairaHeberlee
PEDRO: Isaiah Kriefels
SIGNOR PERRIWINKLE: Carter Heath
SNOWMAN: Kaewyn Robison
CIRILLO: Jackson Heath
LORCAN: Carl Wilson
HI-HO: Gage Stahr
NILSINE: Ronin Lee
NYX: Lena Groetzinger
ARAMUS: Madison Vodicka
VIDARR: Anna Vodicka
CENSUS TAKER: Levi Heath
COCKATOO GUARD 1: Braxton Wiley
COCKATOO GUARD 2: Olivia Nielsen
COCKATOO 1: Aylah Meierau
COCKATOO 2: Maylee Jordan
COCKATOO 3: Elise Marquart
COCKATOO 4: Tyce Goodwin
COCKATOO CAR DRIVER: Kemper Marquart
MARCHING COCKATOOS: Evelyn Clark, Brailyn Epp, Corianna Gillespie, Antonio Gomez, Aubrey Herberlee, Matilda Owens, Reese Scheinost, Julie Seachord, Macey Snodgrass, Sophie Staehr, Cora Turner, Axah Wiley
HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: Jainey Rinehart
QUEEN ELINORA: Raima Kreifels

MILTON: Brianna Gillespie

MIGHTY JOE: Asher Stewart

OISIAN: Evalee Robison

CAMRAN THE BENT NOSE: Brodie Newquest

HARTWIN: Mackenzie Stewart

OH/FATHER: Tomas Hernandez

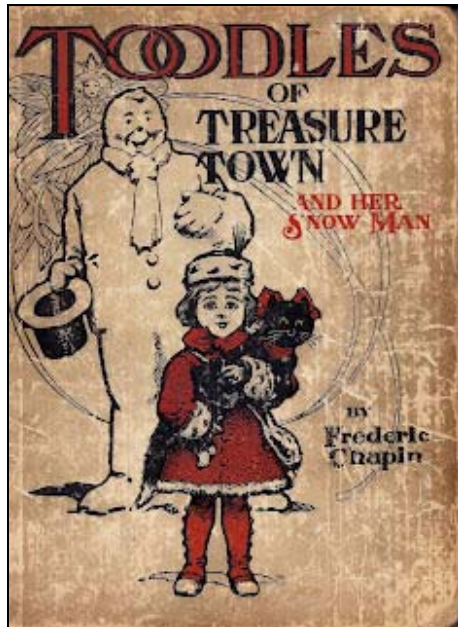
FIDDLE STICKS: Gracie Long

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Seachord, Elle Simmons

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COMEDY CLASSIC WITH SONG. Adapted from the novel by Frederic Chapin. Join Toodles and her cat, Tiddle-de-Winks, on a fantastical journey, where they meet singing cockatoos, fairies, and even a talking snowman! A fairy that lives inside a magical snow globe arrives in Toodles's backyard and whisks Toodles and her cat off to Treasure Town to meet the Queen of Good Luck, who wants to restore Toodles's father to good health. Inside the snow globe, Toodles is thrilled to see snow for the first time and makes a snowman, which magically comes to life. But before Toodles and her friends reach Treasure Town, they are seized by King Hi-Ho's Harum-Scarum soldiers and taken to the Walnut City. There, King Hi-Ho holds them for ransom, demanding that the Queen of Good Luck give him a pot of gold hidden at the end of a rainbow, and if she doesn't, Toodles and her friends will be turned into cockatoos! Audiences of all ages will love the whimsical characters in this comical adventure. Perfect for teen actors and community theatres.

Performance Time: Approximately 120 minutes.



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ABOUT THE STORY

Frederic Chapin (1873-1947) was born in Cleveland, Ohio. He wrote several Broadway musical scores, plays, and two fantasy novels, *Toodles of Treasure Town and Her Snow Man* (1908) and *Pinkey and the Plumed Knight* (1909). Chapin collaborated with L. Frank Baum on the musical, *The Woggle-Bug* (1905), which is based on Baum's novel. Chapin died in Los Angeles at the age of 74.

CHARACTERS

6 M, 7 F, 26 flexible, extras
(With doubling: 5 M, 6 F, 13 flexible, opt. extras)

NARRATOR: Introduces Act I and Act II; flexible. (*Note: Queen Elinora may serve as the Narrator, or a voiceover may be used, if desired.*)

TOODLES: A girl who has never seen snow; female.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: A talking cat and Toodles's best friend; thinks cockatoos are tasty; female.

STEENA: Toodles's brave, caring nurse; female.

MOTHER: Toodles's mother; female.

FATHER: Toodles's father; wears traveling clothes; male.

QUEEN ELINORA: Queen of Good Luck, ruler of Treasure Town in the Land of the Rainbow; female.

LOYAL: A beautiful fairy who serves as Queen Elinora's messenger; wears a gorgeous diadem of jewels on her head and has silver wings; carries a golden wand, female.

PEDRO: A fairy who serves Queen Elinora and has been imprisoned inside a snow globe; wears a coat trimmed with white fur, a red cap, and carries a snow shovel; male.

SIGNOR PERRIWINKLE: A brave, daring aeronaut who pilots a hot-air balloon; male.

SNOWMAN: A snowman who comes to life; has a crush on Steena; wears a stovepipe hat and has "coal" for his eyes, nose, and mouth; male.

HI-HO: King of the Harum-Scarums; male.

CENSUS TAKER EREBUS: Census taker who is in charge of allowing others into the Walnut City; flexible.

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM/TAMMY: Cockatoo commander-in-chief; has a yellow comb on her head; wears a helmet and fancy military-looking ribbons; female.

COCKATOO GUARD 1, 2: Faithful cockatoos that guard Walnut City; flexible.

COCKATOO 1-4: Fly Hi-Ho's "Cockatoo Special"; flexible.

- CIRILLO:** The Census Taker's brother/sister, a Harum-Scarum soldier; flexible.
- LORCAN:** Harum-Scarum soldier; flexible.
- NILSINE:** Harum-Scarum soldier; flexible.
- NYX:** Harum-Scarum soldier; flexible.
- ARAMUS:** Harum-Scarum soldier; flexible.
- VIDARR:** Harum-Scarum soldier; flexible.
- COCKATOO CAR DRIVER:** Cockatoo who drives Hi-Ho's car, the Cockatoo Special; flexible.
- OISIAN:** Harum-Scarum townsperson; flexible.
- CAMRAN:** Harum-Scarum townsperson; flexible.
- HARTWIN:** Harum-Scarum townsperson; flexible.
- MILTON:** Captain of Queen Elinora's guard; flexible.
- MIGHTY JOE:** Queen Elinora's Royal Smasher of Useless Items; male.
- CAPTAIN OH:** Captain of the Rainbow Soldiers; flexible.
- FIDDLE STICKS:** First lieutenant of the Rainbow Soldiers; flexible.
- FIRE FLY:** Rainbow soldier; flexible.
- I FORGOT:** Rainbow soldier; flexible.
- SORRY SIR:** Rainbow soldier; flexible.
- WHY DO YOU ASK:** Rainbow soldier; flexible.
- WHAT DO YOU NEED:** Rainbow soldier; flexible.
- EXTRAS:** As Marching Cockatoos, Cockatoo Choir, Singing Rainbow Soldiers, Walnut City Residents, and Citizens of Treasure Town.

OPTIONS FOR DOUBLING

NOTE: Below are suggested options for doubling. Tripling is possible as well.

MOTHER/ELINORA (female)
PAPA/MIGHTY JOE (male)
LORCAN/OH (flexible)
CIRILLO/SORRY SIR (flexible)
ARAMUS/WHY DO YOU ASK (flexible)
NILSINE/FIDDLE STICKS (flexible)
NYK/FIREFLY (flexible)
CENSUS TAKER/WHAT DO YOU NEED (flexible)
VIDARR/I FORGOT (flexible)
COCKATOO GUARD 1/MILTON (flexible)
COCKATOO GUARD 2/COCKATOO 2 (flexible)
NARRATOR/COCKATOO DRIVER (flexible)
CAMRAN/ COCKATOO 1 (flexible)
HARTWIN/COCKATOO 3 (flexible)
OISIAN/COCKATOO 4 (flexible)

COSTUMES

NOTE: The suggested costumes may be as simple or elaborate as your budget allows. The following costume descriptions are based on those in the novel.

Harum-Scarum Soldiers. Soldiers wear a colorful plumed hats, brightly colored tunics with brightly colored feathers fastened around their waists. Black skintight fabric covers their legs down to their buckle shoes. Each soldier carries a spear in one hand and a round shield that looks like it is made out of bark in the other.

Cockatoos. The birds have wings and yellow combs (long feathers) on their head.

Rainbow Soldiers. Soldiers wear large silver helmets adorned with a silver dove and long red plumes that curl to their shoulders as well as white top boots with red heels. Their yellow hair (wig) hangs down to their shoulders. Each carries a long spear with a scarlet streamer. A bright red sash denotes the captain.

SETTINGS

Florida or a warm locale where there is no snow, Walnut City in the Land of the Harum-Scarums, and Treasure Town, where rainbows are made.

SETS

NOTE: The sets/set pieces may be as simple or elaborate as your budget allows.

Toodles's garden. There is a bench. A garden backdrop may be used.

Pedro's house. Located inside the snow globe. There is a table and chairs. Outside is a snowy yard and a front stoop.

Walnut City. All buildings look like they are made from walnuts. The city looks like it is ready for a celebration as there are flags of odd designs, shapes, and colors. A backdrop of the city may be used.

Interior of Hi-Ho's palace. There is a throne, tables, chairs, and ornaments like vases, etc.

Fountain of Burning Waters. A room inside Hi-Ho's palace. At CS is a beautiful fountain with a tall pedestal in the center on which rests a jewel-studded casket. There is a fence surrounding it to prevent anyone from reaching the pedestal.

Outside the entrance to Hi-Ho's palace. A backdrop may be used.

Snow globe set piece. Can be rolled on. There is a working door on the side of the globe. It needs to be large enough for characters to enter.

Magic Swan set piece. There is a backdrop of a vast lake. The Magic Swan set piece can be rolled on and is large enough for actors to stand on.

Cockatoo Special set piece. The car looks like it is fashioned from half of a large walnut shell and it is gilded like a circus chariot with various colored streamers floating from each end. The car seats are red and there is a red-and-white striped awning over it to shield passengers from the sun. Stationed at each corner of the car are four large Cockatoos. Each Cockatoo is attached to a golden harness, so that they can guide the vehicle to its location.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

ACT I

Scene 1: Toodles's garden. There is a bench.

Scene 2: Snow globe, outside Pedro's home with interior shown.

Scene 3: Snow globe, outside Pedro's home with interior shown.

Scene 4: Land of the Harum-Scarums. The Enlarged Forest, a trail to the Walnut City. The Walnut City.

Scene 5: The entrance to King Hi-Ho's palace.

Scene 6: Inside King Hi-Ho's palace, the room that houses the Fountain of Burning Waters.

Intermission

ACT II

Scene 1: Treasure Town, Land of the Rainbow, Queen Elinora's court.

Scene 2: Inside King Hi-Ho's palace, the room that houses the Fountain of Burning Waters.

Scene 3: Land of the Harum-Scarums.

Scene 4: Treasure Town, Land of the Rainbow.

Scene 5: Toodles's garden, a short time later.

PROPS

Bubble wand to blow bubbles	Reading glasses, for Census Taker
Torn clothing for mending	List
Children's tea set and other assorted toys	Telescope, for Nyx
Snow globe (toy)	2 Walking sticks, for Cockatoo Guard 1, 2 to keep beat
Magic wand, for Loyal	Handkerchief, for Signor Perriwinkle
Red cap, for Pedro	Quill pen and paper, for Census Taker
Magic Bracelet	Bouquet of flowers, for Snowman
Coat, hat, and mittens, for Toodles	Rope to hold hot air balloon
Large red handkerchief, for Pedro	Assorted items with which Pedro and Snowman fight the Cockatoos
Telescope, for Signor Perriwinkle	Torn clothing, for Hi-Ho
Bag or box of coal	Hot air balloon (in pieces)
Stovepipe hat, for Snowman	Magic Diamond
Snow shovel	Giant plastic hammer (the larger the better)
Winter coat, for Pedro	Stool
Stew pot, bowls, and spoons	Silver-topped bottle
White feather	Pot of "gold"
Hand mirror	Bottle, gift for Snowman
Rope to bind Pedro's hands	Gold coins, for Steena
Spears (plastic), for Harum-Scarum Soldiers	Red pillows for Rainbow Soldiers to carry gifts
Rope, to bind Snowman's hands	Embroidery, for Mother
Umbrella	

SPECIAL EFFECTS

Fanfare trumpet (as if announcing a royal arrival)
Snow globe set piece (rolled on and large enough for characters to enter)
Signor Perriwinkle's hot-air balloon floating by (miniature)
Whirring sound
Fake snow
Smoke coming out of the chimney of Pedro's house
White dove flying over Pedro's house
Bell chime
Tapping sound
Moon rising
Sound of sawing
Sound of wood being broken and ripped apart
Nighttime sounds
Sound of a hissing, screeching cat
Loud crash
Sound of a hissing, screeching cat
Fountain of Burning waters (Sound of running water and lighting effects)
Sound of hot-air balloon landing
Sound of a loud burst
Hot air balloon floating upward
Screen large enough to hide High-Cock-A-Lorem and Hi-Ho during their "transformation"
Magical sound
Music for "Work! Work! Work!" (opt.)
Music for "I Wanna Be a Dog" (opt.)
Music for "Day-O (opt.)

"IF WE DON'T OBEY HIM,
I AM AFRAID
WE ARE ALL DOOMED
TO BE COCKATOOS."

-PEDRO

ACT I SCENE 1

(Before the curtain.)

NARRATOR: *(Voiceover.)* The year is 1908, not that the year really matters, except to say that this story takes place many years ago, in a time when magic was still real, and children's dreams of adventure had not yet been tainted by electronic media. This is a time when a snow globe held more than a figure and falling snow but an adventure to yet be imagined by the child staring into its snowy world. This is where our adventure begins...

(AT RISE: In Toodles's garden. Assorted toys are scattered about. Toodles is blowing bubbles for her cat, Tiddle-de-Winks. Toodles's nurse, Steena, is sitting on a bench mending some clothing. Toodles giggles as Tiddle-de-Winks chases the bubbles.)

TOODLES: *(Giggles.)* Oh, you are such a silly cat. *(Tiddle-de-Winks bats the last bubble. Tiddle-de-Winks waves her paw at Toodles as if to say, "Blow some more bubbles, Toodles.")* Here you go, you silly cat. Have some more bubbles. *(Blows more bubbles.)*

STEENA: *(Stops mending.)* You be nice to that cat, Toodles. Don't you tease her.

TOODLES: Tiddle-de-Winks is my best friend. I would never tease her.

(Tiddle-de-Winks waves her paw for more bubbles. Toodles blows more bubbles.)

STEENA: Well, see that you don't. If you treat that cat well, she will always be your friend, and you'll never know when that friendship will be helpful.

TOODLES: Yes, Miss Steena. I will always treat Tiddle-de-Winks well.

(Toodles gives Tiddle-de-Winks a hug.)

STEENA: That's my girl. Now, you start cleaning up your toys while I go and get a new needle for my mending. Your mother likes you to keep everything tidy in the garden.

TOODLES: Yes, ma'am. Come on, Tiddle-de-Winks, let's straighten up the garden.

STEENA: I'll be right back, Toodles. *(Exits garden.)*

TOODLES: Tiddle-de-Winks, Steena told us to clean up the garden. I'll pick up the tea set if you get the toys over there.

(Toodles points to some toys in the corner of the garden. Tiddle-de-Winks goes over to the toys. Toodles hums to herself as she picks up her tea set. Mother enters.)

MOTHER: *(Calls.)* Toodles! Oh, Toodles! *(Sees Toodles.)* Oh, there you are, Toodles. I just received a note that there is a letter from your father at the post office that I need to go and sign for.

TOODLES: Is Papa coming home? We haven't seen him since Christmas. That was a long time ago.

MOTHER: I don't know. Christmas was only a few weeks ago, not all that long ago.

TOODLES: Maybe for you, Mama, but to me it seems like an eternity.

MOTHER: Hmm, I see. An eternity for you, my little darling.

TOODLES: Yes.

MOTHER: Well, I guess I better get going to the post office and see what that message is about, hadn't I?

TOODLES: Yes.

MOTHER: Now, you finish cleaning up the garden, and when I get back, maybe I'll have some good news about your father.

TOODLES: I hope so.

MOTHER: Be good for Miss Steena until I get back. (*Gives Toodles a hug.*) I love you, Toodles.

TOODLES: (*Smiles.*) Oh, Mom, not in front of Tiddle-de-Winks.

MOTHER: (*Still hugging Toodles.*) Silly girl.

(Mother exits. Toodles goes back to cleaning up her toys.)

TOODLES: Hurry up, Tiddle-de-Winks. Steena will be back soon.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Meow.

(Toodles hums as she and Tiddle-de-Winks pick up more toys. When nearly all the toys have been picked up, Tiddle-de-Winks brings Toodles a toy snow globe.)

TOODLES: Thank you, Tiddle-de-Winks. This is the snow globe Father gave me for Christmas.

(A fanfare trumpet is heard. Toodles turns toward the sound and Loyal, a beautiful fairy appears. Startled, Toodles steps back and rubs her eyes as if she can't believe what she is seeing.)

LOYAL: Dear little Toodles, do not be frightened. I am Loyal, a messenger sent by Elinora, Queen of Good Luck. She sent me to escort you to her palace at Treasure Town in the Land of the Rainbow.

TOODLES: Who?

LOYAL: Elinora, Queen of Good Luck. A message reached our good Queen that your papa is in trouble. He has lost his money and is now quite ill. Elinora, our queen, wishes to restore him to health and return to him the wealth that was

once his. In order to do these good deeds for your papa, she must have your help. Will you come to Treasure Town?

TOODLES: *(In shock.)* Where?

LOYAL: Treasure Town...where I am from. Will you not come to help your papa?

TOODLES: Yes, indeed, I will come. I will do anything to help my dear papa. He is so good to me. Where does your Queen live, and may I take Tiddle-de-Winks with me?

LOYAL: *(Smiles.)* Yes, you may take your kitten with you. Our Queen lives in a beautiful palace in Treasure Town, where the rainbow is made. There is a legend that tells of a pot of gold that is concealed at the bottom of the rainbow.

TOODLES: I have heard of that legend. But Mama says that there is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

LOYAL: Your mama is wrong. This legend is true, and it is part of this treasure that Elinora intends to give to your papa if you will obey her wishes. *(Picks up the snow globe.)* This frosted snow globe, which was given to you as a Christmas present by your papa, really belongs to Queen Elinora.

(Loyal sets the toy snow globe down and it transforms into a snow globe that is the size of a small house. [Note: The snow globe set piece is rolled on.] The side of the snow globe opens, and out steps Pedro, a fairy. He removes his red cap and bows to Loyal.)

PEDRO: Loyal, fairy of the Queen of Good Luck, you called me, and I am here. Let me say that I am mighty glad that you did call. Ever since I was compelled to live in this frosted snow globe, I've had the daylight shaken out of me. Even when I go to bed, somebody gives the globe a shake, and I fall on the floor. I'm kept busy shoveling snow, and the minute I finish my work, someone shakes up the worst blizzard we've had in years. I'm getting sick and tired of it!

LOYAL: That is your own fault. You disobeyed the Queen of Good Luck, and she punished you by confining you to this snow globe for one year. But she will give you another

chance. If you obey her this time and make no mistakes, she will release you from your prison and make you the boss of the Rainbow Weavers.

PEDRO: (*Sighs. Humbly.*) What is it she wishes? I will do anything she asks of me.

LOYAL: Very well. (*Takes Tootles's hand.*) You are to escort this girl to Treasure Town. I will make your frosted snow globe so light that it will float in the air. You are to guide her to the Land of the Rainbow. Be careful in passing over Hi-Ho's land. He has sworn to thwart all our Queen's efforts to do good. Should Hi-Ho capture you, you will be turned into cockatoos.

PEDRO: (*Sourly.*) I know Hi-Ho and his Harum-Scarums well. It was he who made me disobey Queen Elinora and had me confined inside this frosted snow globe. You may be rest assured that he'll not get me again. I had a narrow escape the first time.

TOODLES: (*Looking inside the snow globe.*) Oh, Mr. Pedro, what is all that fluffy white stuff in your globe?

PEDRO: That's snow, little girl. Have you never seen the snow fall and watched the icicles glisten and gleam on the trees? Have you never seen a Christmas tree all covered with ice and snow sparkle in the sunlight like a million diamonds?

TOODLES: No, this is [Florida], and it doesn't snow here. Here, it is summer all year round. [*Or insert another warm locale where there is no snow.*]

PEDRO: Oh. Well, I hope I may not see it snow much longer. I've seen enough snow to last me for a long time. Ah, how I wish I could live in a beautiful country like this!

LOYAL: (*Scolding.*) You must be content with what you have and make the best of it.

PEDRO: True, quite true. If I am released from my frosted snow globe, I shall be happy.

LOYAL: *(To Toodles.)* If you would like to make a snowman and see a real snowstorm, you will have the opportunity to do so while inside the frosted snow globe.

TOODLES: Oh, I would!

LOYAL: Before you enter, I shall give you this Magic Bracelet to protect you from all danger. Take good care of it.

(Loyal hands Toodles the bracelet. Toodles puts it on.)

TOODLES: *(Admiring bracelet.)* Oh! What a pretty bracelet!

LOYAL: It is a beautiful bracelet, but its value as a charm is far greater than as an ornament.

TOODLES: May I keep it?

LOYAL: No, it doesn't belong to me. It's the talisman of Elinora, and you must take good care of it. If you find yourself in danger, say these words, "Elinora, Queen of Good Luck, help me," and I shall come to you no matter where you may be. If this Magic Bracelet is lost or stolen, or if Hi-Ho should capture it, all will be lost. It is the possession of this Magic Bracelet that enables Elinora to accomplish her good deeds. It must be returned to our Queen as soon as you reach Treasure Town.

TOODLES: I will as soon as I reach Treasure Town.

LOYAL: *(To Pedro.)* I place this little girl in your care. You must see that she reaches Treasure Town safely. You know how to guide the snow globe over the Land of the Harum-Scarums, so beware! And may good luck be with you!

TOODLES: *(To Pedro.)* Is it cold in there?

PEDRO: Well, I have always found the climate delightful inside the globe, er, that is, until someone shakes up a blizzard. Then the temperature drops to zero.

(Loyal waves her magic wand and a coat, hat, and mittens appear. Pedro and Loyal help Toodles put on the winter clothing.)

TOODLES: Oh, thank you! I feel just like a princess in a storybook.

PEDRO: You certainly do look pretty. You will surely astonish the people in Treasure Town.

LOYAL: *(To Toodles.)* Then if you are ready, you may enter the frosted snow globe, and I will send you on your journey. *(Suddenly, Toodles looks worried and bursts into tears.)* Why, Toodles, dear, what is the matter?

TOODLES: *(Crying.)* I want my mama.

PEDRO: Well, well, this will never do. *(Pulls a large red handkerchief from his pocket and hands it to Toodles.)* We will return before your mama misses you.

TOODLES: What will Steena say when she finds I'm gone? She'll cry her eyes out, and Papa will send her away for not taking better care of me, and I couldn't get along without Steena.

LOYAL: *(Wiping Toodles's tears away.)* I shall send Steena after you. So do not cry anymore, and, remember, we're going to help your papa get well again when you come back safe and sound with the treasure.

TOODLES: *(Slight hesitation.)* Y-yes. It will be a big surprise, won't it? And if you see Steena, tell her where I have gone and ask her to join me. She may miss me.

LOYAL: I shall see that they don't miss you, and I promise to send Steena to you soon.

PEDRO: *(Removes cap, bows low. To Toodles.)* This way, little lady.

(Pedro and Toodles approach the frosted snow globe.)

LOYAL: *(Calls.)* Pedro, beware of Hi-Ho. And, Toodles, take good care of that Magic Bracelet.

PEDRO: Step right in, Toodles. You will be the first little girl to enter here. *(Toodles steps inside the snow globe. Not wanting to be left behind, Tiddle-de-Winks jumps in. Laughs. To Tiddle-*

de-Winks.) And you will be the first cat. Quite an honor for you.

LOYAL: *(Calls.)* Remember, Pedro, beware of Hi-Ho!

PEDRO: I'll hit him over the head with my snow shovel if he bothers us! He made me lose my job as boss of the Rainbow Weavers, and I won't forget that. I'll keep my eyes open. Never fear.

(As the frosted snow globe "floats" off, Steena enters and sees Toodles inside the snow globe.)

STEENA: *(Frantic, shouts.)* Toodles, Toodles, come back! Come back! *(Steena frantically waves her arms, but the snow globe continues on.)* Oh my! Oh my! What shall I do? What shall I do? What will I say to Missus and how can I explain? Oh, oh, she's been kidnapped, my little Toodles! *(Sinks down and bursts into tears.)* If I only had a balloon or flying machine or something that could fly, I'd overtake that kidnapper and wring his neck!

(Signor Perriwinkle, an aeronaut, enters.)

PERRIWINKLE: Ho there! *(Bows slightly.)* What is wrong, my lady?

STEENA: *(Pointing to the snow globe.)* Do you see that thing floating up there in the sky?

(Signor Perriwinkle pulls out his telescope, levels it, and gazes up at the snow globe.)

PERRIWINKLE: Yes, it looks like an airship.

STEENA: Do you know how I can catch it?

PERRIWINKLE: *(Proudly.)* You are in luck! I am the world's greatest aeronaut! *(With a slight bow and a click of his heels.)* Signor Perriwinkle, at your service. I can catch it with my hot-air balloon.

STEENA: If you can catch it, I will give you a thousand dollars.

PERRIWINKLE: It's a deal! I'll do it! Come, let us board my hot-air balloon. I can beat any airship that was ever made.

(Signor Perriwinkle and Steena exit. Mother enters. She looks around, expecting to see Toodles and Steena. As she looks around, Signor Perriwinkle's hot air balloon "floats" by.)

MOTHER: *(Calls.)* Toodles! Steena! Where are you? *(To herself.)* Hmm, I wonder where everyone is? *(Sighs.)* Probably on some grand adventure. I hope they have fun and are back by dinner. *(Exits. Blackout.)*

SCENE 2

(AT RISE: Inside the snow globe. The exterior of Pedro's house is seen including the front door and stoop. A cutaway reveals a portion of the interior of the house. Inside the house, Pedro is fixing dinner for Toodles and Tiddle-de-Winks. Outside the house, Toodles is making a snowman and is almost finished. [Note: Snowman is looking upstage so that only his back can be seen by the audience.] Toodles puts some "snow" on the Snowman's face.)

TOODLES: *(To herself.)* Now we must give him a pair of eyes to see with—

(Pedro exits the house carrying a bag or box of coal. For the following, Pedro gives Toodles a piece of coal for each part of the Snowman's face.)

PEDRO: That is why I brought you this coal. Place pieces where you want the eyes to be. *(Toodles takes two pieces of coal to make the Snowman's eyes.)* Then put a piece where you want the nose. He must have a nose to smell with. *(Toodles takes a piece of coal for the Snowman's nose.)* And use these pieces for his mouth.

(Toodles takes some coal to make the Snowman's mouth. She steps back to admire her creation.)

TOODLES: Now he looks perfect.

PEDRO: Not yet. He must have a hat.

TOODLES: *(Looking at the Snowman.)* I think you are right. A hat would give him sophistication.

(Pedro goes inside his house and returns with a stovetop hat and shovel for the Snowman.)

PEDRO: *(Holding out the stovepipe hat.)* Here, put this on his head, and I will put this... *(Indicating shovel.)* ...in his arms. *(Laughs.)* That way he can shovel the snow.

(Toodles puts the hat on the Snowman, and Pedro puts the shovel in the Snowman's arms. Toodles and Pedro step back and admire the Snowman.)

TOODLES: See how proudly he holds it.

PEDRO: Just like a soldier.

TOODLES: Wouldn't it be funny if he could walk and talk the same as you and I?

PEDRO: It would be remarkable, to say the least. He would have been good company this last year. But come, I smell supper, and if don't go now, it will soon be burned.

(Pedro and Toodles go inside Pedro's house and take off their coats. Toodles sits at the table. Pedro brings a stew pot to the table, dishes out bowls of stew, and sits down to eat.)

PEDRO: It's too bad we can't invite the snowman to join us.

TOODLES: Hot food would probably give him a tummy ache.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: *(Speaking for the first time.)* Not giving me any food is giving me a tummy ache.

(Shocked, Pedro and Toodles just stare at each other.)

TOODLES/PEDRO: Who said that?!

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: If you weren't so worried about that silly snowman, you would notice that I'm hungry.

(Toodles and Pedro realize Tiddle-de-Winks is the one who is speaking.)

TOODLES: Tiddle-de-Winks, I didn't know you could talk!

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: That much is obvious. *(Pause. Toodles doesn't know what to say.)* Look, we can talk about the marvel of me talking later. Right now, some food would really be the bee's knees.

PEDRO: So sorry to forget you, Tiddle-de-Winks. *(Takes a bowl, puts some stew in it, and sets it down on the floor for Tiddle-de-Winks.)* Here is some nice hot stew. I hope you like stew.

(Pedro sits at the table and eats some stew. Tiddle-de-Winks approaches her bowl of stew.)

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: *(Smells stew.)* Not sure if I do or not, but it's got to be better than field mice. *(Eats some stew.)*

TOODLES: *(To Pedro.)* How can she talk?

PEDRO: We are in a fairy country. Animals often develop the ability to talk in a fairy country.

TOODLES: Where do you get all these good things to eat? I don't see any markets or butcher shops.

PEDRO: The good Queen must attend to that, for every time I go to the cupboard, I find it full, no matter how much I eat.

TOODLES: *(Holding up her bowl for more.)* This would be a good place for Old Mother Hubbard to live.

PEDRO: *(Laughs.)* Yes, and if she did, her dog would get more than a bone.

TOODLES: It must be nice not to worry about going to the market. My mama makes the cook be very careful when she goes to the store. It costs money to go to the market.

PEDRO: *(Sorrowfully.)* I have all the comforts of home, but, alas, I must remain a prisoner here until the Queen of Good Luck sets me free.

TOODLES: Were you naughty?

PEDRO: Yes, I suppose I was...to a certain extent. But I didn't mean to. Hi-Ho caught me one time when I was on an important errand for the Queen and tried to force me to help him steal her treasure at the bottom of the rainbow. I

refused, and he kept me a prisoner until I escaped with the aid of our trusty soldiers.

TOODLES: Were you in danger? Is Hi-Ho a bad man?

PEDRO: Indeed, I was in danger, and Hi-Ho is a very bad man. Elinora blamed me for failing to do her errand, and so she punished me by confining me in this frosted snow globe for a whole year. I don't mind it so much, but it is terribly lonesome.

TOODLES: So you are the little man I used to see standing in the front yard with a snow shovel on your shoulder. If I were you, I'd catch that bad Hi-Ho and punish him.

PEDRO: If I ever catch him, I will put him where he can't call the Harum-Scarums to help him.

TOODLES: Who are the Harum-Scarums? Are they animals? Do they bite or scratch?

PEDRO: The Harum-Scarums are people, and they are ruled by Hi-Ho, their king. They try to capture our friends in the hope of finding the Magic Bracelet. With the Magic Bracelet in his possession, Elinora would be unable to perform any more magic. In order to accomplish her good deeds, she must have the bracelet in her possession.

TOODLES: *(Looking at the Magic Bracelet on her wrist.)* I almost wish your Queen had not given the bracelet to me. I'm afraid I will lose it or someone might steal it, and that would be horrible.

PEDRO: You just keep it on your wrist and have no fear. *(Slight pause.)* Yes, Hi-Ho is a bad man. He tries to prevent Queen Elinora from doing good. If we can ever get him in Rainbow Land, Elinora will take him prisoner, transform him, and make the Harum-Scarums her subjects. But unless she can obtain his Magic Diamond, which has been charmed by an evil spirit, she is powerless to stop him from capturing our people and transforming them into cockatoos.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: *(Excited.)* Did you say cockatoos? How tasty!

PEDRO: Yes, and if I hadn't escaped, Hi-Ho would have turned me into a large cockatoo to fly all over the world and do his evil bidding.

TOODLES: If I meet Hi-Ho, I'll make a face at him, and if he tries to harm me, I'd call for Loyal with my Magic Bracelet.

PEDRO: *(Laughs.)* Yes, but don't let Hi-Ho ever get his hands on that bracelet, or we are lost. I don't think we have much to fear from him this time. He has never seen the frosted snow globe, and we are a long way from his land. If we get to the Enchanted Lake, we will be safe.

TOODLES: Enchanted Lake?

PEDRO: Yes. The Enchanted Lake separates the two countries, but Hi-Ho controls it, so we have to guard our land on all sides to make sure he doesn't sneak in some night with his soldiers and cockatoos and capture Treasure Town.

(Lighting shifts to the yard outside Pedro's house. The Snowman is still standing where he had been before. A whirring sound is heard. A white dove flies over the house. As the dove flies by, a white feather floats down and lands on the Snowman's head. The chime of a bell is heard. The Snowman begins to come to life. First, his arm moves. Then his head rocks side to side, his legs bend, and the Snowman turns around. The Snowman yawns, stretches, and takes a step or two. He lowers his snow shovel and looks around curiously.)

SNOWMAN: *(Clears his voice.)* Well, that was the luckiest thing that ever happened to me! *(Walks around.)* This place looks very familiar to me...seems as if I lived here before I was made. I wonder what brought me to life, for I'm alive, that I am sure. It must be magic. I wonder if anybody lives around here. *(Looks at Pedro's house)* There's smoke coming out of that chimney. I guess I'll knock. *(Knocks on Pedro's door.)*

PEDRO: *(To Toodles, surprised.)* Now, who in the world could that be? *(Opens the door.)* Great snowballs! The Snowman has come to life! Or am I dreaming?

SNOWMAN: Say, did you make me?

PEDRO: *(To Toodles.)* Good gracious! He can talk, too! *(To Snowman.)* No, I didn't make you, but a little girl did, and I'd rather that responsibility rest on her shoulders, not mine. *(Calls.)* Toodles! Toodles! Come here, quick!

(Toodles rushes to the door followed by Tiddle-de-Winks.)

TOODLES: *(To Snowman.)* Oh my, you're alive!

SNOWMAN: If you are the person who made me, I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart, or whatever it is that is supposed to be my heart. *(Bows gracefully.)* I never thought I could experience such a delightful sensation as being alive!

TOODLES: *(To Pedro.)* Why, he acts and talks just like we do! And to think, I made him all by myself, except for his head.

SNOWMAN: And who made my head? *(To Tiddle-de-Winks.)* Did you?

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: No, I did not, for if I had, you would look a cat, not a man. *(Turns away, and begins cleaning her paws.)*

TOODLES: *(To Snowman.)* Pedro did, and I think he did very well, indeed.

SNOWMAN: I sincerely hope so. Have you a mirror handy? I am very curious to see how I look.

(Pedro pulls a hand mirror from his coat pocket and holds it up for the Snowman.)

PEDRO: Here you go, my good man.

(Snowman takes the mirror and looks at himself.)

SNOWMAN: *(Turning his head from side to side as he looks.)*
Not half bad. You made my mouth rather large, but they say a large mouth is a sign of a warm heart. Do you think I have a heart?

PEDRO: *(Chuckles.)* I'm sure I don't know.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: *(To Snowman.)* What do you care as long as you are alive? It isn't every snowman that has a chance of living.

SNOWMAN: You are right. I shall not worry until I have to, but I feel so happy I must do something.

PEDRO: You might get rid of some of your energy by cleaning the snow off my front walk. If only I had thought to make you a year ago, I'd have had somebody to talk to.

SNOWMAN: Your suggestion strikes me as a good one. Any other odd chores you might wish me to do, don't fail to call on me.

PEDRO: I'll let you know if I think of any.

(Snowman begins shoveling "snow.")

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Well, he'll make a good hired man if he isn't good for anything else.

(Pedro, Toodles, and Tiddle-de-Winks go into the house. Pedro and Toodles begin cleaning up dinner. Tiddle-de-Winks lies down on the floor and watches them work. Outside, Snowman shovels for a few moments. A tapping is heard. Snowman stops shoveling.)

SNOWMAN: *(To himself.)* Sounds like a woodpecker. *(Continues shoveling. Tapping sound.)* There is that woodpecker again. *(Hearing the tapping, Pedro and Toodles exit the house. To Pedro.)* Sounds as if you have woodpeckers.

PEDRO: There aren't any woodpeckers in the snow globe. At least, not that I've ever seen.

(Tapping sound gets louder.)

TOODLES: It's coming from the snow globe's door.

(Toodles, Pedro, and Snowman approach the door to the snow globe.)

TOODLES: *(Calls.)* Steena? Steena, come in, quick! *(Tugs on the door, but it doesn't open.)*

SNOWMAN: *(To Pedro.)* Friends of yours? Why don't you invite them in?

PEDRO: They're not friends of mine, but I guess Toodles knows them. How on earth, or off the earth, did they get here? Something is wrong somewhere. It surely can't be Hi-Ho.

TOODLES: *(Struggling to open the door, calls.)* Pedro! Pedro! It's Steena, my nurse. She's out there and can't get in. Open the door, please! Please!

(Pedro grabs Toodles by the arm.)

PEDRO: Toodles, you cannot open that door until Elinora wills it.

TOODLES: Oh, what shall we do? Think, Pedro, think! She must get in some way. Oh, Pedro, think!

PEDRO: *(Gets an idea.)* Ah, I have it! Your bracelet, the Magic Bracelet that Loyal gave you. Call on her, and she will open it.

TOODLES: *(Focusing on her bracelet.)* Elinora, Queen of Good Luck, help me!

(Loyal enters and approaches Toodles.)

LOYAL: What is the matter, Toodles?

TOODLES: My good, kind fairy. Steena, my dear nurse, is at the door, and wants to get in. Please open the door for her.

LOYAL: Your wish shall be granted, my dear.

(Loyal touches the door with her wand. The door immediately opens. Steena rushes in and hugs Toodles. Signor Perriwinkle enters as well.)

STEENA: *(Hugging Toodles, relieved.)* Toodles! Toodles! *(Suddenly remembers why she is there.)* Where is he?! Where is the kidnapper?! Let me get my hands on him! *(Rolls up her sleeves.)* I'll show him! He can't steal little girls away from home without hearing from me!

TOODLES: *(Laughs.)* Oh, I haven't been kidnapped. *(Introducing.)* This is Pedro, my dear friend, who lives in this frosted snow globe, and he is taking me to Treasure Town to see Elinora, the Queen of Good Luck. She has promised to help my papa. *(Introducing Loyal.)* And this is the kind fairy who was sent to watch over us, and this... *(Introducing Snowman.)* ...is my snowman. I made him, didn't I, Pedro? Except for his head.

STEENA: *(Dazed.)* Am I awake or asleep?

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Just so you're not too surprised later, toots...I can talk.

STEENA: *(Double take.)* Ohhhh?!

SNOWMAN: You might introduce us.... *(Indicating Signor Perriwinkle.)* ...to your friend.

STEENA: Goodness gracious! Is that snowman alive? Now I know I'm dreaming! *(Pulls herself together.)* However, this does remind me...I wish to introduce you to my friend, Signor Perriwinkle, a brave and daring aeronaut who brought me here in his hot-air balloon.

PEDRO: Ah, that explains how they got here! You must have a very swift balloon to overtake the frosted snow globe, Signor Perriwinkle.

PERRIWINKLE: The very fastest. It's my own invention. I am very glad to meet you all.

LOYAL: My friends, as I have brought you together, you will have to continue the journey to Treasure Town, and I will keep my promise to keep you all from harm if you obey me.

And who knows, perhaps you may be of service to Queen Elinora. Pedro, one word of warning: You are nearing the Land of the Harum-Scarums, so you had best get your maps and charts, which you may use to guide the snow globe safely to Treasure Town. Toodles, take good care of the Magic Bracelet. And now farewell, as I have other important work to do. *(Bows, exits.)*

SNOWMAN: *(To others.)* That is a very charming lady. I hope I shall meet her again.

PERRIWINKLE: I'd also like to meet her.

TOODLES: Perhaps we shall all see her again when we arrive in Treasure Town. *(Yawns.)* I feel very sleepy, and I am so glad Steena is here to tuck me in my bed.

PEDRO: It's getting late, and I must leave you to attend to the frosted snow globe. We are approaching Hi-Ho's land, and I must study my maps and charts carefully. Make yourselves at home. I suggest you sit by the fire.

PERRIWINKLE: I hitched my balloon to your ship, or whatever you call this strange craft. I hope it will not interfere with your steering.

PEDRO: No, indeed. We don't fly as you do. We simply float.

PERRIWINKLE: Ah, a wonderful invention, to be sure. I must have a talk with you about it.

PEDRO: Then follow me, and when I am done, we shall talk.

PERRIWINKLE: Jolly good! I shall follow you. Lead the way.

(Pedro and Signor Perriwinkle exit.)

STEENA: Come into the house and get warm, Mr. Snowman.

SNOWMAN: No, thank you. I'd wake up and find myself a puddle of water. I'm going to enjoy life as long as I can. If I get sleepy, I'll find a cozy spot on the doorstep. I do wish someone would sit out here with me. I'd like to ask a great many questions.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Save them for tomorrow. I'm sure someone will tell you what you want to know. Now let me go to sleep.

(All enter the house except for the Snowman. They get ready for bed, leaving the Snowman to stand outside the house.)

SNOWMAN: *(To himself.)* It's an awful waste of time to sleep... *(Sits, leaning against the house.)* ...especially when one has only been alive a few hours. *(Looks up at the sky.)* What a beautiful night.

(Lights begin to fade. As the moon rises, the Snowman and the others inside the house go to sleep.)

SCENE 3

(AT RISE: Inside the snow globe. The exterior of Pedro's house is seen, including the front door and stoop. A cutaway reveals a portion of the interior of the house. Nighttime sounds are heard. The sounds of gentle tapping and sawing are heard, followed by the sound of wood being broken and ripped apart. Whispers of several excited people are heard. Lorcan and Cirillo, two Harum-Scarum Soldiers, enter and stop outside Pedro's house. Snowman is sleeping on the stoop.)

LORCAN: Cirillo, I don't see anyone about. It must be safe.

CIRILLO: Lorcan, just because you don't see anybody, doesn't mean that it's safe.

LORCAN: Aye, you're probably right. I'll keep checking.

CIRILLO: While you do that, I'll signal for the others. (Lorcan disappears behind Pedro's house. Cirillo signals for the rest of the Harum-Scarum Soldiers to enter. Nilsine, Nyx, Aramus, and Vidarr enter, followed by Hi-Ho, the King of the Harum-Scarums. Each Harum-Scarum Soldier takes up a defensive stance outside Pedro's house. As Hi-Ho approaches the door, he stumbles over the Snowman. The Snowman startles Hi-Ho and the Harum-Scarum Soldiers. The Harum-Scarum Soldiers recover and surround the Snowman. Shouts.) You there, snow creature, don't move!

(Snowman turns toward Aramus.)

ARAMUS: (To Snowman.) You heard the Captain, don't move!

HARUM-SCARUM SOLDIERS: (To Snowman.) Yeah, don't move!

CIRILLO: (To Snowman.) Bow down to King Hi-Ho!

HARUM-SCARUM SOLDIERS: (To Snowman.) Bow down to the King!

SNOWMAN: (*Amused by the Harum-Scarum Soldiers.*) What in the name of all that's snowy and cold have we here? Did you ever see such a funny thing before? (*Slight pause. All of the Harum-Scarum Soldiers laugh.*) I fail to see anything amusing.

NILSINE: You are the funniest creature we have ever seen!

NYX: (*To Snowman.*) The funniest!

VIDARR: (*To Snowman.*) I don't think I have ever laughed so hard!

(*Harum-Scarum Soldiers burst into laughter.*)

SNOWMAN: (*Offended. Proudly.*) I'm a first-class snowman made by a little girl. I can't say that you look any too good to me.

(*Lorcan, who had been stationed behind Pedro's house, appears and sees the Snowman.*)

LORCAN: (*To other Harum-Scarum Soldiers.*) Aye! What's with the talking icicle?

SNOWMAN: (*Ignoring the icicle remark. To Hi-Ho.*) What are you doing here, and what do you mean by cracking this frosted snow globe in that manner? What do you think this is...a hardboiled egg?

HI-HO: (*With a savage leer.*) That is none of your business, Mr. Snowman. We've captured this place, and you are our prisoner, although I don't see what you are good for. (*Hi-Ho and the Harum-Scarum Soldiers all burst out laughing. Hi-Ho regains his composure and stops laughing.*) Where are the rest of your crew?

SNOWMAN: They're inside, sound asleep, and I don't propose you disturb or harm them in any way. I may be a poor snowman, but I'll fight every one of you if you attempt to harm them.

HI-HO: Oh, you expect to fight, do you? Well, I guess you are mistaken. *(To Harum-Scarum Soldiers.)* Seize this crazy icicle and tie him up! If he tries to fight, place him on a red-hot stove. That should fix him! *(Harum-Scarum Soldiers rush forward, surround the Snowman, and bind him with rope. The noise awakens Pedro, and he opens the door to investigate. He sees the Harum-Scarum Soldiers and screams. With fiendish delight.)* Ah-ha! It's my old friend Pedro, who escaped from me with the aid of Elinora's soldiers. *(To Harum-Scarum Soldiers.)* Bind him up tight! He won't get away from me this time!

(Harum-Scarum Soldiers grab Pedro and bind him with rope. [Note: For the following, they dance around and clap their hands while chanting.])

HARUM-SCARUMS: *(Chant.)*

Hey ya na,
 Hey ya na,
 O ha le ya na ya
 Hey ya hey ya
 Oh, le ya na ya

Hey ya na,
 Hey ya na,
 O ha le ya na ya
 Hey ya hey ya
 Oh, le ya na ya

HI-HO: *(To Harum-Scarum Soldiers, indicating Pedro.)* Stick him in the legs with a spear and wake him up a bit.

(With their spears, Nyx and Vidarr poke at Pedro's feet, making him dance around to avoid their spears. Nyx and Vidarr finally stop.)

PEDRO: *(To Hi-Ho.)* Well, you've caught me. What do you want? I'll get even with you for this if it takes me a hundred years!

HI-HO: *(In Pedro's face, grins.)* I guess you will stay with me for some time! But come, this is a waste of time. Where's the little girl named Toodles who you are taking to Treasure Town?

(Steena comes to the door to see what is going on. The others do not notice her.)

PEDRO: What do you know about the girl?

HI-HO: I know that I am going to hold her prisoner as well as yourselves until the Queen surrenders that pot of gold to me. All of it! Every single bit, do you hear me?

SNOWMAN: Oh, we hear you all right, and I wish you would get a frog in your throat so you couldn't talk for a week.

HI-HO: Hold your tongue! Speak only when you are spoken to. That's always good manners.

SNOWMAN: Well, my worst manners are too good to use on you.

(Suddenly, Steena bursts out of the house, screaming. She has an umbrella in her hand and "whacks" the Harum-Scarum Soldiers. Hi-Ho is knocked off his feet, and the Harum-Scarum Soldiers scatter about the stage.)

PEDRO: *(To Steena, shouts.)* Hit them hard! Chase them out of the snow globe!

(Nyx falls to the ground, and Steena "whacks" him with her umbrella.)

SNOWMAN: *(To Steena, shouts.)* Good girl, good girl! Oh, if only I had my snow shovel, I'd show them what is what!

(Harum-Scarum Soldiers surround Steena and secure her arms with a rope.)

HI-HO: Phew! (*Indicating Steena.*) She's worse than a wildcat!

STEENA: (*Threateningly.*) Yes, you'll think you have six wild cats on your hands before I get through with you, Mr. Hi-Ho from the Land of the Harum-Scarums! I'll scratch your eyes out!

HI-HO: I'll take good care you don't have a chance.

PEDRO: Never mind, Steena. You're a brave person, and I'll not forget to tell Queen Elinora about it.

HI-HO: (*Sarcastically.*) You'll never see the Queen again, so don't let that worry you. (*Toodles and Tiddle-de-Winks appear in the doorway. Hi-Ho spies them and approaches Toodles.*) Ah, here is the young lady now.

TOODLES: (*Terrified, stepping back.*) You keep away from me, you nasty, horrid-looking, ugly man, or I'll scream!

HI-HO: (*Chuckles.*) Scream all you like. It won't do you any good.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Keep away from us!

HI-HO: We don't intend to harm you. I have, however, captured this snow globe, and all within it are my prisoners. You are to be held as prisoners until Elinora sends me a very substantial ransom.

TOODLES: Are you Hi-Ho, King of the Harum-Scarums?

HI-HO: That is my name.

TOODLES: (*Raising her arm to show him the Magic Bracelet.*) Then I'll show you what I can do with the Magic Bracelet!

(*As Toodles raises her arm, Hi-Ho grabs her arm and removes the Magic Bracelet. Harum-Scarum Soldiers surround Toodles and Tiddle-de-Winks.*)

HI-HO: (*Grins.*) So, at last, I have the Magic Bracelet! I've been hunting for this trinket for years, and now your Queen Elinora cannot help you. For as long as I hold this, she is helpless.

TOODLES: Oh, dear! Oh, dear! What have I done? I've lost the Queen's Magic Bracelet, and she will never forgive me. Now we'll never see Treasure Town.

SNOWMAN: I'm seeing the beginning of the end. I shall surely melt.

PEDRO: *(Bursts into tears.)* We are lost...

(Harum-Scarum Soldiers escort their prisoners to the door of the snow globe.)

STEENA: *(To Toodles, stage whisper.)* Perhaps we are not lost yet. Signor Perriwinkle is still asleep in the house, and his balloon is tied to the other side of the snow globe. He could come to our rescue.

TOODLES: *(Stage whisper.)* But how is he going to know what's happened to us?

STEENA: *(Stage whisper.)* The Harum-Scarums have forgotten about Tiddle-de-Winks. She can tell Signor Perriwinkle.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Quiet!

CIRILLO: *(To Steena and Toodles.)* What are you two whispering about?

STEENA: About how mean you Harum-Scarums are.

CIRILLO: *(To Lorcan.)* Ha! She thinks *we're* mean!

LORCAN: She hasn't seen the King really upset. Today, he is in a really good mood.

(Lorcan and Cirillo laugh. The Prisoners are escorted offstage by the Harum-Scarum Soldiers. Pause. Inside Pedro's house, Signor Perriwinkle wakes up and looks around for the others.)

PERRIWINKLE: *(Searching.)* My goodness! I must be very late for breakfast, there is no one here. *(Looks outside.)* Strange...something has happened. I am sure of it.

(Signor Perriwinkle steps outside Pedro's house. Tiddle-de-Winks comes up behind Perriwinkle, startling him.)

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: We've been attacked! Our friends have been kidnapped!

PERRIWINKLE: By who? Where have they gone?

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: By the Harum-Scarums! They are gone! Gone! What shall we do?!

PERRIWINKLE: We must follow them to the ends of the earth.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: Then lead the way, Signor Perriwinkle. We must save Tootles and the others!

PERRIWINKLE: Follow me, my balloon is in back. We can use it to follow the scoundrels.

(Signor Perriwinkle and Tiddle-de-Winks rush off. Blackout.)

SCENE 4

(AT RISE: *The Enlarged Forest in the Land of the Harum-Scarums. Along a trail to the Walnut City. The Harum-Scarums enter, marching. The Harum-Scarum Soldiers lead the way, followed by Hi-Ho, and then Pedro, Tootles, Snowman, and Steena. Vidarr and Aramus bring up the rear. The group comes to a halt.*)

HI-HO: *(To Pedro, gloating.)* This scenery looks very familiar to you, does it not?

PEDRO: *(Grumbling.)* Yes. I'm sorry I have to see it again.

HI-HO: Oh, you will like it much better when we arrive at Walnut City. We've improved our country a great deal since you were here.

SNOWMAN: *(To Steena, stage whisper.)* I don't like it. He's too pleasant. It means something, I'm sure.

STEENA: *(Stage whisper.)* Well, I don't care what happens now. Let the worst come, and then we will know what to expect.

VIDARR: Hey, Snow Creature, what are you talking about?

SNOWMAN: I hope this country isn't very hot because if it is, my bright career will end before it can begin.

ARAMUS: At this time of the year, it is quite warm. *(Laughs.)*

VIDARR: *(To Snowman.)* I would advise you to keep out of the sun. *(Laughs.)*

ARAMUS: *(To Snowman.)* Yeah, I'm sure you wouldn't want to melt. *(Laughs.)*

TOODLES: *(To Hi-Ho, tired.)* How far have we got to go? I don't want to walk any farther. My legs are tired, and I'm so warm. *(Removes her winter clothing.)*

HI-HO: We only have a short distance to go. Perhaps we can take the Cockatoo Special.

STEENA: Cockatoo Special? What in the world is that?

HI-HO: My private car. You see, there are no animals in this country, and the only birds are my trained cockatoos. They are taught to carry me through the air from place to place,

the same as when you ride a horse in your country. They are also trained to talk, think, and understand. I have about 7,000 on my farm now.

TOODLES: Good gracious! What do you do with so many cockatoos?

HI-HO: Oh, I find work for them. They fly all over the world, and when they hear of some good deed that Elinora, Queen of Good Luck is about to do, they fly home and tell my secretary all about it and he reports to me. That is how I knew you were on your way to Treasure Town. One of my Cockatoos was in your garden when the fairy came to you, and heard the whole conversation. *(Laughs.)* So, you see, there is very little that goes on without my knowing it.

STEENA: *(Shaking her fist at an imaginary bird.)* Then I swear I will cage the first cockatoo I can get my hands on!

HI-HO: I advise you not to harm one in the flock, as they will surely tear you to pieces.

SNOWMAN: *(Hot, fanning himself.)* Dear me! I know I won't last until sundown! Have you ice in the Walnut City in which I can cool off when we get there?

VIDARR: You're a dreamer, Snow Creature! We don't have ice in the Walnut City.

SNOWMAN: No ice?

ARAMUS: Nada! Not one block, Ice Man.

HI-HO: *(Announcing.)* We must continue on to the Walnut City.

(The group exits. Blackout. Lights up on Walnut City. Flags of odd designs, shapes, and colors are flying in the breeze and the city looks like it is ready for a big celebration. Walnut City Residents and Cockatoos are strolling the streets. The group enters.)

HI-HO: *(To others.)* We're here, the Walnut City.

STEENA: What odd-shaped houses!

HI-HO: They are made with the large walnuts you saw in the Enlarged Forest. We cut windows and doors in the walnuts, and they make large and very comfortable homes.

(Toodles sees Cockatoos moving about.)

TOODLES: Are those cockatoos?

HI-HO: Yes, those are my faithful cockatoos that guard Walnut City. We are celebrating today.

SNOWMAN: What for? Is it someone's birthday?

HI-HO: No. We have no holidays, except when we stop Elinora from performing a good deed. That is why we are celebrating.

SNOWMAN: *(To Steena, stage whisper. Sarcastic.)* Isn't he a nice, kind, old codger? For two pins, I'd throw him in the river!

STEENA: *(Stage whisper.)* I'm just waiting to get a chance at him, and when I do, I won't leave much of him for his cockatoos to mourn over!

VIDARR: Hey, you two, be quiet! We didn't tell you that you could talk.

ARAMUS: I guess you can't expect much from an ice creature.

(Vidarr and Aramus laugh. Census Taker approaches.)

CENSUS TAKER: *(In a booming voice.)* Who is entering the Walnut City? Present yourselves!

CIRILLO: *(Announcing.)* The High and Grand King of the Harum-Scarums and his war party, returning from capturing Queen Elinora's minions.

CENSUS TAKER: Prove it!

CIRILLO: *(Annoyed.)* Erebus! It's me, your [brother]! *[Or "sister"]*

CENSUS TAKER: You're not my [brother]. My [brother] is taller!

(Cirillo stands up straight.)

CIRILLO: *(Annoyed.)* I'm slouching! You know I always slouch!

CENSUS TAKER: You ought to be careful who you imitate! My [brother] is part of the King's raiding party.

CIRILLO: *(Annoyed.)* I *am* part of the King's raiding party! Put your glasses on, and then you can see who I am.

CENSUS TAKER: Hmm. *(Puts glasses on.)* Oh! It is you, Cirillo! I didn't recognize you. *(Casually, as if he has all the time in the world.)* So, how was the raid?

HI-HO: *(To Lorcan, frustrated.)* What is the hold up?! Why aren't we entering the city?!

LORCAN: Cirillo and [his brother] are catching up. [or "her sister"]

HI-HO: *(Frustrated.)* Well, let's get a move on!

CENSUS TAKER: We'll catch up later, Cirillo. *(To the group.)* Present your names, so I can let you pass into the Walnut City.

(Note: For the following, they each tell the Census Taker their name and then enter the city.)

CIRILLO: *(To Census Taker.)* Cirillo.

CENSUS TAKER: Very good, you may enter.

LORCAN: Lorcan.

CENSUS TAKER: Yes, you may enter.

NILSINE: Nilsine.

CENSUS TAKER: Enter.

NYX: Nyx.

CENSUS TAKER: Um, enter.

HI-HO: Hi-Ho.

CENSUS TAKER: *(Sing-song.)* The dairy-oh. *(Laughs.)* Nope, don't see your name. You can't enter.

HI-HO: I am your king! What do you mean I can't enter?!

CENSUS TAKER: I don't have a "Hi-Ho" on my list of those who can enter.

HI-HO: Let me enter!

CENSUS TAKER: Sorry, can't do that. King Hi-Ho gave me a list, and "Hi-Ho" is not on it. So, skedaddle.

HI-HO: I am King Hi-Ho of the Harum-Scarums, and I order you to let me enter, or you will—!

CENSUS TAKER: *(Scans the list.)* Ah! There's your name. *(From list, reads.)* "King Hi-Ho of the Harum-Scarums." You should have said that right from the beginning. Enter.

ARAMUS: Aramus and four prisoners.

CENSUS TAKER: Enter. But let me warn you! You, Aramus, is responsible for the prisoners. Next!

VIDARR: Vidarr.

CENSUS TAKER: *(Checks list.)* Yep, there's your name. You may enter.

(All newcomers have entered Walnut City. Hi-Ho's car, the Cockatoo Special, appears. The car has red cushions on the seats and a red-and-white striped awning over it to shield passengers from the sun. Cockatoos 1-4 are stationed at each corner of the car. The car is fashioned from one half of a large walnut shell and gilded like a circus chariot, with various colored streamers floating from each end. Cockatoos 1-4 are each attached with a golden harness, so that they can guide the vehicle to its location.)

HI-HO: *(Pointing at his car.)* This is my Cockatoo Special.

SNOWMAN: It looks like a big walnut cut in half.

HI-HO: *(Affably.)* That's exactly what it is! All our carriages, buildings, and streets are made from walnut shells.

TOODLES: What do you do with the meat of the nut?

SNOWMAN: My goodness! You're always thinking of something good to eat.

HI-HO: *(To Toodles.)* We preserve it and make pies, cakes, and bread from it.

STEENA: The cooking in this place can't be good.

SNOWMAN: Dear me, it seems to me we have here a health-food spa.

HI-HO: You will like our food, I am sure, as I have the best chef at nut cooking that I can get.

(A Cockatoo Driver emerges and opens a door of the Cockatoo Special.)

DRIVER: *(To others.)* Please, if you will, step into the Cockatoo Special, and we will travel to King Hi-Ho's palace. *(Hi-Ho gets into the car. With a bow.)* Welcome aboard, my King. *(To Toodles.)* Here, let me help you aboard. Watch your step. *(Helps Steena aboard.)* Welcome aboard the Cockatoo Special. *(To Pedro, with a sneer.)* I see they caught you again. I can't say that you are welcome. *(To Snowman, not liking what he sees.)* If you are going to melt in the car, please grab a bucket and stand in it. I don't want water all over the car. *(Shuts the car door and goes to the driver's seat.)*

PEDRO: *(To Snowman.)* All this seems very nice, but I have been here before, and you will wish you were well out of it before you get through.

SNOWMAN: I don't doubt that for a moment. This is too nice to last long. I just know that I'll melt in this climate. I can already feel myself melting.

DRIVER: *(Curtly.)* If you are going to melt, please stand in the bucket.

STEENA: *(To Snowman, stage whisper.)* I hope Tiddle-de-Winks told Perriwinkle what happened and he is on his way.

TOODLES: *(To Pedro.)* Why does Hi-Ho treat us so nicely when he is a savage king?

PEDRO: He does that so you will forget about your own home and stay. He only turns people that he has captured, defy him, or disobey him into cockatoos. If you consent to live here voluntarily, he will give you a walnut home and

make you one of his people. If we don't obey him, I am afraid we are all doomed to be cockatoos.

SNOWMAN: I wouldn't mind learning how to fly...

PEDRO: Hmm, well, as long as you're alive, I should think you would be satisfied.

DRIVER: Hang on, everyone. *(Claps his hands together.)* Now fly, Cockatoos, fly!

(Cockatoo Special "flies" off [rolls off]. A few seconds after it exits, a loud crash is heard. Nyx and Nilsine look for where the sound came from. Nilsine pulls out a telescope and peers through it.)

NYX: *(To Nilsine.)* What do you think that was?

NILSINE: That I am unable to say. It sounded like something crashed into the Enlarged Forest.

NYX: Not the King and the Cockatoo Special?!

NILSINE: *(Looks off.)* No, the King would never allow it to crash. It looks like a strange bird has been blown into the tree over there. *(Points.)*

NYX: *(Peering through telescope.)* Now I see. There seems to be a large basket attached. Someone is in it.

NISLINE: Looks like they're coming this way. *(Signor Perriwinkle and Tiddle-de-Winks enter. They look as if they have just been in a horrible crash. Nyx and Nisline point their spears at them. To Signor Perriwinkle and Tiddle-de-Winks, shouts.)* Halt! Proceed no farther! *(Signor Perriwinkle and Tiddle-de-Winks stop.)* Who are you, and what are you doing here?

PERRIWINKLE: I am Signor Perriwinkle, the celebrated aeronaut. I am in search of my friends. Can you help?

NISLINE: Perhaps we can. We had better go see King Hi-Ho. He may be able to help find your friends.

PERRIWINKLE: Which way to the King?

NISLINE: Follow this path and you will find the King. We'll follow behind so you don't get lost.

PERRIWINKLE: Thank you.

(Nisline points opposite of where the King and the others exited in the Cockatoo Special. Tiddle-de-Winks and Signor Perriwinkle start to exit.)

NYX: (To Nisline, stage whisper.) They must be after the group we just captured. We better tie them up.

NISLINE: (Stage whisper.) Better to take them there as friends than tie them up. They'll walk there more peaceful.

NYX: (Stage whisper.) Ah! I got ya!

(Nyx and Nisline laugh as they follow Signor Perriwinkle and Tiddle-de-Winks off. Blackout.)

SCENE 5

(AT RISE: Outside the entrance of King Hi-Ho's palace. Cockatoo Guard 1, 2 are standing on each side of the entrance. Cockatoo Guard 1, 2 pick up walking sticks and use them to keep beat while the Marching Cockatoos march on singing, "March! March! March!")

MARCHING COCKATOOS: *(To the tune of "Work! Work! Work!" sing.)*

"March, march, march. Marching's lots of fun.
March, march, march. March until you're done.
A little bit of marching makes Hi-Ho's day.
So, we've got to march. All day.
If you want freedom, you've got to trudge and march real
hard for your privilege.

March, march, march. Marching's lots of fun.
March, march, march. March until you're done.
Wherever we march, let's start,
Kick out your feet and move right in.

March, march, march. Marching's lots of fun.
March, march, march. March until you're done.
A little bit of marching make's Hi-Ho's day.
So, we've got to march. All day.
Finish the march – or loose your head.
Don't leave a march – halfway through.

March, march, march. Marching's lots of fun.
March, march, march. March until you're done.
And when your march is done at the end of the day,
You'll find that Hi-Ho makes you do it all again.
And even though the day is gone it's something that
carries on.
You march on through to the end and you'll get your
reward.

March, march, march. Marching's lots of fun.
March, march, march. March until you're done.
A little bit of marching goes a long way 'cause you're a
member of Hi-Ho's marching birds! Hi-Ho."

(Marching Cockatoos line up like soldiers.)

COCKATOO GUARD 2: *(Announcing.)* Attention! King Hi-Ho, the great and magnificent, has returned to the palace.
Salute!

ALL COCKATOOS: *(Snap to attention.)* Salute!

(Hi-Ho enters to cheering Cockatoos. Toodles, Snowman, Pedro, and Steena follow Hi-Ho on.)

HI-HO: *(Smiling, waving to Cockatoos.)* Thank you! Thank you!
(To Toodles, Snowman, Pedro, and Steena.) This, my friends, is my palace. And these Cockatoos are my Marching Cockatoos. They are a force that protects the Walnut City from outsiders.

SNOWMAN: They do look to be as fierce as a winter's blizzard.

HI-HO: Oh, they are.

(Marching Cockatoos begin to make rustling noises, as if they are scared.)

TOODLES: *(To Pedro, stage whisper.)* I wonder if they really like marching or if they're scared of Hi-Ho and his soldiers.

PEDRO: *(Stage whisper.)* I can guarantee that they are too scared not to march.

CIRILLO: *(To Toodles and Pedro.)* What are you two talking about?

TOODLES: We were just saying how amazing the Cockatoos are at marching.

LORCAN: They are amazing, and you better be quiet when the King is speaking.

HI-HO: That is okay, Lorcan. I am sure in their country people are not as polite as we are here in the Walnut City. *(Threateningly.)* They will learn to be polite while they are here.

(Suddenly, the Cockatoos hear something, look nervous, step back, and point their wings in the direction where Signor Perriwinkle, Nilsine, Nyx, and Tiddle-de-Winks enter. Terrified of Tiddle-de-Winks, the Cockatoos keep their distance.)

HI-HO: *(To Nilsine, indicating Signor Perriwinkle and Tiddle-de-Winks.)* What have we here?

NILSINE: What we assume are friends of your captives.

(Hi-Ho looks at Signor Perriwinkle and Tiddle-de-Winks. Awkward pause.)

HI-HO: *(To Signor Perriwinkle.)* Well, are you?

PERRIWINKLE: Well, you see, we had a harrowing escape when my hot air balloon crashed. *(Mopping his brow with his handkerchief.)* As the balloon crashed, we expected to be torn to pieces.

TOODLES: Signor Perriwinkle, are you here to rescue us?

PERRIWINKLE: I did my best, Toodles, dear, and if it had not been for Tiddle-de-Winks, I might have saved you.

SNOWMAN: How is that?

PERRIWINKLE: Tiddle-de-Winks climbed into the rigging and tore a hole in my balloon. And before I could say "scat," I was tangled up in the branches of a tall tree.

STEENA: Drat that cat!

HI-HO: *(To Signor Perriwinkle.)* You are my prisoner, the same as the others. I would like to ask you a question, however. Were you in the frosted snow globe the whole time I was there?

PERRIWINKLE: I was, indeed. *(Smiles.)* That is, once we got the best of you.

HI-HO: *(Chuckles.)* "All's well that ends well," so don't overlook the fact that the joke is still on you.

SNOWMAN: *(To Toodles, stage whisper.)* I'm sure all villains say that just before they are conquered.

(Cockatoos start screeching and acting as if they are going to attack the newcomers.)

HI-HO: *(Smiles.)* Oh, don't mind the Cockatoos. You see, my Cockatoos have never seen an animal of any kind in this country, and surely never one like your... *(Indicating Tiddle-de-Winks.)* ...your...thing?

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: I'm a cat. I can talk, and I would dearly love to have one of those birds for my dinner.

HI-HO: Oh, it talks.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: What'd you expect? Of course, I talk! Don't all animals in this country talk?

HI-HO: No, they don't.

VIDARR: *(To Tiddle-de-Winks.)* Cows don't talk. They "moo."

CIRILLO: *(To Tiddle-de-Winks.)* Kangaroos don't talk, either. That would be silly.

ARAMUS: *(To Tiddle-de-Winks.)* Mice don't talk. They "squeak."

LORCAN: And you, Cat Thing, shouldn't talk in the presence of the King unless he asks you to.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: But I'm hungry and want to eat one of those yummy-looking birds.

HI-HO: I will have to get rid of that Cat Thing. *(Calls.)* Royal Census Taker!

(Census Taker enters.)

CENSUS TAKER: Yes, Your Majesty?

HI-HO: Get rid of this Cat Thing. He has threatened the Royal Marching Cockatoos.

CENSUS TAKER: Your command will be done. Nyk and Nilsine, bring the Cat Thing here and help me get rid of it.

(Nyk and Nilsine go to grab Tiddle-de-Winks, but he scratches them. After a short skirmish, Tiddle-de-Winks is subdued by Nyk and Nilsine.)

NILSINE: *(To Census Taker, out of breath.)* We have him.

CENSUS TAKER: Then follow me, and we will toss him into the sky.

TIDDLE-DE-WINKS: *(To others.)* Have no fear, I will return!

NYK: No fear was had. You talk too much, Cat Thing.

(Census Taker exits. Nyk and Nilsine follow him off, dragging Tiddle-de-Winks. Cockatoos calm down when Tiddle-de-Winks exits.)

TOODLES: *(To Hi-Ho.)* You leave Tiddle-de-Winks alone!

HI-HO: That Cat Thing threatened the Royal Cockatoos. That is against the King's law. *(Sound of a hissing, screeching cat is heard. Smiles with delight.)* There, the Cat Thing has been taken care of. No one needs to worry anymore. *(Toodles begins to cry. Pedro and the others comfort her. To Signor Perriwinkle.)* Where do you hail from?

PERRIWINKLE: I came in a hot-air balloon from the United States of America, and I live in [Florida]. Ever been there? *[Or insert another warm locale.]*

HI-HO: *(Smiles.)* I never leave this country. It wouldn't be good for my health. Did I understand you to say that you came in a balloon? How do you make it go?

PERRIWINKLE: It's filled with gas that is lighter than air. Consequently, the balloon rises to a great height when filled.

HI-HO: Interesting. Tomorrow, I should like to see how you fly it.

PERRIWINKLE: I am afraid that is impossible. I have no gas to fill it with.

HI-HO: But I have some natural gas wells, and you can use as much gas as you like.

PERRIWINKLE: *(Disappointed.)* Wunnerful, wunnerful.

HI-HO: It is, isn't it? Now, I have a very important message to send to Elinora, Queen of Good Luck. I'll send the High-Cock-A-Lorem to show you to your lodgings. *(Claps his hands.)* Guards, Marching Cockatoos, follow me. *(To Toodles, Signor Perriwinkle, Snowman, Steena, and Pedro.)* You wait here. The High-Cock-A-Lorem will be here shortly. *(Waving goodbye as he starts to exit.)* Tootles!

(King Hi-Ho, Nyk, Nilsine, and the Marching Cockatoos exit. As they exit, the Marching Cockatoos sing their marching song, "March, march, march. Marching's lots of fun. March, march, march. March until you're done –")

PEDRO: *(To others.)* I wonder what Hi-Ho is up to.

STEENA: I'm sure, whatever it is, it's not good.

TOODLES: He is a terrible man. I would prefer to have never met him.

SNOWMAN: He certainly has a heart that is colder than mine.

(The High-Cock-A-Lorem, a cockatoo, enters. She is wearing a military helmet and fancy military ribbons. She quietly eavesdrops on their conversation.)

PEDRO: That, my cold friend, is a true observation. I am sure that Hi-Ho has some plan for Signor Perriwinkle's balloon.

PERRIWINKLE: That was the feeling I got. If only the balloon had been completely destroyed when we crashed. Hi-Ho even has the means to fill the balloon with gas.

PEDRO: Hi-Ho is a villain to be wary of.

(Snowman spies the High-Cock-A-Lorem.)

SNOWMAN: *(To Pedro, Toodles, Steena, and Signor Perriwinkle, in a hushed tone.)* I believe that cockatoo is watching us.

(Pedro, Toodles, Snowman, Steena, and Signor Perriwinkle turn and see the High-Cock-A-Lorem.)

TOODLES: Let's find out

(Snowman approaches the High-Cock-A-Lorem.)

SNOWMAN: *(To High-Cock-A-Lorem.)* Hello. Polly want a cracker?

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: *(Angrily.)* Don't you "Polly" me, or I'll scratch your eyes out!

(The High-Cock-A-Lorem raises her yellow comb and flaps her wings.)

TOODLES: Well, what is your name, then?

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: My name is High-Cock-A-Lorem, and I am commander-in-chief of the Cockatoos.

TOODLES: *(Amused.)* My, what a long name!

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: I have been ordered to guard you while you are in the Walnut City.

SNOWMAN: *(Sarcastically.)* Now, that is awfully kind of you. We're pleased to make your acquaintance.

TOODLES: *(To High-Cock-A-Lorem.)* Why do we have to have someone guard us?

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: To keep you out of mischief and see that you do not escape.

SNOWMAN: Oh, shucks! How can we escape from here? We haven't any more chance than a rabbit.

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: Well, Hi-Ho isn't taking any chances, and those are my orders.

STEENA: I guess you had better lead the way.

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: And that I will do. Please follow me.

(High-Cock-A-Lorem exits. Pedro stops Steena, Signor Perriwinkle, Toodles, and Snowman from following High-Cock-A-Lorem.)

PEDRO: *(To others.)* Now what shall we do? Our last chance of rescue is gone, and if we expect to escape, we must concoct a plan immediately.

SNOWMAN: *(Placing his finger alongside his nose to look wise.)* I have a plan that I will tell you about as soon as Signor Perriwinkle gets his balloon repaired.

PEDRO/TOODLES/STEENA/PERRIWINKLE: What is it?

SNOWMAN: Wait until the balloon is fixed, and then I'll tell you. I am going to find a cellar to cool off. It's rather warm, and I feel sort of mushy. *(Exits.)*

STEENA: *(To others.)* That snowman has a sharp brain, even if he has no heart or stomach, although I'm not so sure about the heart.

(High-Cock-A-Lorem enters, followed by Cockatoo Guard 1, 2.)

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: *(To Toodles, Pedro, Signor Perriwinkle, and Steena.)* In case I wasn't clear enough, follow me!

(Cockatoo Guard 1, 2 surround Toodles, Pedro, Signor Perriwinkle, and Steena. The High-Cock-A-Lorem exits and Cockatoo Guards 1, 2 escort them off. Blackout.)

SCENE 6

(AT RISE: Inside Hi-Ho's palace, a room showcasing the Fountain of Burning Water. At CS is a beautiful fountain with a tall pedestal in the center. A jewel-studded casket is on the pedestal. The fountain is enclosed with a high fence that prevents anyone from reaching it. [Note: No water is running in the fountain.] Hi-Ho is conducting the Cockatoo Choir. Cockatoo Choir is singing as the lights come up.)

COCKATOO CHOIR: *(To the tune of "I Wanna Be a Dog," sing.)*

"Oh I wanna be a bird
I wanna flap my wings
Eat bugs. Eat lots of wiggly worms
Poop on the lady bring me my seeds

Oh, I wanna have bird breath
I wanna learn to chirp
Peck fleas and ticks and fly in the sky.
The sky will fill my breath."

(During the last verse of the song, the High-Cock-A-Lorem enters with Toodles, Signor Perriwinkle, Steena, and Pedro. They stop and listen to the song.)

HI-HO: *(To Toodles, indicating Cockatoo Choir.)* Aren't they superb?

HIGH-COCK-A-LOREM: There are none better, Your Majesty. *(Toodles, Steena, Signor Perriwinkle, and Pedro say nothing. Clears his throat loudly.)* Ahem!

TOODLES/PEDRO/PERRIWINKLE/STEENA: There are none better, Your Majesty.

HI-HO: Thank you. You are so kind. *(Slight pause.)* I have summoned you to see the Fountain of Burning Waters and to let you see what I can do with the Magic Bracelet.

(Hi-Ho removes the Magic Bracelet from his pocket and looks at it lovingly. Hi-Ho gestures for the High-Cock-A-Lorem to approach.)

TOODLES: Hey, that's my bracelet!

HI-HO: *(Laughs.)* Let me correct you, Toodles. It is *my* bracelet. *(Hands the High-Cock-A-Lorem the Magic Bracelet.)* Take the bracelet to the casket in the fountain. *(Without hesitation, the High-Cock-A-Lorem takes the Magic Bracelet, goes up to the casket, and drops it in.)* You will observe that we now have the bracelet safe inside the casket. You will also notice that the fountain will soon be filled with water. See, it is now flowing. *(Toodles, Steena, Signor Perriwinkle, and Pedro look up at the casket. The fountain is gradually filling with greenish "water" [sound effect] that looks to be on fire [lighting effect].)* The water in this fountain is there to prevent anyone from stealing the Magic Bracelet. Should you place your hand in there, it will be burned as if by fire. That is why I call it the "Fountain of the Burning Waters." Would anyone like to place their hands in the water to prove that I am telling the truth? *(Looks around to see if there are any takers.)*

PEDRO: Not really. We know what you say is true, and we're willing to let it go at that.

STEENA: *(Wistfully.)* Goodbye to the Magic Bracelet...

(Toodles kneels at Hi-Ho's feet.)

TOODLES: *(Pleading.)* Oh, please give me back my bracelet.

HI-HO: No, I will not. Because it's not your bracelet! It's mine! *(Cockatoos laugh.)* And now we shall send a message to Elinora, telling her what has happened and demanding that she surrender her power and gold to me. *(Calls.)* Bring the quill!

(Census Taker enters with a quill pen and paper.)

CENSUS TAKER: *(Ready to transcribe Hi-Ho's message.)*
Proceed, My King.

HI-HO: *(Dictating with a flourish.)* "To Elinora, Queen of Good Luck, Ruler of Treasure Town, in the Land of the Rainbow. My Dear Queen, this letter is to inform you that I have captured the frosted snow globe. I also have captured the Magic Bracelet and have safely hidden it in my palace. *(To Census Taker.)* Did you get that?"

CENSUS TAKER: Every word, My King.

HI-HO: Good, good. *(Dictating.)* "If you will deliver to the High-Cock-A-Lorem, my commander-in-chief, the pot of gold you have concealed underneath the rainbow, I will release the prisoners and allow them to return unharmed. If you refuse, I shall turn them into cockatoos to do my bidding for the rest of their lives. Your time to surrender has come, and the quicker you realize that you are completely in my power, the better it will be for all concerned. You will never see the Magic Bracelet again. So, you see, your power has ended. Yours truly, Hi-Ho, King of the Harum-Scarums." *(Remembers.)* Oh! And "P.S. We, your subjects, sign this petition in order that you may save us by granting this request." Did you get that?"

CENSUS TAKER: Didn't miss a word, My King.

(Census Taker hands Hi-Ho the letter. Hi-Ho holds the letter and quill pen out to Toodles to sign.)

HI-HO: *(To Toodles.)* Now sign this letter.

(Toodles goes to sign the letter but Pedro stops her.)

PEDRO: Don't do it, Toodles!

STEENA: *(To Hi-Ho, with her hands behind her back.)* I won't sign it!

PERRIWINKLE: *(To Hi-Ho.)* Neither will I!

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TOODLES: *(To Hi-Ho.)* I won't sign it, either! No matter what you do to us!

HI-HO: *(Menacingly.)* Oh, you won't, eh? *(Calls.)* Where's that good-for-nothing snowman? I'll venture to say he will sign it!

(Cirillo and Lorcan exit to get the Snowman.)

STEENA: You are a vile king. Why can't you live nicely with the people of Good Luck?

HI-HO: *(Mocking.)* Why, Miss Steena, you just answered your own question. Because I am a vile king.

(Cirillo and Lorcan enter, dragging the Snowman.)

SNOWMAN: *(To Cirillo and Lorcan.)* Here, here! What do you think this is?! A game of football?!

CIRILLO: *(To Hi-Ho.)* Here's the Snowman. But may I suggest you don't get too close to the creature?

LORCAN: *(To Hi-Ho.)* Yeah, I'd be careful. He's starting to melt.

CIRILLO: *(To Hi-Ho.)* Let's just say he's getting mushy.

LORCAN: *(To Hi-Ho.)* Like melted ice cream in a bowl.

HI-HO: *(Pointing to the letter.)* Mr. Snowman, this is a letter to Elinora, ruler of Treasure Town, and you are to sign it.

(Snowman takes the paper and reads it carefully.)

SNOWMAN: *(To Toodles, Steena, Signor Perriwinkle, and Pedro.)*
Has this villain asked you to sign this letter?

TOODLES/STEENA/PERRIWINKLE/PEDRO: Yes!

SNOWMAN: And you refused? *(They nod.)* Then so do I!

(Snowman tears up the letter and throws the pieces at Hi-Ho.)

TOODLES/STEENA/PERRIWINKLE/PEDRO: Bravo!

HI-HO: (*To Lorcan and Cirillo, enraged.*) Seize them! Take them to the tower! Feed them bread and water for three days, and if they then refuse to do as I ask, I'll turn them into cockatoos!

[END OF FREEVIEW]