

ACT ONE, SCENE I – VILLAGE SQUARE

SONG - HEY LOOK ME OVER

Class B and C (exit Class B SR after song)

V1 There's nothing like a good opening number to raise the spirits

V2 And heaven knows, our spirits are definitely in need of raising

V3 Raisins? What's that got to do with Pantomime?

V4 We're trying to be CURRENT. There is doom and gloom all around, so what could be better than an opening number filled with joy?

V5 A piggy bank full of money maybe?

V6 Or a lifetime supply of chocolate

V7 Nothing can compare to being a Villager here in Panto-land, where the sun is always shining

V8 I presume that's a metaphor?

V9 I don't know what Meta is for? I can't get to grips with all this AI stuff

V10 My AI system has just got a new pet

V11 That's because it needed someone to fetch its data

V12 I would say that's funny, but first I need to check with someone (*talks to wristwatch*). Sorry, 404, humour not found

V13 Oh-oh, here comes the Squire, look busy

V14 I expect he's going to check up on how we're progressing with the marketing programme for our Town

Enter Squire SL

SQUIRE Good day Villagers. How are **we** progressing with the marketing for our town?

V14 Told you

V15 We, and by that I mean, we, us, Villagers, We are, um... progressing
SQUIRE Excellent. You know, we really need to put this town of ours on the map

V1 Yes, WE do. But we are mere Villagers. We need your help. No one really listens to us

SQUIRE And do you think they listen to me? Tosh. No. Nobody gives a skibidy. I'm trying to be down with the kids, no cap, but this marketing lark is tricky. In an age where everyone is shopping on line, how can we keep our high street alive? That, dear villagers, is the question

V2 I'm not sure Shakespeare would agree with you

V3 We've been working on a cool slogan to promote Panto-land

V4 It's pants

V5 No, it's not. I think it's rather catchy

SQUIRE Go on then, low key lay it on me

V6 Are you ready for it: Should've gone to Pantoland

V7 My favourite is: Pantoland – because you're worth it

SQUIRE Yes, yes, all tbc. Not sure we've quite hit the nail on the head, but it's a start

V8 Oh no it isn't. Lol. How about "Pantoland, where all your worries are behind you"

Enter Alexa and Siri SL

ALL V It's behind you!

SQUIRE Ah, Alexa, Siri – there you are
A and S Here we are

V9 If there you are is where you are, here is where we shouldn't be. Let's process our exit *Exit Villagers SR*

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JACK Come on, it's a beautiful day, let's sing to cheer ourselves up

SONG OUT OF TOWN Jack and Pat

Enter Villagers SR, Class C

C10 I say, what a lovely heifer

C11 Don't be rude about the Principal Boy!

C12 No, a heifer is a young, female bovine. She means the cow

JACK You're right, she is a lovely bovine. Would any of you want to buy my cow Pat?

C13 He's selling a cowpat!

C14 Just the one? That won't go very far in the garden

C15 Too right, we need a lot more than that

JACK Anyone interested?

C1 Where is your cowpat?

JACK Right here

C2 Oh I get it, you sell them to order

C3 Nice and fresh, how much do you hope to get?

JACK I hope somewhere in the region of ..er, 10 duckets

C4 10 buckets! That's more than sufficient

C5 She must have had prunes for breakfast

JACK I said DUCKETS, not buckets

C6 Oh, that's far too rich for us

C7 Rather like the cow, we only wanted to spend a penny

JACK Look, I want 10 duckets for my cow, who is called Pat

C8 She looks like a wonderful cow, and I'm sure gives the best milk

C9 Not to mention she's a walking fertiliser factory!

C10 Oh, so that's what you thought of her dance routine

C11 Sorry Jack, your cow...

ALL ... who is called Pat

C11 ... is not what we need right now

C12 We only came on here to sing. This is our moment!

C13 I hope you find a buyer before they slap some new tax on bovines

C14 Perhaps you should try that old crone over there?

C15 But not until we've done our number. And trust us, ours is better than a cowpat

SONG **HIT THE ROAD JACK** **C**

Exit Villagers SR, Enter Old Crone SL (Fairy Liquid in disguise)

ACT TWO, SCENE II – VILLAGE SQUARE

Enter Class C SL

SONG SUNSHINE LOLLIPOPS AND RAINBOWS C

C1 Ah, a good old tune, it refreshes the parts other songs cannot reach

C2 Hey, maybe we could use **that** as our marketing tag line?

C3 Great idea, just do it!

C4 Surely you mean, just BOO it?!

C5 Hey, we're the good guys, don't confuse us with those grimlins

C6 Exactly, **we** are never knowingly undersold. We are Class C, the Villagers that bind this show together

C7 I'm lovin' it! But will the Squire approve?

Enter Squire, Alexa and Siri SR

SQUIRE My approval rating is quite high. I score a 4.6 on Trustpilot for "Squire'ly duties" – major aura points

ALEXA Only because you pay people to say so

SIRI Here's something I found on the web

C8 Go on then, what is it?

All pause

C9 Tell us, **what** did you find on the web?

SQUIRE Ignore her. She's always saying that and then ... nothing. I don't know why I bother

SIRI Sorry, I didn't quite catch that

C10 Should've gone to specsavers, or the ear equivalent

C11 'ere 'ere! Squire, I hear we need to be on the lookout for a baddie?

C12 Is it true? Is there danger lurking? Can it be possible after our jolly number?

SQUIRE Be so for real. An old crone told me that we need to beware of the evil giant's Man Friday heading our way

C13 But what about the other days? We're here till Sunday you know

ALEXA You should take each day as it comes

SIRI Some may call that procrastination

C14 That definitely computes. I think we better get sendy

PEONY C15 Aka, let's get outta here!

Exit Class C SL

TROT Jack, we're coming for you...

They all bundle off SL. Enter Class C SR

C1 Did you hear that? They're heading up the beanstalk

C2 They must be mad

C3 Their fate is written in the stars

C4 No, it's written in the script. The author says, they needed some "giant" time

C5 Hey, don't spoil it for our audience

C6 Shall we climb up there too?

C7 Don't be daft, we're Villagers. Not heroes

C8 Exactly, our costume doesn't have a cape, does it?

C9 Maybe it should. It would make a change from our usual look

C10 I think we should stay on terra firma

C11 What she said. If she means what I think she means

C12 After all, what would a village be like without villagers?

C13 A bit like a modern highstreet now everyone shops on the internet

C14 Ouch, don't bring us down, we're here to spread joy

C15 Well then, let's do it!

DANCE

HAPPY

C

Blackout, exit SL