

What They Do Best

(Sample Script)

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STORY OUTLINE:

Santa Claus, Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy are in a disagreement over who has the most difficult job. Of course, each of them insists that theirs is the most strenuous and demanding and to decide who has the toughest job, they decide to swap! Tooth Fairy takes on the role of Easter Bunny, a chocolate catastrophe! Easter Bunny tries to fill Santa's boots, only to find that he is lacking in reindeer control! And Santa finds that he, as the Tooth Fairy, is a sure recipe for a magic flying dust disaster!

Santa's elves, the bunny helpers and the fairy assistants all have a mighty job on their hands trying to guide these three magical, yet wayward characters.

Finally, after a near miss with runaway reindeer, faulty magic flying dust, and a critical chocolate shortage, Santa, Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy discover that they should be happy with what they do best!

A hugely comical show, full of fabulous songs, zany characters and loads of parts for everyone!

MAIN CHARACTERS:

SANTA: A real “Ho, ho, ho” sort of guy. He tries to be a dainty tooth fairy but doesn’t quite succeed.

EASTER BUNNY: A cheeky, fun-loving guy who sometimes stretches out his words. Eg: ruuudely (rudely). He fiddles and plays with all the toys at Santa’s workshop and has a real fear of Santa’s reindeer.

TOOTH FAIRY: Is a prissy and somewhat vain little fairy, always preening and looking in the mirror. She is horrified to think that she might have to cook and carry the Easter baskets. She is constantly eating all the chocolate.

THE HELPERS:

ALFRED: Santa’s Head Elf Helper.

BRINDY: Head Fairy Assistant.

HENRY: Chief Bunny Helper.

SQUIRT: A little bunny helper, who has an enormous crush on the Tooth Fairy. He thinks she’s just “bootiful.” (Beautiful)

GEORGE: A very serious elf helper. He talks in a very dry monotone voice. Never very positive.

MINOR ROLES:

MERLIN: The famous wizard from Camelot. He is the chairperson at the Magical Characters Association Meeting.

SHAMUS THE LEPRECHAUN: A spritely little fellow who speaks with an Irish accent.

GENIE

FAIRIES:1,2,3.

F.W.A :1,2,3,4: Very tough looking fairies, dressed as punks with spikey coloured hair, black jackets and dark sunglasses.

BUNNY HELPERS:1,2,3,4.

ELF HELPERS 1,2,3.

REINDEER

REINDEER HANDLER

REMAINING CAST: Extra wizards, witches, unicorns, genies, leprechauns, elves, bunnies and fairies.

COSTUMES:

These may be as simple or as elaborate as you would like.

Simple Ideas: The three main characters Santa, the Tooth Fairy and Easter Bunny dress accordingly. (There always seems to be a spare Santa suit, fairy outfit and bunny ears around when you need them.) The other members of the cast all wear white tee shirts. To this you add the few extra items needed to make them into the characters required.

Eg: Merlin - add a wizard hat and cloak

Elves - green elf hats

Fairies - cut out fairy wings and tinsel halos

Bunnies - cut out rabbit ears and cotton wool tails

Reindeer - antlers

One suggestion might be that a symbol representing the characters could be put on the front of the tee shirts.

Eg: Bunnies have an Easter egg

Fairies have stars

Elves have a present

PROPS:

This show also concentrates on the stage craft of changing props and scenery in front of an audience. At each scene change (where the curtains are not closed) scene change music is played and the assigned “stagehands” must transform one scene to the next in the allotted time.

Opening: chairs on stage for some of the magical characters to sit on.

table, roll call, pen and paper

tutus (small and large), fairy crown and wand for Santa

extra bunny ears and tail for the Tooth Fairy

Scene Change: Tooth Fairy’s Workshop

table, pretty bags, tinsel, list, tooth bag

Flying Dust Processing Machine (An enormous box with buttons and knobs and tinsel etc.)

Scene Change: Easter Bunny’s Workshop

table, cut out cardboard Easter Eggs, pretty paper and ribbon

large cooking pot on cardboard stove, paint brushes and pots

a couple of saucepans and lids, bowl and spoon, baskets full of cutout Easter eggs, apron

Scene Change: Santa's Workshop

A decorated Christmas tree with a few presents underneath, table,
a few toys that the elves are working on.

a Super Sonic Pogo Stick

small plastic buckets to feed the reindeer

jar of Magic Flying Dust

Back Drop: A display of stars and moon/rainbow with the words Magic
Dimension.

Extra Props: binoculars, mirror

What They Do Best!

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OPENING: Curtains open at the meeting of the Magical Characters Association, where all the magical characters are beginning to gather for the annual meeting. They begin by singing their Association Song:

Song: Magical Gathering (*Sung by characters on stage. Eg: unicorns, magicians, witches, genies, leprechauns, Santa and elves, Tooth fairy and helpers. As the song finishes, the characters settle into their positions for the meeting.*)

Shamus the Leprechaun: (*With Irish accent if possible.*) Order, order, the annual meeting of the Magical Characters Association is about to come to order. Our chairperson, Merlin the Magical Wizard, is ready to begin.

Merlin: Thanks Shamus. And might I say a beautiful rendition of our Association Song. It's only a short meeting tonight, so we'll get going with the roll call. Unicorns - (Here!) Wizards and witches - (Here!) Leprechauns - (Here!) Santa and elves - (Here!) Genies - (Here!) Tooth Fairy and Associates - (Here!) Easter Bunny ... (no reply) Easter Bunny? ...

Shamus: Shore and begorrah, that darn rabbit is late again. (*Everyone nods in agreement. Easter Bunny comes rushing in tripping over his basket of eggs.*)

Easter Bunny: Sorry, soooo sorry! I was right on time and then I had trouble with the last batch of chocolate eggs. You have simply noooo idea how hard it is to ...

Merlin: (*A little impatiently*) Bunny, take a seat. (*Easter Bunny hops over to Santa and continues telling Santa his woes.*)

Easter Bunny: As I was saying, it's just soooo difficult ...

Merlin: Bunny! Bunny! (*Getting slightly cross.*) I'm talking to you rabbit! Sit! (*Easter Bunny sits very quickly.*) There, that's better. We can now get on with the meeting. (*Easter Bunny is pulling faces behind Merlin's back, using his carrot on his nose. Merlin doesn't turn around, but he knows what Easter Bunny is up to and scolds him.*)

And Rabbit, if you don't stop pulling those ridiculous faces behind me, I'll magic that carrot permanently to your nose. (*Easter Bunny puts the carrot away very quickly.*) I'm pleased to announce that all membership fees have been paid and we should now be able to afford our annual holiday to Timbucktoo. (*Everyone claps in approval.*) One more thing on the agenda is the magic flying dust. All those requiring a new batch of flying dust for carpets, broom sticks and general recreational purposes, please place an order with the Tooth Fairy. Well, that's it, meeting adjourned.

(Everyone gathers into little groups for a chat. Some go to chat to the Tooth Fairy. Genie steps forward displaying his genie lamp.)

Genie: Everyone is more than welcome to my lamp for a cup of tea.

Shamus: I'd be thanking you very much, but we must be off. There's been a shower of rain, and I can just feel a rainbow coming on. We must get our pots of gold polished and placed at its end. Toodleloo! *(Shamus exits with other leprechauns.)*

Genie: *(Calling after him.)* Well, we'll be catching up with you soon Shamus. Let's go everyone. *(Other magical characters exit stage with the Genie.)*

(Santa, Easter Bunny, the Tooth Fairy and some of their helpers move to the front of the stage. They begin discussing how difficult their respective jobs are.)

Easter Bunny: As I was saying, before I was so ruuuuudly interrupted, you just wouldn't believe how difficult it is to get the chocolate just right and the amount of choccy it takes these days to make enough Easter Goodies for everyone! Well, it's beyond all reasonable thinking.

Santa: I know just what you mean. The number of children to keep up with these days, let alone the latest fads and crazes. Making, building, wrapping, delivering. Whatever happened to a Christmas break, I ask you?

Tooth Fairy: *(Filing her fingernails and generally preening.)* You two think you've got it tough, only one night of the year! You try sneaking in to get teeth from under pillows and out of glasses of water in the dead of night. And the condition of some of those teeth! A few more toothbrushes in the old Christmas stockings wouldn't go astray Santa, if you ask me. And don't get me started on the amount of money they want for some of those tiddy teeth. \$10! They're only worth 50c at the most.

Santa: *(Brushing off her complaints)* You try getting down a chimney with a sack full of toys. Trust me, you two have got it easy compared to me.

Easter Bunny: Alright Mr. Jolly Ho Ho Hooooo. Put your sack where your fluffy white beard is.

Santa: What do you mean?

Easter Bunny: I mean, let's trade jobs and see whooooose job is the toughest.

Tooth Fairy: *(Clapping her hands in glee.)* Oooo, that's sounds like fun. I'll be in that. But how do we decide who gets what job?

Santa: *(Ponders for a moment.)* What if we put our names in my hat. Whichever name you pull out, that's the job you have to do.

Easter Bunny: Soooooounds good to me. *(The helpers are beginning to look a little worried about what is taking place.)*

Santa: Okay Alfred, my trusty elf helper, could you please write down the names for me and pop them in my hat? *(Hands Alfred his hat.)*

Alfred: *(A little concerned.)* Santa do you really think this is such a good idea?

Santa: Alfred, you worry too much. It'll be fun!

(Alfred shrugs his shoulders and goes to the table on stage and writes down the names. The other helpers still do not look over thrilled at swapping jobs idea.)

Alfred: *(Comes back with the hat and sighs.)* There you go Santa.

Santa: Thanks very much. Right ladies first.

(Tooth Fairy pulls out a name, then Easter Bunny, and then Santa. They all open up their pieces of paper at the same time.)

Tooth Fairy: Easter Bunny!

Easter Bunny: Santa!

Santa: *(In dismay)* So that means I'm the Tooth Fairy!

Brindy: If you're really determined to go through with this hair brained idea, don't you think you should at least look the part?

Tooth Fairy: You're right Brindy. Santa stand still. *(She nods at one of the helpers who goes to get his Santa's new gear. Fairy crown, wand and tutu. The tutu is extremely tiny and there's no way it will ever fit around Santa's tummy. Tooth Fairy puts a fairy crown on Santa and hands him her wand. She tries to get the tutu on, but it doesn't fit. She turns to Brindy and mutters.)* You'd better go and get the super, duper big size.

Santa: *(Takes offense.)* Hey watch it! I heard that! *(An enormous tutu is brought on stage and tied around Santa's middle)*

Tooth Fairy: There!

Santa: *(He starts to preen and twirl.)* Oh, I feel so pretty.

Easter Bunny: *(Poke Santa.)* Now hand over the hat and boots Big Fella. *(Santa hands over his hat and boots. Easter Bunny puts them on.)*

Tooth Fairy: *(Pouting.)* What about me?

Easter Bunny: Never fear! Bunny is here! Spare ears and tail please Henry. *(Henry, Easter Bunny's helper, hands over the ears and tail. Easter Bunny puts the ears on the Tooth Fairy. He holds up a super-size safety pin and the tail.)* Now just turn around and hold still. This won't hurt a bit. *(Tooth Fairy turns around and sees what Easter Bunny intends to attach the tail with, and she is a little bit worried.)*

Tooth Fairy: *(She warns Easter Bunny in a very stern voice.)* You had better be very careful back there!

Easter Bunny: *(Pretending to be hurt.)* Are you saying that you don't trust me? You've hurt my little feelings.

Tooth Fairy: More than your little feelings will be hurt, if you don't watch what you're doing with that tail.

Easter Bunny: Okay, okay. Hold still. There, all done.

Tooth Fairy: *(Turning around.)* How do I look?

Squirt: *(Looking at her adoringly)* You look bootiful. *(beautiful)*

Tooth Fairy: *(Patting Squirt on the head.)* Aren't you the dearest little thing? *(Squirt hangs his head in joy and embarrassment.)*

Easter Bunny: And the best thing is, that no one will ever know we're not who we say we are.

Alfred: *(In amazement.)* You think?

Santa: Now our new respective helpers will show us what to do and the job swap will be complete. Best of luck everybody.

Easter Bunny: You'll be the one needing the luck Santa, I mean Tinkerbell.

Tooth Fairy: Well, I must hop off. There are eggs to make.

(Santa, Easter Bunny and the Tooth Fairy exit the stage. Their helpers are left on stage, worrying about this swapping job situation.)

George: *(An elf helper who talks in a very dry and monotone way.)* Trouble, this is going to be nothing but trouble.

Brindy: You can say that again George. Whatever were they thinking?

Squirt: *(In a bashful voice.)* Well, I know what I think.

Henry: And what's that Squirt?

Squirt: *(In a very bashful way.)* I think that the Tooth Fairy looked bootiful.
(The other helpers just shake their heads.)

George: Oh dear, this is going to be nothing but trouble.
(Helpers exit stage.)

Change of Scene: Santa at Tooth Fairy's Workshop. (Scene change music.)
(Little fairy helpers are on stage in the background, busy pretending to make the magic flying dust. They could be polishing, weighing and bagging etc. Santa, and Brindy enter. Some of the other fairies are a little puzzled about what's going on.)

Santa: *(Flits on stage and greets the fairies with great gusto. The fairies are not impressed.)* Greetings all my little fairylings.

Fairy 1.: Fairylings?

Fairy 2.: Just who is he meant to be?

Brindy: *(Tries to explain.)* It's Santa but he's meant to be the Tooth Fairy.

Fairy 3.: *(In disbelief)* He thinks he's going to pass for a fairy. I think not!

Santa: *(Feeling very proud and enthusiastic.)* Now, just show me what to do and set me to work. Tooth Fairy Claus is at the helm.

Maeve: Bring Santa, I mean, Tooth Fairy Claus the list of tasks to be carried out.

(Fairies enter wearing punky, spikey, coloured hair, dark sunglasses and black jackets. These are the F.W.A.'s - very cool looking fairies. They are carrying a list.)

Santa: *(Aside to Brindy)* Brindy, who are these guys?

Brindy: These are the F.W.A.s .

Santa: *(Puzzled)* The F.W.A.?

Brindy: Fairies with Attitude. They felt they needed a much cooler image.

F.W.A. 1.: Here's the list of things to do. *(Hands the list to the next fairy.)*

F.W.A. 2: Sneak in and grab teeth from under pillow or from glass of water. (*Passes the list to the next fairy.*)

F.W.A. 3.: Place teeth carefully in tooth bag. (*Holds up a little drawstring bag.*) And replace teeth with money. (*Passes list to next fairy.*)

F.W.A. 4.: Bring teeth back here for processing. (*Hands the list to Santa.*)

Santa: (*Looks at the list a little puzzled.*) Processing?

Song: Processing Teeth (*Sung by fairies. Santa stands to the side watching what is happening and trying to take in all the information.*)

Brindy: So, as we've explained, the teeth are the key ingredient to the magic flying dust. No teeth, no magic flying dust.

F.W.A. 1.: No flying dust, no flying carpets, broomsticks and no flying reindeer.

Santa: (*In horror.*) No flying reindeer?

F.W.A. 2.: That's what we said, so it's most important to gather as many teeth as possible, because we have a big order to fill this month.

F.W.A. 3.: Do you think you're up to it?

Santa: (*Pushing his chest put with pride.*) Listen here. I'll have you know I'm an expert at this getting in and out without being seen stuff.

F.W.A. 4.: We know, but different skills are required. It's not just a matter of dumping a few toys and shooting back up a chimney. You need a delicate touch, a bit of finesse.

