

# BARON

SNOT FOLDS HIS ARMS IN DEFIANCE AND JOINS DAME GERTIE.

HEINKEL: Snot?! What are you doing?

SNOT: You hurt my feelings Heinkel! You're *snot* the Ringmaster of me anymore!

DAME: You tell him Snot!

HEINKEL: But you're forgetting one thing...

SILLY BILLY: Baby Bear!

HEINKEL: That's right! He's caught in a cage with no key. Looks like there's going to be a happy ending after all!

BARON(OFF): That's what you think!

BARON WASTELAND ENTERS.

ALL(-HEINKEL): Baron Wasteland?! Steps back in amazement!

GOLDBLOCKS: Daddy! How did you find Heinkel's hidden hideaway?

BARON: I'd never have found this place were it not for all the signs in the west wood...

DAME: Billy! That was you!

BARON: I'd love to chit and chat but I'm here to save a bear!

BARON WASTELAND WALKS UP TO THE CAGE AND BENDS THE BARS APART.

HEINKEL: What?!

BABY BEAR: I'm free! I'm free!

BABY BEAR ESCAPES INTO THE ARMS OF MUMMY AND DADDY BEAR.

GOLDBLOCKS: Daddy?!

SILLY BILLY: How on earth did you do that?!

HEINKEL: Who are you?

BARON: I am Baron William Wasteland; formerly known as 'The Great Willy Lift-it'!

DAME: *You* are 'The Great Willy Lift-it'?!

BARON: Well, I was! Once the world's most famous strongman. I performed amazing feats of daring do with my astonishing strength from Arizona to Barcelona to [LOCAL TOWN]!

GOLDILOCKS: Why did you leave it all behind?

BARON: I met your mother. She was one of the most amazing trapeze artists the world had ever seen until the accident. One day she fell from the high wire tight rope and onto a lettuce. They rushed her to hospital with a leaf poking out of her bottom but when she got there the Doctor said it was just the tip of the iceberg! I lost her and turned my back on the big top tent for the last time. I vowed never to perform again but to put all my *strength* into raising you!

GOLDILOCKS: I always thought you hated the circus.

BARON: It just brings back so many memories Goldilocks, that's all. I couldn't hate it; it's in our blood and your mother would be so proud of you.

DAME: I'm welling up over here!

HEINKEL: I think I'm going to be sick...

GOLDILOCKS: Quiet you! What shall we do with Heinkel boys and girls?

SILLY BILLY: Kill him? Where are you from? [LOCAL ROUGH TOWN]?

BARON: I know! Why don't we pack him in a trunk and send him off to a horrible place where no one ever smiles and nobody knows the meaning of the word entertainment?

SILLY BILLY: You're going to [RIVAL LOCAL THEATRE OR TOWN]!

HEINKEL: No! Please! Anything but that...

HEINKEL IS DRAGGED OFF.

SILLY BILLY: Goldilocks! You did it!

GOLDILOCKS: I couldn't have done it without you Billy!

BARON: I'd never have found my way without you!

SILLY BILLY: But I'm just a Silly Billy.

DAME: You saved the day son! A Silly Billy couldn't do that.

GOLDILOCKS: We can't call you '*Silly Billy*' anymore. Now you're...

BABY BEAR: Smart Billy!

SILLY BILLY: Smart Billy? I like it!

DAME: And you Snot! You're one of us now!