



# Badjelly

## THE WITCH...

**By Spike Milligan**

**adapted for the stage by Tim Bray  
Music and songs by Marshall Smith  
@ Marshmellow**

## **STORY SUMMARY**



**Warning- Spoiler Alert! If you do not want to learn about details and surprises in the show, do not read any further.**

Kiwi kids have grown up with Spike Milligan's story of Tim and Rose's madcap adventure through the great black forest and into Badjelly's castle. A quest full of twists and turns, with memorable characters and sausage turning spells.

During this sensory relaxed performance, we have not changed the plot, characters, or story from our standard performances. Instead, we have done our best to adjust for sensory sensitivities and preferences while still staying true to the spirit of the play, and we provide as much information as possible so you can prepare in advance for the show you are attending. Everyone is unique in their requirements for enjoying the performance, and we have tried to accommodate a wide range of preferences and needs. Please keep in mind that you know your child best in deciding if this show will be suitable for them, and that during a live theatre performance unpredictable events and last-minute changes may occur.

We recommend this show to children 5 years and older.

**There are nine scenes in the show.**

- *Scene 1:* The Prince
- *Scene 2:* Tim and Rose
- *Scene 3:* The Magic Forest
- *Scene 4:* Binkle-bonk's Tree
- *Scene 5:* The River
- *Scene 6:* The Mountain and Badjelly
- *Scene 7:* Dulboot and the Tower
- *Scene 8:* The Escape
- *Scene 9:* Home

**This story summary will give details about each scene**

## Scene 1: The Prince



1/ Red curtains at the front of the stage are closed. A fanfare is heard, and the curtains start to open. A Cleaner is revealed, vacuuming the stage. The curtains get stuck. They close. Another fanfare, and the curtains open, and get stuck again. The Cleaner is now dusting. The curtains close and finally open again fully. The Cleaner is mopping.



2/ Suddenly, two horsemen gallop onto the stage, clapping coconut shells together to sound like horses' hooves. They realise they've left the Prince behind, and they gallop off again to fetch him. The horsemen return with the Prince who rides an invisible horse. The Prince dismounts, stumbles a little, then begins giving a passionate speech. Suddenly, the large doors on the right bang open, and the Narrator enters with the Cleaner. The Narrator tells the Prince he is in the wrong theatre, and the Prince leaves. The red curtains close again.

## Scene 2: Tim and Rose



3/ The Narrator tries to introduce the show, but his spotlight won't stay still. He chases the spot, commanding it to stop. He tries to introduce the show, but he's forgotten the name. A Prompter in black pops out from the curtain with a script to remind Narrator the name of the show. The red curtains open, revealing a tiny purple cabin with a yellow straw roof on the right side of the stage.



4/ Two children, Tim and Rose, enter playing tag. Rose zooms around the stage as Tim chases after her. Their Daddy enters with a fishing pole full of fish, and their Mummy enters with fresh bread. Together, they sing the Fluffybum song, joined by Fluffybum the cat and PomPom the dog. At the end of the song, they gather in the cabin for bedtime.

## Scene 3: The Magic Forest



1/ The Sun dances onto the stage around Mummy, who calls for Tim and Rose. She sends them to milk Lucy the cow. Mummy closes a black curtain, hiding the purple cabin, and leaves. Lucy plods around the stage, looking for grass. She leaves as the children enter. The children look all around, but Lucy is gone. They search, exactly following Lucy's hoofprints, but they don't see her—not even when Lucy walks right across the stage behind them!



2/ Tim and Rose leave, and Lucy enters, followed by two tall purple trees with yellow vines both in the shape of the letter T. Ominous music and gloomy lights close in on Lucy, who shrugs and waddles off. Tim and Rose enter the forest and four actors wearing sticks across their shoulders with fabric T shapes down their bodies enter as T trees (a visual joke made on tea trees).



3/ Rose is scared, but Tim is trying to be brave. As they explore the forest, the T Trees all turn around, and we see they aren't scary after all. They just want a cup of tea! They turn around again, and Tim and Rose look for somewhere to sleep. Binkle-Bonk the tree goblin speaks up and offers to let Tim and Rose sleep in their tree.



4/ Binkle-bonk introduces them to their guard dog, a barking grasshopper called Silly Sausage. Suddenly, we hear a loud "Roar!" and squeak. It's the Tin Lion. Time to go inside before he comes. Binkle-bonk sings a song which magically makes their tree grow bigger, as the T trees and the children dance around in a circle.

## Scene 4: Binkle-Bonk's Tree



1/ Now in Binkle-bonk's tree, Tim and Rose admire the pretty blankets (which match their clothes) on yellow beanbags. They get tucked in for bed while Binkle-bonk makes them some supper. Binkle-bonk warns them to keep their windows shut tonight, because of Trouser Robbers!



2/Two Trouser Robbers in striped shirts and robber masks dash across the stage, cackling over trousers they have robbed. One of the Robbers rips the trousers off the other, revealing sparkly purple unicorn underwear. They chase each other off stage while Binkle-bonk and the children laugh.



3/ Thunder is heard, with flashes of lightning. The Tin Lion walks upstage, bemoaning the effects of the rain. The next morning, the Sun dances in to wake the children up. Binkle-bonk serves them rabbit's milk, and the children leave to keep looking for Lucy.



4/ A Robin flies over to Tim and Rose. The Robin is tweeting and whistling, but Tim and Rose don't understand. The Robin waves on an Interpreter, who translates what the Robin is tweeting into English and NZ Sign Language. The Robin is warning the children to be careful of the wicked witch, Badjelly. The Robin flies away, and the children follow.

## Scene 5: The River



1/ Dramatic music is heard as a Magician's Assistant enters in a sparkly purple dress with a purple boa. The Magician follows wearing a long purple cape. He walks across the stage, the purple cape trailing behind him. The cape is taken off him by the Assistant. He performs a magic trick and the fabric cape rises up, forming a long, rippling purple river across the stage.



2/ Tim and Rose enter and see the river. They don't know how to get across. Tim sits down and almost lands on Mudwiggles the worm, who pops out from the river. Mudwiggles is the strongest worm in all the world! He helps the children swim across the river. While Mudwiggles helps Tim across, a Shark appears in the river.



3/ Mudwiggles and the Shark have a fight, and the river falls to the floor, revealing that the Shark is only an actor in black holding a fin on a stick, wearing a mask and snorkel. Mudwiggles bashes the Shark in the nose. Paramedics in white coats run on to carry off the Shark fin as the Shark actor runs off after them. The children cheer for Mudwiggles, who bounces around then is pulled off stage on the river.



4/ The Sun arrives to dry the children's clothes. Tim and Rose see an Apple Tree, and they pluck off the apples only to learn that the Apple Tree is actually a policeman! He was turned into an Apple Tree by Badjelly. The Apple Tree is crying. The children try to comfort him, but as they are feeling awkward and decide to make a quick exit with their apples. The Apple Tree leaves, but when the children try to eat their apples he gives one last sob, causing Tim and Rose to jump and drop the apples.

## Scene 6: The Mountain and Badjelly



1/ Silly music is heard, and three movers in high vis come on stage. They remove the large T Trees, and bring on a giant folding purple M, made of three capital M shapes, which represents a mountain. They fuss about, unfolding the Ms, only saying the sound 'M' until it's in the perfect spot. They leave, and Dinglemouse scurries in across the mountain.



2/ Tim and Rose enter, giggling at the mountain's big yellow beard. They meet Dinglemouse, who sings them a song. Dinglemouse is small, but has a very big voice! He wants to be friends with Tim and Rose, and they agree to let him come help look for Lucy. Dinglemouse jumps in Tim's pocket and the three of them climb up to the top of the tall mountain.



3/ Purple and yellow snow falls from the ceiling - it's very cold. Rose wants to go home. Suddenly, Badjelly appears, pretending to be an old woman carrying a large purple sack.



4/ She invites the children to come inside the sack to get warm. Tim is happy to go inside, Rose less so, but both children climb into the sack. Badjelly the Witch cackles in delight- she has caught the children! She carries the full sack off, singing a song about eating the children.



## Scene 7: Dulboot and the Tower

1/ The movers come back onstage, now saying only the letter 'O' to move the M mountain again. One mover opens a tall black curtain, revealing Badjelly's castle door- and Dulboot the giant (made tall by stilts)! The movers are scared of Dulboot, but Dulboot is so tall he looks right over their heads and doesn't see them. They scurry off, with one declaring the letter 'P' as the fright has meant he wants to go for a pee.



2/ Badjelly enters, carrying the sack with the children. She calls for Dulboot, and doesn't see him walk up behind her. She swings the sack around, hitting Dulboot in the face. She finally sees Dulboot and asks him to take the children to the top of the tower, and keep them in the sack. Dulboot doesn't understand, and keeps getting the instructions mixed up.



3/ Badjelly gets frustrated, but finally Dulboot understands what to do and he carries the children off. Badjelly leaves to walk his pet monster, Twinkles. In the tower, Dinglemouse uses his sharp teeth to let the children out of the sack. Rose is crying, and Tim tries to comfort her. Dinglemouse leaves to fetch his friend, a big strong eagle named Jim.

**Twinkles is made using a red light and an actor moaning and rattling a chain. No monster is going to come out on stage.**



4/ The small purple cabin is revealed, and we see Mummy and Daddy at the window. They are very sad, because they think Tim and Rose have been eaten by an animal in the forest.

## Scene 8: The Escape



1/ Dinglemouse runs onto the stage, his tail is on fire! A firefighter runs on with a bucket to put out the fire. Dinglemouse scurries up the M mountain, where Jim is sleeping, and tries to wake him up. Jim is asleep and doesn't want to be disturbed, but Dinglemouse finally convinces him to get up. Jim and Dinglemouse fly off.



2/ Tim and Rose see the sun coming up from the tower window, and they see Badjelly coming up the stairs with a big sharp knife! They are very scared. Tim, Rose, and Badjelly struggle over the tower door, but Badjelly gets inside! Suddenly, Jim the Eagle swoops in. In slow motion, we see the children dodging Badjelly's knife as they jump on Jim's back and fly away to safety.



3/ Badjelly screams in frustration and calls for Dulboot, who tries to comfort her. She runs off to grab her broomstick and her magic powder. Irish music plays, and three clouds dance onto stage. Jim, Dinglemouse, Tim, and Rose fly in, chased by Badjelly. They hide behind the clouds as Badjelly swoops around on her broomstick. The clouds turn to reveal the actors talking on the phone, blowing their nose, solving a Rubik's cube, and stretching as if they were offstage.



4/ Suddenly, God's voice booms out from the clouds. God tells Badjelly to leave the children alone. Badjelly says no! God asks one more time, and then gets rid of Badjelly in a blast of gold confetti and dramatic music. The witch is gone, and the children are safe. Jim flies off with everyone to go find Lucy.

**Note: The confetti cannon may be loud, and gold streamers will shoot across the stage. You may want to cover your ears.**

## Scene 9: Home



1/ Lucy enters by the castle, her leg in a thick chain, moaning sadly. Jim breaks the chain with his strong beak. Suddenly, Dulboot runs out onto stage. He is mad - he wanted to eat Lucy!

**Note: The actor playing Dulboot is a professional stilt walker. He can bounce and run on the stilts. Sometimes his footsteps are loud, but he is very safe.**



2/ Dulboot threatens them with his big stick. Dinglemouse runs up the stick and nibbles the back of his trousers to reveal Dulboot's bare bottom. He runs away to Bare Bottom Land. They all fly off together to go home, all safe.



3/ Mummy sees Jim the Eagle coming, and she is very scared! She and Daddy run around in a panic until Jim lands and Rose tells them that Jim is a kind eagle.



4/ Mummy and Daddy are very excited to see Tim and Rose, and everyone hugs and cheers. Mummy fetches jelly babies to celebrate, and they all play 'Follow the Leader' in a circle. Mudwiggles bounce onto stage, to say that everyone lived happily ever after. The curtain starts to close, gets stuck, and then finally shuts as all the characters wave.

The curtain opens, and the characters bow. The audience will clap. You can clap too if you want to.