

EGG FLIP: I haven't seen him.

They all look at Egg Head awaiting his comment, it does not come.

MAGENTA: Well?

EGG HEAD: Well what?

MAGENTA: Dingbat, have you seen him?

EGG HEAD: Yes I've seen him!

MAGENTA: Well

EGG HEAD: He's that funny little chap with beady eyes and a turned up nose and

Magenta hits him.

MAGENTA: You stupid idiot. Go and see if you can find him, all of you, go on, hurry!

They begin to exit and Magenta indicates her litter

And take that off with you too!

They do so leaving Magenta on alone, she begins to look into her magic mirror once more.

Mirror Mirror in my hand
Who is the wickedest in the land?
Why, I am of course!

She laughs. Dingbat limps hurriedly towards her.

DINGBAT: Mistress, Mistress, I'm coming, I'm coming, I'm here your worship!

MAGENTA: Ahhh there you are! Take a good look at him girls and boys, because this is what happens when cousins marry! Isn't that right Dingbat?

Dingbat nods his head proudly

But he's a good boy

She pats his hump

Aren't you, Dingbat?

DINGBAT: I had a hunch you would say that!

MAGENTA: But enough of this! We have much work to do! I must begin work on my master plan to take over this place!

DINGBAT: But Mistress you can't do that without the sword, the great sword that is stuck in the great rock! Nobody can rule until the sword is removed!

MAGENTA: But the sword will be removed very soon, you mark my words!

DINGBAT: How can you move the sword oh great Mistress? Hundreds of the bravest knights have already tried and failed and even you yourself have said that your powerful magic ring is useless against the great mystical powers of the stone!

MAGENTA: Yes it is true, my powers are useless against the stone but Merlin's aren't. Even as we speak, Merlin is busy with another one of his spells, it is only a matter of time until he gets it right, and, when he does, we shall be waiting to take his prize away, the sword

Dramatic music

His powers

Music again

And his life!

She laughs wickedly and her baddie music is played.

DINGBAT: Do you mean that you are going to kill the magician Merlin?

MAGENTA: That is exactly what I mean! His powers are no match for the great Magenta! And I will prove it to you. Let us say that half of the people in this room are deliciously evil and bad like myself

DINGBAT: Then the other half must be really good and nice like me?

MAGENTA: We will divide the audience, I will have this half

She indicates her choice

And we shall represent all of the baddies.

DINGBAT: And I'll have this side and we'll be all the goodies!

MAGENTA: We shall have a competition, a little sing song, my side will sing with me and yours with you, and we shall prove once and for all that bad and evil is much better than good and niceness!

DINGBAT: Oh goody I like a good competition!

MAGENTA: So one the count of three we will show them what we are made of!
One ... Two ... Three ...

SONG

After the song they clap each side and depending on the result we have a winning side or a draw.

MAGENTA: Now, enough of the frivolity, come Dingbat, we have a job to do,
let us see what our dear friend, Merlin is up to!

As they exit the baddie music plays, Magenta laughs wickedly and sails off stage, Dingbat's twisted form follows her.

SCENE 4

Enter Lambert and the Lambertinies. He strolls onto the stage with the Lambertinies singing the chorus lightly behind him.

ALL: With a hey nonny nonny, hey nonny nonny
Hey nonny nonny hey! (rpt)

LAMBERT: Confusion reigns in Camelot
Guinevere's chasing Lancelot
She wants to prance-a-lot
With a hey nonny nonny hey!
Gertrude the Gherkin
Claims love's not working
Drinks from a firkin
With a hey nonny nonny hey!

ALL: With a hey nonny nonny, hey nonny nonny
Hey nonny nonny hey! (rpt)

LAMBERT: Magenta plots and schemes
Poor Dingbat limps and dreams
Merlin sings magic themes
With a hey nonny nonny hey!
Arthur wants to end it all
Merlin's like the Berlin wall
Under Magenta's spell he'll fall
With a hey nonny nonny hey!

ALL: With a hey nonny nonny hey nonny nonny
Hey nonny nonny hey! (rpt)

LAMBERT: Merlin's love potion
Has caused some commotion
But I've got a notion
With a hey nonny nonny hey.
Arthur will save the day
Magenta won't get her way
I know the spell to say
It's hey nonny nonny hey!