

The Amulet

Kids

Beginner Level

Cast of 3

1M, 1F, 1 ANY gender

CHARACTERS

ALEX: A slightly nervous famous child magician

BILL: A more confident famous child magician

CARL: A take-charge friend of ALEX and BILL

SETTING

Two magicians work the final act of their show in front of an audience. They are trying a new trick that they have been working on. It requires one of them to read a spell and the other magician to disappear. Unbeknownst to the magicians, the magic spell that they are using is actually a real spell and both magicians are turned into dolls right there in front of the audience. The audience is not aware that the trick has gone wrong, so the two magicians are left standing there to accept their applause before they can start to figure out how to reverse the spell.

An audience member decides that she is going to help them reverse the spell. She goes with them on a journey from Ohio to Windsor, Ontario. Why? Well they needed a human to drive the car, of course!

ALEX: And for our final trick tonight, I will make my partner disappear!

BILL: You can do it, Alex. Just like we rehearsed. I believe in you.

BILL opens the magic box. A glow comes out of the box. BILL takes a deep breath and waves his magic wand.

ALEX: (Can read the following from a prop paper if necessary.)

Expelliaramus. Imperio.

Muffliato Incendio.

Reparo Deletrius.

Abra Kedavra Riddikulus.

Salvio Morpheus."

ALEX points the wand right at BILL, expecting BILL to disappear into the trap door beneath the stage.

BILL: (Beat) Did it work? Can they still see me?

ALEX starts to feel a little funny and so does BILL. Their bodies begin to stiffen up. Their voices start to crackle and sound funny, almost as if they were little dolls.

ALEX: What's happening to me?

BILL: Alex. I don't feel so good.

ALEX: I think we used the wrong spell.

BILL: Which spell did you use?

ALEX: The...

BILL: No. Not the...

From offstage their friend runs in.

CARL: Yup. He did...

She faces the audience.

CARL: And that will be all for tonight folks. We hope you enjoyed the show! Tell your friends.

She turns back the magicians.

CARL: You used the toy spell. What were you thinking?

The magicians now sound like toy dolls and move like them too.

ALEX: I swear I grabbed the disappearing spell.

BILL: Now what?

CARL: Where's the amulet? It the only thing that can turn you back into children.

ALEX: Umm...

BILL: Last time I saw it...it was at...

ALEX thinks about it and then remembers.

ALEX: My grandmother's house. In Windsor.

CARL: Geez... How we gonna get you there without anyone noticing?

SCENE 2

The three scramble into a car. The two magicians try to get into the back seat. They are trying to avoid being seen by their adoring fans, as they still look very much like themselves in doll form. If word gets out that they accidentally used the wrong spell, they are finished as magicians.

CARL: Hide! We can't let your fans see you both like this.

BILL: We're trying!

ALEX: You try being a doll and see if you can do better.

BILL: Just drive.

CARL: Let's get out of here!

BILL and ALEX awkwardly sit in the back seat of the car trying to pretend to be as normal as possible.

As they drive through Ohio on their way to the border to Ontario, they pass by people. They wave to appear normal, but they don't look normal as they wave. They look stiff and very doll-like.

CARL: Next stop, Windsor, Ontario!

SCENE 3

At the border.

CARL: It's the border police! Just act normal.

CARL (CONT'D): (To off-stage border officer) Are we Canadian citizens? Of course we are. Just look at us.

The toy magicians wave at the border officer from the back seat.

ALEX: Canadians, eh.

BILL: Eh.

The border officer lets them pass.

CARL: Whew! That was close.

SCENE 4

An old house on a hill. It looks empty from the outside. The three of them walk up to the front door and enter.

ALEX: This is it.

BILL: I really hope the amulet is here.

CARL: We all do.

They begin walking around the house. It's dark and the floors creak. A loud sound can be heard.

ALEX: Grandma, is that you?

Swoosh. Bats fly through the room. Everyone ducks.

ALL: Ahhhhhhhhhh!

BILL: What the...

ALEX: Grandma's pet bats! They must be out for their evening flight.

CARL: So where is the amulet?

ALEX: It's on book shelf.

CARL walks over to the shelf. An old book sits on the shelf. It reads, "Magic Spells for The Everyday Magician." A beautiful red amulet is sitting right on beside it.

CARL: Got it!

BILL: Well, bring it here!

CARL: Now what?

ALEX: If I remember correctly, we all have to touch the amulet while I say the magic spell.

Without hesitation, all three of them touch the amulet.

ALEX:

*Expelliaramus. Imperio.
Abra Kedavra.
Salvio Morpheus.*

Within seconds, the two magicians begin to feel normal again. Their voices return to normal.

BILL: It worked!

ALEX: Yes! I feel human again!

While the magicians have turned back to normal, something has happened to their friend CARL.

CARL: Ribbet. Ribbet. Ribbet.

BILL: Oh, boy!

ALEX: Here we go again.

They all stare at each other.

FADE TO BLACK

END SCENE