

# Dick Whittington

## A Pantomime Paved with Gold

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### CHARACTERS

**Fairy Bowbells** - The classic Fairy, who guides *Dick*, and our audience, to their destiny.

**Dick Whittington** - The Brave and Bold Richard Whittington, who has his eyes set on becoming Lord Mayor of London.

**Ritz the Cat** - Dick's trusty side-kick, who can speak on certain occasions.

**King Rat** - The dastardly villain of the piece.

**Alice Fitzwarren** - *Alderman Fitzwarren's* daughter, who falls in love with *Dick Whittington*.

**Alderman Fitzwarren** - The Owner of *Fitzwarren's Bakery* and Captain of *The Winifred*.

**Idle Jack** - The lazy, and rather silly, son of *Dame Barbara*.

**Dame Barbara Baguette** - The over-the-top Dame of the piece, who is looking for her moment to shine!

**Sam the Seaman** - A seaman with bundles of energy.

**Ricky, the Rat** - *King Rat's* useless henchman... or henchrat.

**Boris, the Lord** - An older Yorkshire man, who is the Lord of the *Island of Lost Fortune*. A strong Yorkshire accent, except when he is playing mysterious...

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# SCRIPT SAMPLE ONE

## ACT ONE, SCENE ONE

(FAIRY enters.)

**FAIRY:** Hello everybody! (*Response*)! I said hello everybody! (*Response*) Who's ready for an adventure? Well, I have the tale just for you!

*It's the story of a boy longing adventure and prosperity,  
He's got more nerves than most of the contestants on I'm a Celebrity!  
Richard Whittington is his name, or Dick for short.*

(DICK enters and crosses the stage slowly. He cannot see FAIRY.)

**FAIRY:** *He is on his travels to a town called London, where happiness is rife,  
And, with any luck, there he will stay with a new home and a new life.  
But I think some company will help him bide his time,  
So I'll magic up a friend with a wave of my wand, a bit of magic dust, and a silly little rhyme!*

**SFX CUE: FAIRY DUST**

(DICK becomes aware of FAIRY's presence.)

**FAIRY:** Hello, Richard Whittington!

**DICK:** How do you know my name?

**FAIRY:** *I am your cheerleader, your helper, your Fairy, your muse,  
Here to take away your ever-so-lonely blues!*

**SFX CUE: FAIRY DUST**

**FAIRY:** I've been keeping an eye on you for some time now. On your way to find a new home and success?

**DICK:** Yes, I'm off to London where I've heard the streets are paved with gold. Perhaps you can lend me some help, direction wise. I've got this map, but it's not very helpful; it's all spelt wrong. It's got more turns than Brexit had complications!

**FAIRY:** *I may not be able to help you, coordinates aren't my strong point,  
But I have the next best thing, a furry friend I'll appoint.  
Time for you to meet my friendly feline, Ritz.*

(RITZ, a cat, enters.)

# SCRIPT SAMPLE TWO

## ACT TWO, SCENE TWO

*(ALDERMAN, SAM, and ALICE have previously just reunited after crashing into the Island of Lost Fortune.)*

### **SFX CUE: FANFARE**

*(BORIS enters, hunched over, covered by a cloak. He is overly mysterious.)*

**BORIS:** *(In a booming voice:)* Here-ye! Here-ye! Please welcome, Legendary Lord of the Land of Lost Fortune... Boris.

**SAM:** Well, where is he?

*(BORIS stands up tall, revealing his true-self, and slipping into his natural Yorkshire accent.)*

**BORIS:** It's me! I'm Boris!

**ALDERMAN:** You must help us.

**ALICE:** We have crashed into this desolate island, far away from home, and we just want to get back.

**BORIS:** Desolate island? Desolate island?! I'll have you know that this isn't just any island... it's not even an M&S Island... this is the Island of Lost Fortune.

**SAM:** Lost Fortune?!

**BORIS:** Yes. 'Tis a long story. I'm sure you don't have the time.

**ALDERMAN:** You're right, we don't. We are in a rush to find our friends/

*(BORIS flips back into his booming voice, elongating the speech, and becoming overly mysterious.)*

**BORIS:** /It was a dark night, many moons ago, when a strange hooded figure...

**SAM:** Claudia Winkleman?!

*(BORIS very slowly walks over to SAM. Before he manages to get there...)*

**ALDERMAN:** Can you hurry this up please? We have another show in a few hours!

*(DAME and JACK enter, in a hurry.)*

**JACK:** Where is he?!

**DAME:** Alderman Fitzwarren! You must listen to this.

*(DAME and JACK stand back to reveal DICK and RITZ.)*

**ALICE:** Dick! You came back!

**DICK:** Of course I did!

**DAME:** And with good reason too! *(To ALDERMAN:)* You aren't going to believe this.

**ALDERMAN:** Yes, you're right. I'm not going to believe it.

*(ALDERMAN looks back at ALICE, who gives him a look of disapproval.)*

**ALDERMAN:** Alright... tell me what happened.

**DICK:** When I was in your shop, I went to sleep as soon as you left. Ritz the Cat saw the wicked King Rat sneak into the store, open the safe and pop the money in my arms, making me look guilty. It was a ploy. I have been framed.

**ALDERMAN:** Is this true, Ritz?

**RITZ:** Meow.

**ALDERMAN:** You're telling me a group of evil rats, who have framed you in a crime, have then followed us onto this ship, and made us crash into this desolate island, and are now following us around the island...?!

**DICK:** Yes!

**SFX CUE: RATS SCURRYING**

*(A group of rats scurry past.)*

**ALDERMAN:** Is Dick innocent, everyone? *(Response)* It seems I owe you an apology, Dick Whittington.

**JACK:** I'm sorry, are we just going to ignore the rats that have just scurried past?

**DAME:** It's quite alright. I used to work in 10 Downing Street, I'm used to seeing rats scurry around, isn't that right, Boris?

**BORIS:** If there is one thing I am scared of... it's rats! Oh fiddlesticks - what am I going to do?! I tell you what... whoever rids this island of rats shall be given the fabled Lost Fortune!

**JACK:** Lost Fortune? Well, where is it?!

**BORIS:** 'Tis a very good point, that. It's lost! I shall come up with something... please just remove the rats!

*(BORIS covers himself in the cloak, and exits.)*

**SFX CUE: FANFARE**

**DAME:** I definitely do know his face from somewhere. I think he was the guy who decorated my bedroom, or at least started! I asked him to do a double-bed, and he went and did a bunk!

**JACK:** Aww yes! I remember him screwing away in your bedroom, Mum.

**DAME:** Yes, and then he left us with a broken bunk-bed. It was just one thing on top of another, it really was!

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