

ACT ONE

SCENE ONE | ONCE UPON A TIME

MUSIC CUE: OVERTURE/PROLOGUE

V/O: *The most magical story is about to be told,
Of three bears and a girl with hair like spun gold.
A cautionary tale of candour and courage,
With romance and laughter and plenty of porridge...
Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, you won't believe your eyes!
For if you go down to the woods today you're sure of a big surprise...*

RINGMASTER HEINKEL ENTERS. MUSIC CUE: EVIL STING & UNDERSCORE

HEINKEL: *Oh yes you are! I am Heinkel. The greatest, most cunning, most...handsome
Ringmaster ever to master the ring! My hideous and horrible 'Circus of
Horrors' is heading here and you're all h'invited!
I scour the land getting up to no good; do you think I'm bad?
[He cracks his whip.] I'm just misunderstood! Snot!*

SNOT ENTERS: SFX CUE: THUNDER

SNOT: Yes, Ringmaster!

HEINKEL: Listen, you walking flea circus; I need someone responsible.

SNOT: Whenever things go wrong people always say I'm responsible!

HEINKEL: Are we nearly there?

SNOT: Where?

HEINKEL: *[YOUR TOWN], you feculent fool... A grotty little town,
Home to Dame Gertie's Circus; we're going to shut it down!
I'm going to take over the world...of tent based entertainment and there's
no one who can stand in my way! Oh no there isn't!*

MYSTIC: *Oh yes there is!*

MUSIC CUE: MYSTIC UNDERSCORE

HEINKEL: Who on earth are you?

MYSTIC: *I'm here to save the Circus; help Goldilocks and the Baron,
For I can see the future; they call me Mystic...Sharon.
My crystal ball can tell me all, the tea leaves say you're cunning,
I'm here to stop your wicked ways...*

HEINKEL: *Well, you didn't see THIS coming...
Their so called "circus" is washed up, the show's gone down the pan,
There's also rumours going around Dame Gertie is a man...*

*Now be gone, you jaded gypsy, I shan't cross your palm with silver,
I'll deal with you then there'll be no more interruptions, will there!?*
I'm off!

MYSTIC: I wondered what that smell was!

HEINKEL EXITS. SNOT SCARPERS AFTER HIM: **MUSIC CUE: EVIL EXIT**

MYSTIC: *Don't fret yet boys and girls, I'll keep my third eye on him,
With Mystic Sharon on your side evil will never win!*

SFX CUE: TIMPS

MYSTIC: *Now off we go to [YOUR TOWN], where no one wears a frown,
Roll up! Roll up! Cos' boys and girls the circus is in town!*

SHE EXITS.

SCENE TWO | UNDER DAME GERTIE'S BIG TOP

RINGMASTER HEINKEL ENTERS: **MUSIC CUE: EVIL ENTRANCE**

HEINKEL: So, that mindless circus mistress dismissed my duplicitous offer? She will
 rue the day she threw Ringmaster Heinkel out on his ear. But fear not...
 It's only a matter of time; I'll tell them where to stick it,
 For those irritating tomfools haven't sold a single ticket!

MYSTIC SHARON ENTERS WITH HER CRYSTAL BALL.
MUSIC CUE: MYSTIC ENTRANCE & UNDERSCORE

MYSTIC: You haven't forgotten about me have you, Heinkel?

HEINKEL: *You're too late, Mystic Sharon, for I'll sleep safe and sound,*
 Like a big top tent peg those chumps'll run themselves into the ground.

MYSTIC: *That's what you think Heinkel; my crystal ball has foretold,*
 Very soon their circus will be worth its weight in gold.

HEINKEL: *No two-bit Tarot teller will get the better of me,*
 I'll halt you in your tracks, just you wait and see!
 Oh yes I will. [BUSINESS] Oh shut up! What do you think this is? A
 pantomime?!

HE EXITS: **MUSIC CUE: EVIL EXIT**

MYSTIC: *My crystal ball tells all! An ill wind is no longer blowing,*
 It would appear Gertie's bank account will soon be overflowing!
 Their perseverance will pay off; they'll have no qualms or cares,
 For their fortunes shall be flipped when they meet three enchanted bears!
 But now, take your seats and give the Elephants wide berth,
 As the curtain starts to rise on...The Greatest Show on Earth!

SHE EXITS.

SCENE FOUR | SHOWTIME!