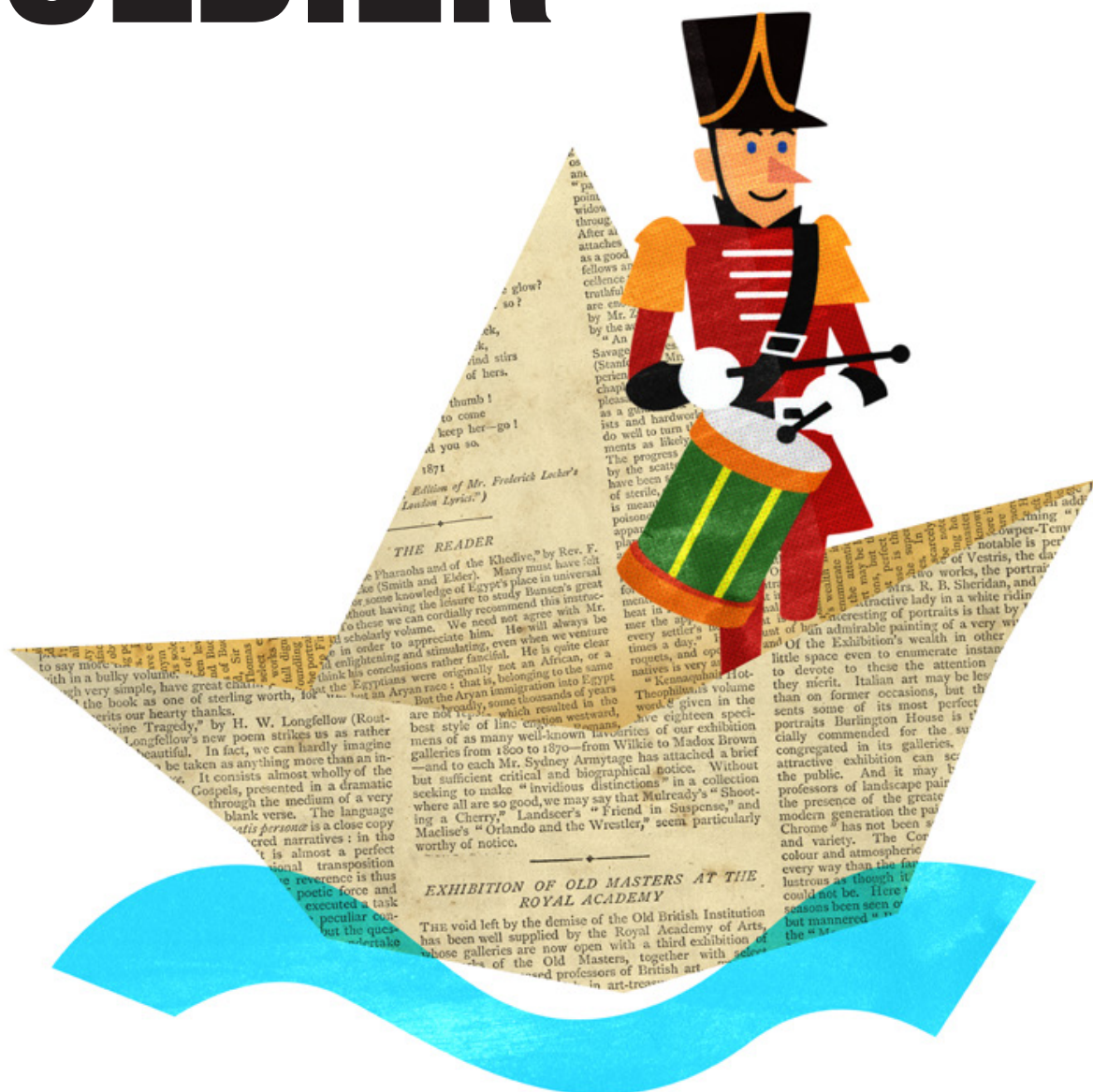


THE TIN SOLDIER



Script

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CHARACTERS

FATHER

JAMES, THE TIN SOLDIER

MOTHER

PETER, JESTER

POLY, RAT

RIGOBERTO, SWAN

ROLY, RAT

ROXANNE, BALLERINA

ACT I. TOYS

(Peter's room. There is a large toy castle on the left and a boot on the right. At the back of the room there is a window overlooking the street.)

(Peter's mother enters with a cake.)

MARIAN: Joseph!

(Joseph, Peter's father, enters the scene carrying a surprise gift in his hands.)

JOSEPH: Good morning darling!

MARIAN: Good morning, Joseph! Is that the present for Peter?

JOSEPH: Yes, it is!

MARIAN: Look at the cake I've made for him!

JOSEPH: It looks delicious!

MARIAN: Today is a special day because it's Peter's birthday... Let's give him a big surprise. When Peter enters the bedroom, we'll sing "Happy Birthday" for him, ok? Are you ready?

JOSEPH: Peter! Come here, please! Peter?

PETER (OFF): Dad, I can't go now!

JOSEPH: But Peter, this is important!

PETER (OFF): Dad, this is important too...

MARIAN: Peter, we need to speak to you...

PETER (OFF): But Mum, this is not a good time!

MARIAN: Why, darling?

PETER (OFF): Well... Ok no problem... I'm coming!

(The audience can hear a toilet flushing.)

JOSEPH: Ooops! Now I understand. You were doing some important business! Hahaha!

MARIAN: Have you washed your hands?

PETER (OFF): Of course, Mum!

MARIAN: Good boy!

(Peter enters the scene.)

PETER: So then, why the urgency?

(The “Happy Birthday” song plays.)

MARIAN: Happy birthday, Peter!

JOSEPH: Happy birthday, son!

(Joseph gives him a gift.)

MARIAN: This is a present for you!

PETER: A present? Thank you!

(Peter opens the gift. It's a tin soldier.)

MARIAN: Do you like it?

PETER: A soldier! A toy soldier! Oh my...! Incredible! Thank you! Thank you!

(Peter hugs his parents.)

PETER: Well Peter, you can play for a while. We will call you for lunch.

MARIAN: Enjoy, honey!

(Peter's parents leave. Peter plays with his new toy and a little jester.)

PETER: “Who are you?” “I am a soldier, your new friend” “I don’t want a friend, get out of here, you wimp” “But...” **(Raspberry)** “You ugly soldier, take this!”

(Peter plays with the little dolls. He imagines that the dolls are fighting. He goes to get a bandage to fix the little tin soldier's leg.)

PETER: Oh no! Your leg! No, no! Sorry, I'm sorry! I've been too rough. Let me help you.

PETER: Now you are fine!

JOSEPH (OFF): Peter! Lunch time!

PETER: Yes dad! I am coming! Stay here, little friend!

(Peter finishes playing and goes to lunch.)

(The little soldier comes out of the boot.)

JAMES: My new home! Amazing! Ooomphh! That hurts a bit. A castle, a majestic castle!
Does anyone live there?

(A melody plays and a ballerina appears on stage. She is dancing inside the toy castle.)

JAMES: A ballerina. She dances very well and uses only one leg!

(The tin soldier knocks on the door of the toy castle. A swan opens the door.)

RIGOBERTO: Who calls?

JAMES: My name is James. James the soldier.

RIGOBERTO: I don't know any toy named James!

(The swan closes the door.)

JAMES: Sir... I...

(The little soldier knocks on the door again.)

(Rigoberto opens the door.)

RIGOBERTO: Who calls?

JAMES: James the soldier. I'm new and that's why you don't know me.

(Rigoberto leaves the castle.)

RIGOBERTO: I am Rigoberto.

JAMES: Hi, Rigoberto.

RIGOBERTO: So, you're a new toy.

JAMES: A toy? I am not a toy. I am a soldier.

RIGOBERTO: Whatever you say. What are you doing here?

JAMES: I'm here to meet the ballerina.

RIGOBERTO: Why?

JAMES: Because I saw her dancing with only one leg. I need to learn to move like that.

RIGOBERTO: Do you like her?

JAMES: What?

RIGOBERTO: Hahaha! It's a joke. Your face looks like a tomato! In order to meet her you must knock on the door three times and say her name.

JAMES: What's her name?

RIGOBERTO: Roxanne.

JAMES: Beautiful name!

RIGOBERTO: Ah! You like her!

JAMES: What?

RIGOBERTO: Knock on the door and say her name.

JAMES: Well! Here we go!

JAMES: Roxanne!

(No response.)

RIGOBERTO: Come on, more enthusiasm! Could you help him?

(Rigoberto asks the audience for help.)

JAMES: Roxanne! Roxanne!

(Roxanne leaves the castle.)

ROXANNE: Who are you?

JAMES: My name is James. James the soldier. Nice to meet you!

ROXANNE: My name is Roxanne, nice to meet you!

JAMES: Could you teach me how to dance? My leg is hurt. Please!

(James dances with Roxanne.)

JESTER: No, no, no.... Nooo!

(Jester comes between them.)

JESTER: You are not welcome!

ROXANNE: Jester! Enough!

JESTER: Who are you?

JAMES: My name is James. James the...

JESTER: No! Who are you to come here and fill this toy room with your presence?!

JAMES: Toy room?

JESTER: Yes!

JAMES: Toys?

JESTER: Yeees!

JAMES: I am not a toy.

JESTER: Oh, yes you are! You better believe that you are a toy, buddy!

(Jester hits James with his stick.)

YOU ARE A TOY 1

*I put my stick in your... tiny bones,
receive your crazy moans,
I got a tin, tin, tin, tin: tiny toy!
I got a tin, tin, tin, tin: tiny toy!*

Hey Jester, with my body I can do,

*a lot of things I've always seen,
I can talk and I... I can sing,
when I open and close my lips!*

*I put my stick in your... tiny bones,
receive your crazy moans,
I got a tin, tin, tin, tin: tiny toy!*

*I can walk and I can dance,
when I do it step by step,
I can now shake my head!*

*Hey James, come here, look at this,
I can play the piano.
I can play the piano with my hands.
I can play the piano with my feet,
I can play the piano with my nose,
I can play the piano with my bottom!*

*And... you can play the drum,
let's do it!
But you know what,
you can play it,
because you are a musician toy, not a human,
not a robot,
not an alien,
you are a toy!*

*Come on everybody,
follow me!*

(They dance.)

*I put my stick in your... tiny bones,
receive your crazy moans,
I got a tin, tin, tin, tin: tiny toy!*

*Let's move and clap your hands! ...
...tin, tin, tin, tin: tiny toy!*

JESTER: Tin toy! Tin head! Tin shoulder! Tin neck! Tin arms! Tin feet! Tin hands! And... Look at this! Tin pain!

JAMES: Ouch!

JESTER: You're badly hurt! Ha, ha, ha!

ROXANNE: Jester, leave him alone!

JESTER: Why?

ROXANNE: He's our new friend.

JESTER: Oh yeah? Let's start from the beginning. Knock on the door and I will receive you.

(Jester enters the castle.)

JAMES: What do I do?

RIGOBERTO: Call him!

(James calls Jester.)

JAMES: Jester!

(Jester shouts "Booooo!")

JESTER: He, he, he! He, he, he! He, he, he!

(Jester leaves the castle.)

JESTER: Oh, sorry! Did I scare you? My apologies... let's shake hands and be friends!

(Jester plays a joke on James.)

JESTER: Ha, ha, ha! I am sorry, again!

JAMES: Why are you doing this to me? I just want to dance!

JESTER: Dance?

JAMES: Yes, dance!

"With my body I can do, a lot of things I always seen, I can walk and I can dance, when I do it step by step..."

JESTER: *Bravo! Bravisimo!*

(Jester presents a gift to James.)

JESTER: This is for you.

JAMES: For me?

JESTER: Yes, open it!

(The gift is a trap. James falls out of the window.)

ROXANNE: Jester, what have you done?

JESTER: Oh yes! Now we are happy, ha, ha, ha! You and me! Me and you! We can live in peace and play together!

(Jester is juggling and shouts at James.)

JESTER: Bye, bye, James!

ROXANNE: We need to help him!

JESTER: Oh, yes, of course... Let's help him! Look how I'm going to help him: James, I'm coming for you... But James is not there, he has disappeared! Do you know what's even better than looking for him?

(Jester annoys Roxanne.)

JESTER: Play!!! Come on, enjoy it!

(Roxanne does not want to play with Jester.)

JESTER: I'm not going to waste my time. He thinks he's not a toy. He comes to invade the castle, and I, as a brave knight...

(Jester climbs onto the windowsill.)

JESTER: I will always protect you!

(Jester slips and is about to fall out of the window.)

JESTER: Ooomph! Thank goodness!

(Rigoberto scares Jester who falls out of the window.)

RIGOBERTO: Well deserved!

ROXANNE: I have to help them!

RIGOBERTO: What?

ROXANNE: They need my help. I'm going to prepare for the adventure!

(Roxanne enters the castle.)

RIGOBERTO: But... Ballerina!? I don't like this at all! I can play the tin soldier, look!

RIGOBERTO: James!!! Jester!!! Where are you??? Please, come back! We can play Fortnite, together! This is a disaster!

(Roxanne has changed her clothes. She looks like an explorer.)

RIGOBERTO: Roxanne! At last!

ROXANNE: Help me, Rigoberto.

RIGOBERTO: What are you going to do?

ROXANNE: Grab the rope.

GREAT ADVENTURES 2

Roxanne, Roxanne!
Where are you? Where are you?
Where are you? Where are you?

Rigo, Rigo!
Up and Down!
Rigo, Rigo!
Left and Right! Left and Right!
Please, don't...
wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!

Yes, Yes!
I will go! I will go!
I will go! I will go!

Please, don't...
wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!

Roxanne, Roxanne!
Where are you? Where are you?
Where are you? Where are you?

Rigo, Rigo!
Up and Down!
Rigo, Rigo!
Left and Right!

Left and Right!
Please, don't...
wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!
Yes, Yes!
I will go! I will go!
I will go!
Please, don't...
wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!

I'll never surrender, you should know, you should know!
Please... don't... go...
Please... don't... go...

(They dance.)

I'll never surrender, you should know, you should know!
Please, don't... wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!
wear your shoes!
you should know!

RIGOBERTO: Please, be careful!

ACT II. STREET

(In the street.)

(James is scared.)

JAMES: Oh, no! I'm lost, I'm cold and... I'm hungry!

(James finds a piece of cheese in the rubbish.)

JAMES: Oh look, a piece of cheese! Great!

JAMES: I have to save some cheese for later!

(Poly and Roly enter.)

POLY: And the winner is...? Polyyy!!!

(They are having a race. Poly has won.)

POLY: Thank you, thank you! I'm honoured by this award...

(Poly, with an old shoe.)

POLY: I accept this award with a deep sense of gratitude towards my mum, my dad, my uncle, my aunt, my cousin, my grandmother and my grandfather!

ROLY: Poly?

POLY: What?

ROLY: And me?

POLY: Oh yes! I forgot! I accept this award with a deep sense of gratitude towards my family and me!

ROLY: Poly!

POLY: Roly!

ROLY: I'm your brother!

POLY: And I'm your sister!

ROLY: It doesn't matter... Oh! I smell cheese!

POLY: Cheese?

ROLY: Yes, cheese!

(Poly and Roly follow the cheese trail. James is sleeping. Roly picks up James' drumsticks.)

ROLY: One, two and three!

(James wakes with a start. Roly and Poly are hiding.)

JAMES: Who is there?

POLY: Nobody!

JAMES: I hear you!

POLY: Oops, sorry! I am Poly, nice to meet you! And this is my...

(Poly approaches James.)

ROLY: He doesn't know I'm here. He, he, he!

(Poly throws the old shoe.)

ROLY: Ouch! You revealed my hiding place, that's cheating!

POLY: He is my brother Roly and you...

JAMES: My name is James. James the soldier.

POLY: A soldier! Yes sir, no sir, yes sir! Soldiers, line up!

ROLY: Yes sir, no sir, yes sir!

(Poly and Roly perform a military salute.)

JAMES: What are you doing?

POLY: Yes sir, no sir, yes sir... We need the cheese!

JAMES: What?

ROLY: Yes sir, no sir, yes sir... the cheese!

JAMES: Oh, this cheese!

(James shares the cheese. Roly chokes. Poly thinks Roly is dead and cries. Roly gets up.)

POLY: Roly!!! Silly rat! Whatever... James, where are you going?

JAMES: I need to go home.

POLY: What is your address?

JAMES: I don't know... I'm lost...

POLY: No problem. What does the wall of your house look like?

JAMES: It's made of red brick, with a big window and a huge fireplace!

POLY & ROLY: It's Peter's House!

POLY: He's a great kid! But be careful with his cousin, he likes to throw toys into the fireplace.

JAMES: Really?

POLY: Yes but that's another story... So, if you want to go to Peter's house you must go that way.

JAMES: Thank you so much. It was a pleasure!

(James wants to go out but the rats won't let him.)

POLY & ROLY: Yes sir, no sir, yes sir! You can't pass!

JAMES: What?

POLY: You need to tell us the password.

JAMES: What?

ROLY: **(Buzz.)** Wrong, "What?" is not the password!

(Jester comes on the scene.)

JESTER: Silly toy, I'm lost in the street because of him. I hate him.

JAMES: Jester!

(James wants to hug Jester but he stops him.)

JESTER: Rats!

(Jester hides.)

JAMES: Don't worry Jester, they are our friends.
JESTER: They are not my friends. You are not my friend.
POLY: Interesting toy!
ROLY: Very interesting!
JAMES: Poly and Roly!
POLY & ROLY: Yes sir, no sir, yes sir!
JAMES: He is... Jester. Hey is Jester your real name?
POLY: Nice to meet you Joker!
ROLY: Nice to meet you Clown!
JESTER: Clown!

(Jester gets angry.)

JESTER: You make me angry!

(A song plays.)

POLY: You need to join the army!
ROLY: I want you!

(Everyone marches in line. James plays the drum.)

THE RATS GO MARCHING 3

*The rats go marching one by one,
Hurrah! Hurrah!*

*The rats go marching one by one,
Hurrah! Hurrah!*

*The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!
The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!*

*If you build your best ship and I cut the cheese!
If you build your best ship and I cut the cheese!*

(Poly:) Give me that newspaper!

(Roly:) Yes... today's news is...

(Poly:) No, Roly, we need to build that ship!

The rats go marching one by one,

Hurrah! Hurrah!

The rats go marching one by one,

Hurrah! Hurrah!

The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!

The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!

If you build your best ship and I cut the cheese!

The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!

The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!

If you build your best ship and I cut the cheese!

(Poly:) My captain!

(Roly:) My captain!

(Poly:) Yes sir, no sir, yes sir!

(Roly:) Yes sir, no sir, yes sir!

(Poly:) The ship is ready!

(Roly:) The cheese is ready!

(Poly:) Roly!!!

The rats go marching one by one,

Hurrah! Hurrah!

The rats go marching one by one,

Hurrah! Hurrah!

(Jester:) My hand is ready to say goodbye!

My hand is ready to say goodbye!

Go to hell and I don't need your help!

Go to hell and I don't need your help!

Go to hell and I don't need your help!

The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!

The soldier is ready to fight! To fight!

*If you give your best and...
I cut the cheese! I CUT THE CHEESE! I CUT THE CHEESE!*

JESTER: Enough! Silly rats, leave me alone! I need to go home!

(Jester wants to leave but the rats stop him.)

POLY & ROLY: Password!

JESTER: What?

ROLY: **(Buzz.)** Wrong, "What?" is not the password!

JAMES: We need the password...

JESTER: We?

ROLY: **(Buzz.)** Wrong, "We?" is not the password!

JESTER: I'm tired of this game.

JAMES: I have an idea!

JESTER: You have an idea, go head.

(James finds pizza in the trash.)

POLY & ROLY: Pizza, pizza, pizza!!!

(Poly and Roly eat pizza.)

JAMES: Can we go now?

JESTER: Stupid toy... I'll take this opportunity. The ends justify the escape!

(Jester runs away.)

POLY: Hey! A prisoner is escaping! Call the police!

ROXANNE: James!

JAMES: Roxanne!

(Poly and Roly chase after Jester.)

JAMES: What are you doing here?
ROXANNE: I have come to rescue you. Where is Jester?
JAMES: He went that way.
ROXANNE: Yes, he's going to our house, hurry up!

(It starts to rain.)

ROXANNE: Oh, no!
JAMES: It's raining!
ROXANNE: We need to get off the street or we'll drown!
JAMES: What can we do?

(Roxanne picks up newspapers from the trash.)

ROXANNE: I have an idea! Help me with this newspaper!
JAMES: Yes!

(Roxanne and James build a paper boat out of newspaper.)

ROXANNE: Don't worry, James! We are safe here!

(A big storm begins.)

JAMES: I don't like thunder!
ROXANNE: Oh, oh!
JAMES: What?
ROXANNE: The boat is sinking!

(Roxanne and James survive the storm.)

JAMES (PUPPET): Yes, we made it! Thank you Roxanne!

ROXANNE (PUPPET): Thanks to our teamwork!
JAMES (PUPPET): Can I ask you something?
ROXANNE (PUPPET): Of course, James.
JAMES (PUPPET): May I live with you in the castle?

(Suddenly they hear Jester's screams. Jester is drowning.)

JESTER (PUPPET): Help me please! Help! I don't know how to swim! Help!
ROXANNE: Jester!
JAMES: Try to hold on to the shoe!

(James throws the old shoe to Jester.)

ROXANNE: Very clever, James, you used the shoelace! Jester, hold on tight! We will pull you up slowly!

(Jester manages to get on the boat.)

JAMES: You made it! Give us a hug!
JESTER: No way! No hugs!
ROXANNE: Grumpy as always! We have saved your life!

(Suddenly, a big, big fish appears.)

JESTER: Is that a shark?
ROXANNE: There are no sharks in the city.
JAMES: That's just a fish. It's no problem.
JESTER: No problem? That fish is bigger than us! When will you learn? We are toys!

(The fish hits the boat.)

ROXANNE: Ok, let's keep calm.

(The fish hits the boat again. Everyone shouts.)

JESTER: Mummy, I promise to wash my hands before eating!

ROXANNE: Didn't you say you were a toy?

(The fish pushes the boat and disappears beneath the water.)

ROXANNE: Thank goodness! We are safe now...

(The boat sinks and the fish eats all the toys.)

ACT III. BACK HOME

(Joseph comes on the scene. He has a fishing rod.)

JOSEPH: Wow, it's a nice day to fish. I hope I'll have good luck. All I have to do is wait patiently.
If you see a fish... tell me, ok?

(The fish jumps out of the water but Joseph does not see it.)

JOSEPH: Where? There?

(Joseph turns around and doesn't see the fish. He heads over there.)

JOSEPH: Come on! Don't lie to me! There's no fish here.

(The action is repeated.)

JOSEPH: There? Sure?

(Joseph still can't see the fish. The audience alerts him. Finally, Joseph catches the fish.)

JOSEPH: Yes! Thank you! Thank you my friends! And now! Dinner time!!!

(Peter is crying. Joseph enters.)

PETER: Where are my toys? Mum, Dad! I want my toys! This can't be!

JOSEPH: Boy, boy, boy! What is this racket? What's wrong?

PETER: I have lost my toys. I don't know where they are!

JOSEPH: Calm down, Peter. You haven't looked properly.

PETER: Yes, I have. Look, it's empty!

(Peter looks in the boot again.)

JOSEPH: Peter, that's not the way to do things!

(Peter looks carefully at the fish.)

PETER: Dad, what is that?

JOSEPH: What's going on?

PETER: Inside the fish!

(Peter takes the little hand of the soldier and pulls, removing the toys from the fish's mouth.)

PETER: My toys! Hahaha! My toys! You were playing a joke on me!

JOSEPH: Me?

PETER: Yes! Now I can play with my toys!

(Peter pulls out his toys from inside the fish.)

JOSEPH: Peter, dinner first!

PETER: Oh... Ok... My friends, stay here!

(Peter keeps his toys.)

JOSEPH: Come on!
PETER: Thank you, Dad!
JOSEPH: Why?
PETER: For always looking out for me.
JOSEPH: That boy!

(Peter and Joseph leave the scene.)

(A music sounds.)

JAMES: At last! Here we are!
ROXANNE: Yes, we made it! James, now we can live here together!
JAMES: But, in the castle?
ROXANNE: Of course, in the castle. This is our home!
JAMES: Thank you!
ROXANNE: You're welcome! Where is Rigoberto? Rigoberto! Can you help us?
ROXANNE: Rigoberto! Rigoberto! Rigoberto!

(Rigoberto comes out of the castle.)

RIGOBERTO: Yes?
ROXANNE: My friend! We are here! What are you doing?
RIGOBERTO: Eating pizza!
ROXANNE: Get down from there! We need to celebrate our return!
RIGOBERTO: Okay dokey!

(Jester is angry.)

JESTER: No, no, no! I told you, you are not welcome!

(Jester divides the room into two parts.)

ROXANNE: But Jester, what are you doing?

JESTER: This is my castle!

JESTER: Stay away, tin soldier!

ROXANNE: Enough!

(Jester does not let James and Roxanne into his part of the room.)

JESTER: What are you doing?

ROXANNE: Sorry Jester, but I want to live with James. I am going to cross the line!

JESTER: No, no, no..., please...

JAMES: Roxanne, cross the line!

ROXANNE: Yes!

JESTER: Roxanne, don't cross the line!

JAMES: Cross the line!

(The audience helps Roxanne by shouting "cross the line".)

JESTER: I just want to have friends.

(James and Roxanne cheer Jester.)

ROXANNE: Come on, Jester!

JAMES: Jester, cheer up... Look! Look at me! Yes, Jester, I am a toy!

(James mimics a robot.)

JAMES: I am a toy! I am a toy!...

JESTER: James! That's not being a toy! That's being a robot!

JAMES: Ah! A robot! But, Jester, I've finally understood! It doesn't matter what we are! The important thing is to be happy with what we do!

(Jester stands up.)

JESTER: That makes... sense!

JAMES: We are your friends!

ROXANNE: We are friends!

(The three embrace each other.)

JESTER: Ok, ok, easy, easy!

(Jester and James shake hands.)

JAMES: Friends?

JESTER: Frieeeeeeeeeeeeennnnnnndddddsss!!!

(Jester plays a joke on James.)

JESTER: Bad boy!

JAMES: Bad boy or bad toy?

JESTER: You learn fast... This is for you!

(Jester offers a gift to James.)

JAMES: Erm! Nope!

JESTER: Don't worry. Open it, this time you can trust me!

(James opens the gift. It's a nice bandage for his injury.)

JAMES: Ah, much better, a bandage! Thank you!

JESTER: You're welcome! With that bandage you'll be able to dance!

JAMES: Dance?

JESTER: Yes... well, if Roxanne will lead us! Are you ready?

THE TOYS: Are you ready?

(Everybody dances.)

SHOW ME YOUR POWERS 4

Cross the line!
And be beholden!
And be beholden!
And be beholden!

Show me your powers!
You are my hero here!
You are my hero here!

Always fighting!
Fighting for the life here!
Cross the line!
And be beholden!
And be beholden!
And be beholden!

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THE END