

WITCH *(agressively)* A bit what?

BEN Well, it's just that it's...a bit of a funny colour ...

WITCH Nonsense! *(Turns downstage.)* There's nothing wrong with my face. People have often told me I look a bit like Keira Knightley. *[or other glamorous celebrity.]*

SARAH *(muttering to BEN)* Must be the bit we can't see!

WITCH What was that?

SARAH Er ... "That's true, we agree!"

WITCH Huh! Now look, you've come to see the panto, haven't you?

SARAH Yeah.

WITCH Well, then, you'd better not stand around here. You'll get in the way. It's about to start! You don't want to miss it, do you?

BEN 'Course we don't!

WITCH For goodness' sake let's get going, then!

*[WITCH either holds the curtains apart a little – if scene played front of tabs- or indicates an exit off.]*

SARAH Aren't we going to sit in the seats and watch?

WITCH No, no! I've got special plans for you! *(Ushering them)* Go on, go on! Through there! Off you go! Off you go!

*[Exit BEN & SARAH. WITCH watches them go, then turns to the audience.]*

Heh! Heh! Heh! What those stupid kids don't know is....I'm really the Wicked Witch in disguise!

### **# 1a Witch's Theme ( ☉ C, Track 1 )**

*[Curtains open. WITCH cackles. BOO & HISS enter at the side, and encourage the audience to react, holding their placards up]*

How rude! I'll sort you lot out later, if you're not careful! Oh, yes I will! *(Etc.)* Anyway, I need to hide these awful clothes and get into something much more comfortable! I'll call my servants! *(calling)* Spotty!

*[Spotty appears, carrying a witch's cloak, & runs to her side.]*

SPOTTY Here, mistress!

WITCH Grotty!

*[Grotty appears, carrying a witch's hat, runs to her other side.]*

GROTTY Here, mistress!

*[During the following dialogue S & G "dress" the witch]*

WITCH You know I told you those kids were coming today?

SPOTTY / GROTTY *(together)* Yes, mistress.

WITCH Well they're here.

GROTTY Oh, no! They're bound to be goodies! They'll wreck everything...

WITCH No they won't! I've already dealt with their precious teacher. She's locked in the stock cupboard at school. By the time she escapes it'll be too late!

SPOTTY *(chuckles wickedly)* Clever mistress! But what about those kids?

WITCH Don't worry about them. They'll soon be dealt with. It's all part of my Master plan!

*[SPOTTY & GROTTY snigger. BOO & HISS hold up signs – AUDIENCE hiss & boo]*

*(to audience)* You lot are about to witness my greatest triumph.  
*(triumphantly)* I - shall - rule - Pantoland!

*[BOO & HISS hold up signs – AUDIENCE hiss & boo]*

This year in every pantomime, the baddies will come out on top! All over the country, the baddies will win. After all, that's what everyone wants to see, isn't it?

AUDIENCE *(encouraged by Hiss and Boo)* Oh no it isn't!

WITCH/SPOT/GROT *(smug)* Oh yes it is!!

AUDIENCE Oh no it isn't!

WITCH/SPOT/GROT *(cross)* Oh yes it is!!

AUDIENCE Oh no it isn't!

WITCH *(exasperated)* Oh... ...for goodness sake! Spotty! Grotty! Get rid of those two dopey drips... and let's tell 'em! *(indicating audience)*

*[WICKED WITCH moves to centre, SPOTTY & GROTTY chase Hiss and Boo off, then join WICKED WITCH to sing. EXTRA BADDIES may appear (optional)]*

## **# 2 SONG – Hear It For The Baddies! ( © A/B, Track 3 )**

**Witch** *(colla voce)* I AM JUST A LITTLE SICK  
OF BEING MET WITH SNEERS.  
EVERY PANTO I'VE BEEN IN  
FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS.  
ALL I GET IS BOO AND HISS  
ATTACKING MY POOR EARS.

**Witch, Spotty, Grotty** WE ARE JUST A LITTLE SICK  
OF BEING MET WITH SNEERS.  
SO LET'S...

**W/S/G/Baddies** HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES, HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES  
CHEER ALL THE BADDIES FOR A CHANGE!  
HISS AT THE GOODIES! HISSSSSSS THE GOODIES!  
BOO ALL THE GOODIES FOR A CHANGE!

**Witch** WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR  
IS A GREAT BIG CHEER! CHEER THE BADDIES!

**W/S/G/Baddies** HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES, HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES  
HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES, HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES,  
HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES, HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES,  
BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM:  
HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES!

*[WICKED WITCH gives a final cackle, and she, Spotty and Grotty, and all the other baddies exit. BOO & HISS re-enter, cautiously.]*

**BOO** *(to audience)* What on earth were you lot doing?

**HISS** *(to audience)* Yes, you! We're talking to you!

**BOO** *(to HISS)* They were clapping the baddies!

**HISS** *(to BOO)* I know! And they said they knew what to do!

**BOO** They did, Hiss. And here we are, *(indicating the Hiss and Boo boards)* doing our best to help you, and you're encouraging the baddies!

**HISS** *(to BOO)* They're looking a bit ashamed of themselves...

**BOO** So they should be! I mean, you can't take the Boo out of pantomime!