

An Excerpt from The Crazy Tale of Jekyll and Hyde from ACT I, scene 5

Previously, the MAYOR and FLOSSIE (Dame) have been discussing the Town Fair. The MAYOR remarks that the probable highlight of his day will be judging the 'Pickle Competition' where the prize is a lifetime supply of 'Marmite' (ie One jar!) They muse on how little of excitement ever happens in this town. (Little do they know who and what is about to be unleashed on them all!) Later, at the Town Fair...

MAYOR: A drink? Let me escort you to the bar... will you take my arm?

FLOSSIE: I would be happy to take all of you!

Enter HYDE wearing smart new clothes, bumps into them.

HYDE: There is plenty of him to take!
Check the beer gut- for goodness sake!

MAYOR: I do not have a beer gut! I have a protective covering for my rock-hard abs! **(Pats his stomach)**

HYDE: Is that your real face, dear, I mean
Or do you think it's Halloween? **(Walks away laughing!)**

MAYOR: That's not funny young man!

FLOSSIE: Oh, leave it Lawrence! We have to take life as it comes!

MAYOR: Personally, I like to take life with a grain of salt... plus a slice of lemon ...and a shot of tequila! **(They laugh and exit arm in arm)**

Enter JOHN and MARY followed by PROF

JOHN: Let's have a go on the Coconut Shy but how about a Candy Floss first?

PROF: You young folk enjoy yourselves! I'm off to find out if my pickle won a prize in the produce competition. **(exits) (JOHN goes to buy Candy Floss)**

HYDE: Hello Mary, now let me say
This just could be your lucky day!

MARY: Sorry, do I know you?

HYDE: Could be arranged! Now tell me this- **(leans in closer)**
What d'ya do if I **stole** a kiss?

MARY: **(Laughs nervously)** Call the Police?

JOHN: **(Holding two Candy Floss)** Hey, what's going on?

MARY: Oh nothing! Let's go John.

HYDE: Not so fast, girl! You will be mine! **(Grabs MARY by the arm)**

JOHN: Take your hands off her!

HYDE: Be quiet boy, don't waste my time!

BASHER: What's going on?

HYDE: Basher and Bodgett here again?
The not so handy handymen!

BODGETT: Who's he?

JOHN: He's leaving! Hold these! **(hands the Candy floss to BASHER and BODGETT)**

HYDE: You don't tell me what I must do
I don't listen to folk like you! **(Pushes John)**

JOHN: Who do you think you are? **(Pushes him back)**

BASHER/BODGETT: Fight, fight, fight!

ENSEMBLE gather around as JOHN and HYDE square up to each other

MARY: Stop this. Stop it at once!

HYDE and JOHN circle each other and HYDE stumbles into the post box

ALL: (Shout) Sergeant Sniffter!

Enter SNIFFTER running

SNIFFTER: 'Allo, 'allo, 'allo- Who's manhandling the mail?

ALL: He is!

Enter PLOD

PLOD: What's going on here?

BASHER/ BODGETT: He started a fight! **(Points to HYDE)**

HYDE: Oh no, I didn't!

ALL: (Encourage audience to join in) Oh yes, you did!

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ALL: (Encourage audience to join in) Oh yes, you did!

PLOD: Oh-that's enough of that! I suggest you move along Sir!

HYDE: I am going! Don't make me laugh-
Why would I stay with this riff-raff?
Silly folk who can't even boo! **(Points to audience)**
Is that the best that you can do?

PLOD: BOO! **(Encourages others to join in)**

HYDE: I'm leaving...Oh! **(starts to shake)** What's this I see?
(Shakes) And what is happening to me?
Something is changing- I feel weird-
I think it's time I'm disappeared! **Exits**

BASHER: What was all that about, and who is he?

BODGETT: How did he know our names? **(They walk away and start eating the Candy Floss)**

Re-enter MAYOR and FLOSSIE chatting...

JOHN: We've just met this rather unpleasant stranger.

FLOSSIE: We met him earlier! He was a bit odd! He was probably from *Local reference*!

MARY: By the way has anyone seen Jekyll?

JOHN: No, he's missing the Fair **(gestures to BASHER and BODGETT)** our Candy Floss is missing too!

All laugh

PLOD: Well, this fracas is over now so let's not forget why we are all here!

MAYOR: To enjoy ourselves! Come on everybody! It might be quiet here most of the year but Little Dozing does know how to have fun at the Fair!

ALL: Hurray! **Re-enter PROF**

PROF: Guess what everyone? I've won the Marmite! **ALL laugh**

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