

# Enchanted Bookstore

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of this thief before he tries

ny pockets to pick. (*Helps  
den EXIT.*)

ter as they go.) Oh, woe is  
y unfair share! (*SHERLOCK*

wiped my pennies! (*EXITS*

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finds the necklace, she'll

LL EXIT UPSTAGE.)

rot on his shoulder.) Well,  
alawags abandoned ship.  
(*Goes to the counter and  
imbers! A necklace made  
think I should do with it,  
's beak.*) A most excellent

1 plan. Those scalawags will never miss it! (*Laughs evilly, pockets  
the necklace, and EXITS UPSTAGE. LIGHTS FADE to BLACK.*)

End of Scene Four

## ACT ONE

### Scene Five

LIGHTS UP: The next day. A weary BOMBALURINA pokes her head into  
the room from OFF LEFT. Seeing no one around, she tiptoes IN and  
5 falls into bed.

**MARGIE:** (*Bursts IN LEFT.*) Wake up, Bombalurina! It's a brand-new day!  
A day filled with infinite possibilities! Why, today might be the day  
our business finally turns around! (*Unlocks the STAGE RIGHT door.  
BOMBALURINA sits up, bleary-eyed, sees the mess on the counter,  
10 rushes over to clean it up and closes the book with the lock.*) What  
are you doing? (*BOMBALURINA stretches out arms, blocking her view  
of the mess.*) Are you hiding something from me? (*BOMBALURINA  
shakes head.*) Come on. Let me see. (*Reluctantly, BOMBALURINA  
steps aside. She gasps.*) Oh, Bombalurina! Why did you steal all  
15 these things? (*BOMBALURINA claps a paw to forehead.*) If you're  
not careful, one of these days the police are going to come right  
through that door and arrest you! (*OFFICER KETCHUM ENTERS  
RIGHT. BOMBALURINA lets out a screech.*) I didn't mean it!

**OFFICER KETCHUM:** Didn't mean what?

20 **MARGIE:** That you'd arrest Bombalurina!

**OFFICER KETCHUM:** Bombalurina? That's a rather unusual name for  
a cook. Wait. Not cook. I meant crook. That's an unusual name  
for a crook.

**MARGIE:** You're not going to lock her up, are you?

25 **OFFICER KETCHUM:** Of course I'm going to lock her up! I can't let  
hardened criminals run around willy-nilly! Well, maybe I can let  
them run around willy. But I certainly can't let them run around  
nilly! Now where is the miscreant?

**MARGIE:** What do you mean where is she? She's right here.  
30 (*Indicates BOMBALURINA.*)

**OFFICER KETCHUM:** What? Behind the cat?

**MARGIE:** No. She is the cat.

**OFFICER KETCHUM:** You've got to be kidding! I'm not going to arrest  
a cat!

35 **MARGIE:** Then why are you here? (*Looks around.*)

**OFFICER KETCHUM:** Don't tell anyone, but I'm after a gang of  
jewel thieves.

**MARGIE:** (*Gasps.*) Jewel thieves?

1 **OFFICER KETCHUM:** Shhh! Keep it down!  
**MARGIE:** *(Softer.)* Jewel thieves?  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** Who told you?  
**MARGIE:** You did.

5 **OFFICER KETCHUM:** Well, keep it under your hat. Wait. Forget that. You're not wearing a hat. I'll keep it under my hat. *(Lifts his hat and pretends to place something under it.)*  
**MARGIE:** Do you know what the thieves look like?  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** No. All I know is they've been stealing diamonds  
10 from a number of jewelry stores, then smuggling them out of the country, only I don't know how they're smuggling them.  
**MARGIE:** Oh, how exciting! It's just like a mystery novel!  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** This is nothing like a mystery novel, ma'am. This is serious. Why, your very knife could be in danger!

15 **MARGIE:** What?  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** Did I say knife? Sorry. I meant life. Your very life could be in danger.  
**MARGIE:** Oh, dear!  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** Have you seen any suspicious activity lately?

20 **MARGIE:** Well, I did have a very well-dressed young woman come in and try to sell me a book that she couldn't unlock.  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** I'm not talking about that. I'm talking about thieves! I'm talking about criminals! I'm talking about people with bad teeth and horrible scars!

25 **MARGIE:** I thought you didn't know what they looked like.  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** All criminals have bad teeth and horrible scars!  
**MARGIE:** All right. I'll keep a lookout for them.  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** You do that. After all, it's citizens like you who are the mouth and stomach of the police force.

30 **MARGIE:** Don't you mean the eyes and ears of the police force?  
**OFFICER KETCHUM:** Not when it's this close to lunch. I'm starving!  
*(EXITS RIGHT.)*  
**MARGIE:** Did you hear that, Bombalurina? Jewel thieves! Oh, how I wish they'd come here! I'd give them a good drubbing with my  
35 quarterstaff, just like Robin Hood used to do! Oho! *(Pretends to hold quarterstaff and fight off the thieves. Embarrassed, BOMBALURINA buries head in paws. MARGIE returns to the counter.)* Oh, well. I suppose I'd better get these things out of the way. But first thing tomorrow, I want you to return them to whomever you stole them  
40 from! *(Leaves the book with the lock on the counter, picks up the*

