

WITCH She's being looked after; she's having a... a bit of a rest.
Now, listen - if we go on talking about it, we'll be late for the panto!
You don't want to miss it, do you?

MARTIN Of course we don't!

WITCH *(urgently, with arm gesture)* Well, let's get going then!
(aside to the audience) I happen to know it's an extra special panto
this year – full of surprises!
[Pause as the children look dubious]
(opening arms wide) What are you waiting for? Let's go!
[Option: Honking of a horn, off-stage]
(shooing them) Shoo! Get on the bus! Go on, go on!

***[Exit J/A/M/S. WITCH addresses the real audience.
Enter BOO and HISS to side. A lighting change would
be good here.]***

(cackling) Heh, heh, heh! What they don't know is....
I'm really the Wicked Witch in disguise! *(cackles some more)*

Note: Wherever 'AUDIENCE' is scripted to boo / hiss etc., this means the stage audience, but BOO & HISS should also encourage the real audience to join in.

⊙ **Track 25 Witch's Entry**
[BOO holds up sign - AUDIENCE boo]

WITCH *(Huffy)* Huh! How rude! 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 My plan is working! I've locked their precious teacher in the stock cupboard! She won't get out 'til break-time!
[SPOTTY & GROTTY snigger.
HISS holds up sign - AUDIENCE hiss]
Those horrible children will help me get into the theatre, and then...
heh, heh, heh! ...I'll carry out - my Master Plan!
[BOO holds up sign – AUDIENCE boo]
You 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 win! Yes! The baddies will win! After all, that's what everyone wants to see, isn't it?
[BOO & HISS lead the AUDIENCE:]

AUD./BOO/HISS Oh no it isn't!
WITCH/Spot/Grot (smug) Oh yes it is!!

AUD./BOO/HISS Oh no it isn't!
 WITCH/Spot/Grot (cross) Oh yes it is!!
 AUD./BOO/HISS Oh no it isn't!
 WITCH (exasperated) Oh...for goodness' sake! (pointing at BOO & HISS)
 Spotty! Get rid of those two! Come on Grotty, let's tell 'em!

[WICKED WITCH & GROTTY move to the centre.
 SPOTTY chases BOO & HISS off, then rejoins WITCH.
 All three move about during the chorus sections.]

HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES! (☉ Track 2 / 14)

Witch 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

ALL 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!
 HERE'S WHAT YOU MUST DO:
 GIVE A GREAT BIG BOOOOOOOOOO!
 BOO THE GOODIES! BOO! BOO! BOO THE GOODIES!

Witch, Spotty, Grotty WE DON'T EVER GET TO WIN,
 WE NEVER SAVE THE DAY.
 ALWAYS SEEMS WE'RE BOUND TO LOSE
 IN EVERY SINGLE WAY.
 ALL WE WANT IS JUST ONE TIME
 TO WIN A LITTLE 'YAY!'
 JUST ONE TIME WE'D LIKE TO WIN,
 JUST ONCE TO SAVE THE DAY. SO... LET'S

BOO & HISS sneak back in, & act dismayed, shaking heads, etc.

ALL 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!
 WHAT WE WANT TO HEAR
 IS A GREAT BIG CHEER! CHEER THE BADDIES! **[HOORAY!]**
 HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES, HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES,
 (three times)
 BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM, BOOM:
 HEAR IT FOR THE BADDIES!

[WICKED WITCH gives a final cackle, and all three exit.
 BOO & HISS move to centre.]

BOO (to STAGE AUDIENCE, disgusted) You lot joined in the singing!
 It didn't take long for you to change sides!

HISS You should be ashamed of yourselves!

BOO You're rubbish! You're meant to cheer the goodies!
 [Exit BOO & HISS, shaking their heads, talking to each other
 as they leave.]

They were cheering the baddies! Can you believe it?

HISS You just can't get a good audience these days!