

Jonah And The Whale

3 Kicking Up A Storm

Cast: Jonah.
Captain
Sailor 1
Sailor 2

Sound effects
Storm at sea in the background throughout.
A crash of thunder that can be repeated

Scene: On the deck of the ship.

Sound effect: Storm at sea.

Sailor 1 Its getting worse Capt'n. Look at them clouds, and the wind, well
I've never heard anything like it before.

Sailor 2 It's sure howling tonight. We need to button down the hatches Capt'n.
I don't fancy our chances if the weather gets any worse.

Captain I've been in worse storms than this Jim. We'll be all right, you'll see.

Sailor 1 I'm not so sure, I got a bad feeling about this Capt'n. I've got a bad
feeling.

Sailor 2 And I wish we didn't have that Jonah guy on board. How's
he gonna cope with this lot?

Captain He'll be fine once he gets his sea legs. Might be a bit sick but he'll just
have to learn!

Sailor 1 I've still got a bad feeling about this and I think it's all to do with that
Jonah guy we picked up in Joppa you know. He's not telling us
something. I think he's got some deep dark secret!

Sailor 2 What like he's got smelly feet?

Captain Or he forgot to hand in his homework?

Sailor 2 I know, he picks his nose.

Captain No, No. That's just silly.

Sailor 1 No not like that! This is serious! I think someone is bringing us bad
luck, very bad luck. I mean, just look what awful weather we've had
since we sailed out of Joppa.

Sailor 2 You must admit Capt'n that is true. I've never known it this bad
for so long.

Captain Maybe, maybe

Sailor 1 I think that this Jonah guy...

Sailor 2 (Taking the mick!) with his deep, dark secret!

Sailor 1 is the cause of all our trouble. He is bringing us this terrible
weather.

Sailor 2 Actually, I think he might have a point Capt'n. Someone on board
must be bringing us bad luck.

Sailor 1 I think we must find out for sure who it is. I mean actually prove that it is this Jonah guy. I don't want you thinking that I'm just picking on him.

Sailor 2 I know! We could draw straws and find out who it is.

Captain Draw straws! Come on, you don't believe all that superstitious nonsense do you?

(There is a clap of thunder and they all stagger together as if the boat has rocked violently)

Sailor 1 Well Capt'n, if it's not something to do with that Jonah chap how come he's fast asleep in his bunk when we're all up here worried sick? eh? Answer that then!?

Sailor 2 Yeah! Why isn't he up here helping? How can he sleep through all this?

Captain Well I agree, things do seem a bit fishy, and they are getting fishier by the minute.

Sailor 1 I think it's time to find out about Jonah Capt'n.

Captain Oh, if it'll make you feel better, go and get him and we'll see.

(Sailor 2 goes off and comes back with Jonah)

Jonah Sorry, sorry, I err... fell asleep. Am I on duty again? Sorry, sorry.

Captain We were just wondering Jonah how come you can sleep through this terrible storm when the rest of us are worried sick that we might all drown?

Sailor 1 Yeah. We think someone is bringing us bad luck.

Sailor 2 We want to draw straws and see who is the cause of all this bad luck, don't we?

Captain Well .. Well.... Well go on then I suppose it's all right if it will make you happy.

(Sailor 2 holds four straws - they each draw one and Jonah draws the shortest)

Sailor1 Told you! Told you! He's the problem! He's been trouble from the start, and if this storm gets any worse this trouble will be the end of us all.

Sailor 2 He's right. I knew he was right all along. Didn't I say that?

Sailor 1 No you didn't. It was me sussed this out.

Sailor 2 Yes I did

Sailor 1 & 2 General arguing!!!

Captain Stop that you two. That's enough.

(There is a clap of thunder and they all stagger as if the boat is rolling violently)

Captain You better get a move on Jonah.

Jonah Come on spill the beans before it's too late!

Jonah Oh you might as well know then, I, I'm, I'm running away.

Captain Running away? Running away from who?
Jonah Ru ... ru .. ru... Running away,.... running away from, err.... God!

(The other three step back in horror)

Sailor 1&2&Cap **God!**
Sailor 2 You're running away from ...
Captain GOD!
Sailor 1 He must be mad
Sailor 2 Doesn't he know you can't run away from God?
Captain You fool! God is everywhere, you can't just run away.
Sailor 1,2 & Cap Help. Woe is us. Save us (General wailing)

(There is a clap of Thunder and they all stagger again as if ship is rolling violently)

Sailor 1 We're doomed!
Sailor 2 We're ruined!
Sailor 1 We're going to drown!
Sailor 2 We're going to die!
Sailor 1 That's generally what happens when you drown you know!
Jonah Ok, Ok ... don't panic. There's one thing you can do.
Sailors 1&2 What?
Jonah Throw me over board.
Captain Over board!
Sailor 1 What into the sea?
Sailor 2 That churning, heaving water?
Jonah Yes overboard, into the sea.
Captain Well that's not what I usually do with my passengers. Isn't there anything else we could do?
Sailor 1 But it was his idea!
Sailor 2 Yeah, he told us to!
Sailor 1 What are we waiting for, you heard him, throw him over the side before we all drown!

(Sailor 1 & 2 go to grab Jonah)

Captain Hang on! Hang on! There's a law against this sort of thing you know.

(There is a clap of thunder and they all stagger again as if ship is rolling violently)

Captain On second thoughts if this keeps up we're all going overboard. Go on then perhaps it is a good idea after all.

(They take Jonah to side of stage and throw him overboard. Immediately the sound of the storm stops)

Captain Well I'm blown, do you see that.

Sailor 1 Whatever he had done it must have been pretty bad.
Sailor 2 Bad! It must have been terrible!
Captain Awful! Awful! Poor chap, poor chap.
Sailor 1 Yes, but listen.
Sailor 2 To what?
Sailor 1 Exactly! Can you hear the wind roaring and the sea churning?
Sailor 2 Well no!
Sailor 1 No!! It's stopped. We're saved.
Capt'n Well then, come on, lets get the sails up and get on our way. We've got
to reach Tarshish by the day after tomorrow.

(They all exit)