

# Golden Ears

## Characters

Golden Ears: A super villain

Maximilian McMetalmug: The Keeper of the Royal Crown.

Deloris: His daughter and maid in the palace.

Voice: Telephone operator (over sound system)

Agent 00 and a half: A half witted secret agent.

Q: the man with the gadgets

## 1 Catastrophe at court!

Scene 1: The throne room of the Becclepotamian Royal Palace. There is a table centre stage with a highly decorated box on it that can be lifted up to reveal the royal crown

Intro music: Something regal.

(Enter Deloris with feather duster and apron and proceed to dust around the room)

Max: (Off stage) Deloris! Deloris, where are you. ( Deloris enters) Oh there you are. Is everything ready? They'll be here soon and everything has to be just right.

Del: Father don't worry. Of course everything is ready. I was just finishing off the dusting, and now everything is prepared. Anyway, you should be at the door ready to greet them when they arrive. Go on, get on with you.

Max: Well the King has trusted me with a very important job while he is away. I mean, looking after the Becclepotamian royal crown! Making sure it is kept safe and no harm comes to it! I mean, could there be a more important job than that.

Del: Father! EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT!! - Get on with you!

Max: (muttering as he leaves) Oh I do hope everything will be all right! Its very important you know, very important.

(Deloris leaves)

(Golden Ears enters and stealthily creeps across the stage . He lifts the box, removes the crown, and places a note there instead. Then leaves)

(Max enters followed by Deloris who stays in the background)

Max: Oh Deloris get a move on its time to ....(sees audience) Ah, you're here! Good morning. Its really good to see you all. Thank you for coming. Now you're all here in the throne room of the Royal palace of the king of Becclepotamia, and I know that you have all come to see just one thing. The Royal crown! But before I show it to you I have to warn you. This is the most splendid, most beautiful, most sparkling thing you will ever ever see. When they see it people gasp, people say Ooooo, people even faint, it is that splendid. I myself burst into tears every time I see it, so if you don't mind, I'll keep my eyes shut, to save the embarrassment....And remember, this is the Royal crown, whoever wears it is the

rightful King of Becclepotamia. So no touching, no funny business, OK? Deloris here will be watching your every move!

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(Max moves to box)

Max: Are you ready?

(Max Encourage Audience to answer: Yes!)

( Sound effect of fanfare as Max closes his eyes and solemnly lifts the box. Keeps eyes shut and waits for a response)

Del Rushing across the stage) Aaaaahhhhhh!

Max: (still with eyes shut) I know its wonderful isn't it.

Del: B, B, B, but ... but Father it's gone! Its not there!

Max: (eyes shut) What did you say?

Del: There's nothing there! The crown has... has .... has gone!

Max: (Opens eyes and looks, freezes for a moment, then) Aaahhhhhh! (Throws box to one side, general dramatic gestures, followed by a moment of panic.)  
The crown! The crown! It must be here. It can't have disappeared. I know it was here yesterday etc etc.

Del: But it can't have disappeared. You must have forgotten to get it out. Just think, where did you see it last?

Max: It was here, right here yesterday. I remember seeing it right here, (stabs finger on the table) Hang on a bit, what's this? (Picks up letter)

Del: A letter, maybe it will tell us where the crown is?

Max: (unfolds the letter and reads)

People of Becclepotamia,

Yes! What you thought was impossible has been done. The Royal crown has been stolen and in no time at all I will be wearing it and will be the rightful King of Becclepotamia. So watch out you snivelling little brats because I will soon be the most powerful person in the whole of the Kingdom, and you will be my slaves! Lots of hate.

Soon to be king, Golden ears.

Del: G G G G Golden ears. Oh no, oh no, oh no. not Golden ears! He's the vilest, cruellest, nastiest super villain ever!

Max: Oh no, oh no, oh no, what shall we do, what shall we do?!!! (Holds head in hands for a moment, then springs up) Hang on, I know, I know! There is one person who could sort all of this out, one person who is brave enough.

Del: Who's that? Batman, Superman, Spiderman?!!

Max: No no, there is only one person who is clever enough. We need 007, James Bond! I'll phone right now.

(Del and Max Go to phone stage left)

(Sound effect of phone ringing, followed by voice over sound system.)

Voice: Hello, top secret, secret agent's headquarters, how can I help you?

Max: Err Hello, err yes, this is Maximillian McMetalmug from the Becclepotamian royal palace here. I need some help, I need some help urgently, some very special help. I think only 007 Mr James Bond will do.

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Voice: Sorry 007 is out on business for the next six months, would you like to call back?

Max: Err no. No, I need help now, its very urgent. Is there anyone else who can help me?

Voice: I'll see who's available. Please hold.

(Music)

Max: (taps his fingers impatiently, and makes remarks like: Come on, etc)

Voice: I'm sorry sir, all our agents are busy at the moment but your call is important to us, please continue to hold and we will be with you shortly.

(more music)

Voice: Sorry to keep you waiting sir, I'm afraid 007, 006, 005, 004, 003, 002, and 001 are all out at present.

Max: But this is urgent, very urgent. I need someone now! Its a matter of life and death!

Voice: Well there is one person I could put you through to. but err ... they are err.... not one of our top agents.

Max: As long as they can help anyone will do!

(Sound of ringing phone)

(On other side of stage is a phone, agent enters and picks it up)

Agnt: (Sounding very bored) Hello, 00 and a half speaking, how many sugars would you like?

Max: I don't need sugar, I need help!

Agnt: Why are you phoning me then?

Max: Because you're a secret agent, aren't you?

Agnt: (looks at badge pinned to himself that says Secret Agent in large letters) Err Oh yes, so I am.

Max: Listen we need your help, The Becclepotamian Royal crown has been stolen by the dastardly scheming super villain Golden ears and he intends to make himself King of Becclepotamia! We need help before its too late, and you are our only hope!!

Agnt: Gosh that sounds exciting, where can I see this film?

Max: Its not a film, its real, its now. Grab some secret weapons or whatever you do and get over here right now.

Agnt: Yes sir, straight away sir, don't worry you can count on me, I'm on my way!!

(All exit)

**Scene: Q's office**

(Q is sitting behind his desk. Enter Agent)

Q: Ah 00 and a half I'm glad you've dropped by, I'll have two sugars and some of those nice creamy biscuits as well.

Agnt: Not this time Q, I've dropped in because I've got a job.

Q: (Nearly falling off his chair)) A job, a job!! You've got a ..... Job!

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Agnt: (heroically) Yep, that's right, finally my time has come. Finally I can get to do what I've always wanted to do!

Q: And what's that?

Agnt: Well save the world of course! What do you think secret agents do. And to do that I'll need some of your secret weapons Q, so what have you got? A Micro Mash Bazooka Ray gun? A mini vaporiser built into a wrist watch? A Helicopter that fits into a brief case? Jet boots? Or one of those flash cars with all the gismos?

Q: Oh dear. Well the trouble is 00 and a half,..... err the trouble is that 007, 006, 005, 004, 003 and 001 are all out on missions at the moment and, well, they've taken the lot!

Agnt: What! The lot!

Q: Yes the lot. Every little thing. There's not a thing left in the store, not a single thing.

Agnt: But ... what about?

Q: Oh hang on a minute. There was one thing left, I just remembered, it was at the back of the cupboard and 001 didn't notice it. I've err... got it here somewhere)  
Pulls out a box marked "Love bug"

Agnt: What is it?

Q: Its the love bug.

Agnt: The love bug? What does it do?

Q: Well its only a prototype, but it turns nasty things into nice things. Lions into pussycats, tigers into kittens, Grizzly Bears into teddy Bears, that sort of thing.

Agnt And does it work?

Q: Try it yourself, sprinkle a bit on that Lion over there.

(Points towards Large box with top opening lid that says 'Lion's den' on the side. Agent goes over and opens the lid. There is a loud roaring sound, he slams the lid shut, gets some powder in his hand and quickly opens the lid again throwing the powder in, roaring sound turns to meow)

Agnt: Gosh, that's amazing, totally amazing. But does it work on people?

Q: Well that's the point you see. That's why its only a prototype. It does but not quite so instantly. It only works if you sprinkle the powder and then get the person to say love six times in one minute. With most of the fiendish villains we deal with that's impossible, so we kind of shelved the whole project. But having said that its all you've got so you're welcome to take it if you want.

Agnt: Well I suppose its better than nothing! I'll take it Q, and Oh, by the way, if a Minnie Mash Bazooka Ray Gun comes in will you let me know? Bye.