

**Young Creative Artists of Natuashish**

from

Mushuau Innu Natuashish School

*Natuashish*

present

**So Much for My Happy Ending**

Cast

Cinderella & Others

Ugly Duckling & Others

The Boy Who Cried Wolf & Others

Hanselina & Others

Gretel & Others

Jamie Nui

Mary Jane Noah

Richard Rich

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We all know that we can't be fairytale characters but what if fairytale characters were us? We thought: what if we took away their happy endings? Our play presents scenes from the lives of some well-known characters to find out what would make life worth living if you weren't a princess or a swan or the owner of a house made of candy. Could the answer be as simple as a friend? Maybe...

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Preset:

*The stage is lit as a bright day. One of the actors enters carrying a small book. She reads:*

*"When you hear the chimes ring like this \*Chimes\* it is too late to turn the page."*

*She looks puzzled and tries again.*

*"When you hear the chimes ring like this \*Chimes\* it is time to turn the page."*

*She smiles and lights fade to black. She exits.*



**Scene I                      Ring Around the Rosie**

Cast: all five actors as children

*All five actors are in the wings. The stage is in darkness as two actors walk from opposite wings onto the stage to face each other. They begin playing a clapping and singing game. The lights switch on to full on the first "Mac". The next two actors enter in the same way in time to sing "She asked her mother...". The final actor enters and stops the game in the final line so that the line "until July" never gets sung.*

Miss Mary Mac, Mac, Mac  
All dressed in black, black, black  
With silver buttons, buttons, buttons  
All down her back, back, back  
She asked her mother, mother, mother  
For 50 cents, cents, cents  
To see the elephants, elephants, elephants  
Jump over the fence, fence, fence  
They jumped so high, high, high  
They reached the sky, sky, sky  
And never came back, back, back...

**All Sing**

*(excited and playful)* Ring around the rosie, pocket full of posies, ashes, ashes,  
we all fall down!

*One child falls*

*(less excited, a little sad)* Ring around the rosie, pocket full of posies, ashes,  
ashes, we all fall down.

*The second child falls*

*(very somber, lonely and confused)* Ring around the rosie, pocket full of posies,  
ashes, ashes, we all fall down.

*Two more children fall, leaving one child alone.*

*(very quiet and insecure, starting low and fading away to nothing)* Ring around  
the rosie...

*This last child looks around and walks off the stage.*

**\*Chimes\***

Scene II Cinderella

Cast: Jamie as Cinderella

Mary Jane as the Evil Stepmother

Richard as the Prince

Sandra and Rebecca as the Evil Stepsisters

Mother: Oh, your hair is so beautiful.

Sister 1: I know.

Sister 2: Do mine now.

Mother: Alright. Oh, your hair is even more beautiful.

Sister 1: No, mine!

Sister 2: Mine!

Mother: Girls! You both look beautiful. Just go to the party. Have a good time.

Cinderella: Can you help me now?

Mother: Get over here. Yuck. Your hair is so gross. It's all knotty and greasy.  
*She looks at her clothes.* Eww.... What is that? Get out of here. I don't care  
what you look like.

*Cinderella goes to the party to find her sisters there talking to the prince.*

Prince: Hey ladies.

Sister 1: Hey, aren't you Cinderella's boyfriend?

Prince: Yeah, so?

Sister 1: Well, wouldn't you rather go out with me?

Sister 2: Or me?

Prince: Well, maybe...

Cinderella: Hi.

*The two sisters leave quickly as the Prince hugs Cinderella.*

Prince: Hi, you look nice.

Cinderella: Thank you.

*The Prince sees the bracelet on Cinderella's arm.*

Prince: Where'd you get that?

Cinderella: Someone gave it to me.

Prince: Who?

Cinderella: No, I mean... I found it.

Prince: Where?

*The Prince grabs her by the arm.*

Cinderella: Somewhere.

Prince: Where?!

Cinderella: I forget.

Prince: Give it to me!!!

Cinderella: NO!

*Cinderella breaks free and runs home.*

Prince: I'll get you.

*She slams the door of her house and takes a few deep breaths. As she walks across the stage she thinks of the fear and hatred she lives in and makes a decision. She walks off.*

**\*Chimes\***

### Scene III The Ugly Duckling, Part I

Cast: Mary Jane as the Ugly Duckling

Richard, Sandra, Rebecca and Jamie as the teasers

*The teasers are playing Zip, Zap, Zop while the duckling comes in looking for some friends. She tries to say hello. After a while, someone speaks to her.*

Duckling: Hi.

Teaser 1: What? What do you want?

Duckling: Can I play too?

Teaser 1: No.

Duckling: Please? I just moved here and I want to make some new friends.

Teaser 1: I don't care. Go away.

Duckling: Please?

Teaser 1: Go back home and look for some friends.

Duckling: But it looks like a lot of fun. Can I please play?

Teaser 1 & 2: NO!!!

*The duckling goes off to the side and watches them some more. She listens to what they are saying.*

Teaser 1: Man, she was so weird.

Teaser 2: Yeah, I know.

Teaser 4: Let's play with her.

Teaser 1: Nah, she's so boring.

Teaser 3: Yeah, and her clothes are so ugly.

Teaser 1 & 2: Yeah.

Teaser 4: I thought she was nice.

Teaser 1: I don't care. Go play with her if you want.

Teaser 4: I want to play with you guys.

Teaser 1: Alright, well let's go have some fun.

Teaser 2: Yeah, let's have a party.

Teaser 4: I think we should invite that girl.

Teaser 1: Yeah, whatever.

Teaser 3: I'll do it. *(She goes over to the duckling)* Hey, we're having a party. Would you like to come?

Duckling: Yes, I'd love to.

Teaser 3: Psych!!

*All the others laugh except Teaser 4, who gets dragged along.*

**\*Chimes\***



#### Scene IV The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Cast: Richard as the boy who cried wolf  
Other four actors as people in the town

*The boy comes running into the scene. He is panicked and the girls rush to help him.*

Boy: Help! Help! Someone just fell off an ATV!

Girls 1 & 2: So what?

Boy: No! You don't understand! He's really hurt! Come on! Hurry!

Girls 1 & 2: Okay, we're coming!

Boy: Over here! Over here!

Girls 1 & 2: Where is he?

Boy: Psych! Ha ha ha ha ha ha.

Girls: What a liar. Let's get out of here.

*The boy decides to fool two different girls.*

Boy: Girls! Girls! Come here! Someone's house is on fire!

Girls 3 & 4: Whose house is it?

Boy: I don't know. Come on! See the smoke?

Girls: I don't see any smoke...

Boy: It's right there. Come on, quick! There might be someone in there!

Girls 3 & 4: He's right! Let's go!

Boy: Follow me, it's this way!!!

Girls 3 & 4: Where is it?

Boy: Psyche! Ha ha ha ha hah...

Girls 3 & 4: That's not very funny. Don't ever ask us for help again.

*Finally, the boy finds himself in some real trouble. This time, all four girls are standing together.*

Boy: Hey, can you help me? My dad is going to kill me!

Girl 1: Okay, I'll help.

Girl 3: No! He's a liar. He told us someone's house was on fire and it wasn't.

Girl 1: Oh yeah, and he told us that someone was hurt and it wasn't true.

Girls 2 & 4: Liar, liar, pants on fire...

Boy: No, this time it's really true. I don't know what he'll do if he finds me.

Girls: Sorry. It's too late. We don't believe you anymore.  
You tell too many lies.

Boy: But I'm telling you the truth this time.

Girls: Liar, liar, pants on fire... hanging on the telephone wire...

*The girls leave the boy on the stage alone. The lights fade out just when the boy sees his father coming and he tries to run.*

**\*Chimes\***



## Scene V The Ugly Duckling, Part ii

Cast: Same as Part i

The teasers are hanging out together talking about the party they had the day before.

Teaser 1: Man, that party was fun.

Teaser 2: I liked the music.

Teaser 3: I liked dancing.

Teaser 1: I met this nice girl and she was a really good dancer.

Duckling: Hi, can you tell me about it?

Teaser 4: Yeah, it was –

Teaser 2: (*putting her hand over Teaser 4's mouth*) Shhhhhhhhhhhh!

Teaser 3: Yeah, don't tell her.

Duckling: Please? I had a really boring weekend.

Teaser 1: That's because you're boring.

Teaser 3: Yeah, go away.

Duckling: Fine. I'll go. And I'm not coming back.

*The duckling starts walking off very quickly and slows down more and more as she goes waiting for someone to stop her. No one does. They continue talking about their party and saying mean things about the duckling. After one last look back, she leaves the stage.*

Teaser 2: Good.

Teaser 1: Yeah. Good.

Duckling: I'll show them.

**\*Chimes\***

Scene VI Hansel and Gretel

Cast: Sandra and Rebecca are Hansel and Gretel (two girls)

Richard is their father

Mary Jane is the stepmother and Jamie is her daughter

*The three girls are standing around talking, playing games. Hansel and Gretel do not quite understand this new sister they have. Their kind father enters and helps them understand.*

Father: Hello girls.

Hansel/Gretel: Hello father.

Step-daughter: Hello father.

Hansel/Gretel: Why are you calling our father "father"?

Father: Well, because I'm her father now too. I married her mother.

Hansel/Gretel: Oh.

Father: Well, you girls have fun. I have to chop some wood for the fire.

All girls: Bye father.

Stepmother: Hello girls.

Stepdaughter: Hello mother.

Hansel/Gretel: Hello mother.

Stepmother: Why are you calling me mother? Don't do that. I'm not your mother.

Hansel/Gretel: But she calls our father "father".

Stepmother: We'll see about that. *(She goes over to their father, she is very angry).*

Why are YOUR daughters calling me "mother"?

Father: Because they're your daughters now as well.

Stepmother: No, I married you! I don't want your kids!

Father: Maybe you should have thought of that before you married me. Why don't you spend time with them and see what happens?

Stepmother: Okay, I'll take them berry-picking.

Father: That's a good idea. Be careful not to get lost.

The stepmother goes back to the girls

Stepmother: Girls! Come here I've got a surprise for you.

All girls: Yay!

Stepmother: Go get your berry buckets. We're going to pick blueberries. Where would you like to go?

Hansel/Gretel: In the woods!

Stepmother: Perfect. Hurry up. It'll be dark soon.

All girls: Okay.

Stepmother: Now, pick lots of berries and don't move until your buckets are full. We're going to pick berries over here. *She leaves Hansel/Gretel and takes her daughter for a walk around the woods, making themselves look like a mess.*

Stepmother: We're going to leave them here because I don't want them. They're going to be mean to you. Okay? *The daughter nods. Finally they return to the house without the other two girls.*

Father: Where are the girls?

Stepmother: We looked everywhere for them. We were picking berries and when we turned around they were gone.

Father: *(to the daughter)* Do you know where they are?

Daughter: No, but my mom said...

Stepmother: Oh, she's so tired. I'm just going to put her right to bed.

Father: I'm going to look for the children.

Stepmother: No! You stay here. I'll go look for them, I think I know where they might be.

Father: Fine. But if you don't find them, come and tell me and I'll look for them myself.

Stepmother: Okay. I'll be back soon. Why don't you have some of this? It will help to relax you. *She gives him a whiskey bottle and watches him drink.*

Father: Well? Go on! My children will not find their way home themselves!  
*The Stepmother goes into the woods and finds the two girls.*

Stepmother: There you are; I was so worried. Where were you?

Hansel/Gretel: You said you'd come back for us and you didn't.

Stepmother: No, I said I'd be over there and when I left you were no where to be seen. I came to look for you by myself because your father wouldn't come.

Hansel/Gretel: You're lying. Why wouldn't our father want us to come back?

Stepmother: Girls, this is going to be very hard for you. He's been drinking. He's very angry at you for not coming home and making him worry.

Hansel/Gretel: We're sorry.

Stepmother: Well, you can come home and see if he'll speak to you but he's very angry and he could be drunk.

Hansel/Gretel: We'll try.

*They walk back to the house in silence.*

Stepmother: You wait here. I'll speak to him first. I found the children dear. *(More quietly)* They were out being silly girls, they didn't want to come back. I told them you would give them a present if they came home.

Father: *(Angry sounding)* I'm not giving those silly girls anything!? Tell them to go away!

Hansel/Gretel: Father. We're leaving. Let's go.

Father: My girls are leaving. Why?

Stepmother: Here. Have some more of this. You'll feel better.

*The Stepmother gives the Father more drink and he stumbles off stage.*

**\*Chimes\***

Scene VII The Ugly Duckling, Part iii

Cast: same as before

*The Duckling sits in a chair (it must have arms) as one would be sitting in an electric chair. The first three teasers go around hooking all the wires to her. She sits as in a trance, allowing this to happen. Finally, just as one of the teasers is about to pull the switch Teaser 4 pulls out the plug. She cuts a wire, hands the scissors to teaser 1, who also cuts a wire. He/she hands the scissors to teaser 2 who cuts one, and so on. The song by Avril Lavigne, "So much for my Happy Ending" begins to play as soon as the duckling begins to stand up.*

*At the line, "so much for my happy ending" all bow.*

