

## **Characters**

- Grey Rabbit (M/F)** - Rabbit. The Master/Mistress of Ceremonies. Bossy.
- Red Squirrel (M/F)** - Red squirrel. A show off. He/she does everything dramatically.
- Big Ted (M/F)** - White Teddy. Shy.
- Hedgehog Twins (M/F)** - Twin hedgehogs. They speak together. Have stage fright.
- Little Ted (M/F)** - Brown teddy. A bit of a cry baby.
- Super Scout (M/F)** - Super cool. He/she wears sunglasses.
- Green Mouse (M/F)** - Thinks performance is to do with 'The Great British Bake Off', and gets things wrong.

## Scene 1

**Grey Rabbit:** **(Enters, with energy and bossiness)** Da daaaaaa! Hello boys and girls, mums and dads. It's very nice to meet you. My name's Grey Rabbit and I'm the Master/Mistress of Ceremonies, for our story, which means I'm going to keep everybody in order. Before we start our play, which is called '**The Great Bin Mix Up**', I'll introduce our actors. **(Announces with gusto)** Please give a big hand for Big Ted. **(Extends arm theatrically as Big Ted approaches).**

**(Big Ted enters & stares at audience.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** Well, say hello Big Ted.

**Big Ted:** I'm shy.

**Grey Rabbit:** Oh dear. Well cover your eyes, so you don't have to look at the audience, and say it.

**Big Ted:** **(Covers eyes with fingers open so he/she can still see)** Hello. **(Scurries offstage.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** Now, please give a hand for Red Squirrel. **(Extends arm theatrically as Red Squirrel enters.)**

**Red Squirrel:** **(Bounds onstage, and bows this way and that theatrically)** Hello. **(Starts dancing or making a few theatrical moves.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** Thank you, Red Squirrel. You can go now.

**Red Squirrel:** When can I start acting?

**Grey Rabbit:** Soon. Off you go.

**Red Squirrel:** **(Still showing off. Sings first verse of 'An Actor's Life for Me', making actions.)**

Hi-diddle-dee-dee  
An actor's life for me  
A high silk hat and a silver cane  
A watch of gold with a diamond chain.

**Grey Rabbit:** **(With authority)** *thank you*, Red Squirrel. *Next!* Can we have the Hedgehog Twins please. **(Throws out arm theatrically to entrance)** Da daaaaa!

**(Red Squirrel exits to edge of stage. Hedgehog Twins enter shivering and shaking. Silent.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** Say hello.

**Hedgehog Twins:** **(Speak together)** W-we've got stage ff-fright.

**Red Squirrel:** **(Leaps onstage)** I'll do their parts if they're scared!

**Hedgehog Twins:** **(Look at Red Squirrel)** W-we'll be alright on the n-n-night. **(Exit)**

**(Red Squirrel exits)**

**Grey Rabbit:** Now, please put your hands together for Little Ted. Da daaaaa. **(Indicates entry theatrically)**

**(Little Ted doesn't arrive)**

**Grey Rabbit:** **(Calls)** Little Ted? You're on.

**(Little Ted enters, stands, then bursts into tears.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** Oh dear, oh dear, whatever's the matter Little Ted?

**Little Ted:** I've forgotten my lines!

**Grey Rabbit:** Hmm. **(To audience)** The audience will help, won't you? If he forgets his lines, all you have to say is 'Oh dear, oh dear, that's not my bin.' You will help him, won't you?

**(Audience reaction)**

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**Grey Rabbit:** Let's practise. On the count of three. One, two, three – 'Oh dear, oh dear, that's not my bin.' You don't sound very sure! Let's do that again. On the count of three, one two, three - '*that's not my bin*'. You can shake your heads at the same time if you like. Now we present last, but not least, Super Scout. Da daaaa. **(Extends arm theatrically towards entrance.)**

**Super Scout:** **(Enters in sunglasses. Lifts them.)** Cool. **(Exits)**

**Grey Rabbit:** Now I've introduced our actors we can begin our play.

**Green Mouse:** **(Enters in a rush. Jumps up and down)** Da daaaaa!

**Grey Rabbit:** **(Frowns)** Green Mouse what are you doing here? You didn't come to the audition.

**Green Mouse:** **(Looks dejected)** I forgot.

**Grey Rabbit:** Well, you should have written it in your diary!

**Green Mouse:** **(Looks dejected)** I forgot that too.

**Grey Rabbit:** **(To audience)** Shall we let him/her be in our play?

**(Audience reaction)**

**Grey Rabbit:** We haven't got any acting parts left, but you can introduce it, if you like.

**(Green Mouse smiles, opens mouth, and looks puzzled.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** **(To Green Mouse)** Well, tell the audience what it's called then.

**Green Mouse:** **(To Grey Rabbit in a loud stage whisper)** What's it called?

**(Grey Rabbit whispers in Green Mouse's ear)**

**Green Mouse:** **(With flourish)** Da daaaa. 'The Great Tray Bake Mix Up'

**Grey Rabbit:** **(A bit cross)** That's not it. You've said it wrong! It's – **(interrupted)**

**Red Squirrel:** **(Enters with a leap and announces before anyone can stop him/her.)** Da daaaa – 'the great bin mix up'.

**Grey Rabbit:** **(Theatrically)** Lights, Cameras, *action*.

## Scene 2

**(SFX. Clattering and banging of dustbins being emptied and put down.)**

**Big Ted:** **(Enters shyly still looking at audience through fingers)** What a lot of banging and clattering! The bin men sound in a big hurry today.

**Twin Hedgehogs:** **(Enter. Speak together. Shake a bit.)** Oh d-dear! Th-th-they've left all the rubbish bins in a muddle in the middle of the street.

**Red Squirrel:** **(Enters with a leap)** We don't know which bin is whose! Whatever shall we do?

**Little Ted:** **(Enters and peers into one bin. He stays peering into bin, then emerges)** Er, um, er, um - **(Stands silent looking appealingly at Grey Rabbit.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** **(To audience)** Little Ted's forgotten his line. Will you help him?

**(Audience react)**

**Grey Rabbit:** **(Conducts audience)** 'Oh dear, oh dear, that's not my bin.'

**Red Squirrel:** **(Dramatically)** Why don't we just take any bin?

**Big Ted:** Oh no. I don't want someone else's dirty old bin.

**Twin Hedgehogs:** **(Growing in confidence.)** We want our own b-b-bin.

**Green Mouse:** **(Enters)** Why don't we just eat it?

**Grey Rabbit:** Green mouse! It's not 'The Great British Tray Bake' – it's 'The Great Bin Mix Up!'

**Green Mouse:** Ooops.

**Grey Rabbit:** Let's sing a song while we think.

**(Cast and audience, if wished, sing to tune of the Hokey Cokey. Make actions.)**

You put your dustbin in,  
Your dustbin out,  
In, out, in, out, you wheel it all about.  
The lorry come and tips it up,  
And shakes it all about,  
You go to fetch it in, and shout –  
Woah! What a mix up!  
Woah! What a mix up!  
Woah! What a mix up!  
However, will we sort this out?

**Super Scout:** **(Enters in laid back fashion. Sunglasses on top of head.)** Cool it dudes! I've had an idea. Just look inside the bins. There will be a little bit of something left inside to identify the owner. Now open the first bin.

**(Red Squirrel opens a bin with a flourish. Cast all the peer inside the bin.)**

**Super Scout:** There's a newspaper.

**Red Squirrel:** Disgraceful! It's not even a recycling bin. I put my newspapers in the recycling bin.

**(A slight pause.)**

**Grey Rabbit:** (In loud stage whisper) It's your line Little Ted!  
(Little Ted opens mouth, and stands.)

**Grey Rabbit:** Little Ted's forgotten the line again. (Conducts audience) 'Oh dear, oh dear, that's not my bin!'

**Big Ted:** (Claims bin) That's my bin! I must have put my 'Teddy News' in the wrong bin. I'll try to remember next time. Thank you, Super Scout.

**Super Scout:** (Looks cool) No prob.

**Super Scout:** Now open the second bin, dudes.  
(Cast peer into the bin.)

**Green Mouse:** (Jumps up and down and excitedly announces) And the winner is – a blueberry muffin!

**Grey Rabbit:** (Tuts) For the last time Green Mouse, this is not 'The Great Tray Bake Mix Up!'

**Green Mouse:** (Indignantly) I know that! But there's a blueberry muffin, half of one, in the bottom of the bin. Can I eat it?

**Grey Rabbit:** No! We're in the middle of a play.

**Little Ted:** Oh dear, oh dear – (stops & looks worried)

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**Grey Rabbit:** (Takes control. Conducts audience) 'Oh dear, oh dear, that's not my bin.'

**Super Scout:** (Claims bin) That's my bin. Cool! I dropped my half blueberry muffin on the floor. Correct bin. (Compliments himself) Good move Super Scout.

**Twin Hedgehogs:** (Suggest helpfully) You c-could have given the half muffin to the birds?

**Super Scout:** (Thinking) Hm, good thought, dudes! I'll remember that next time. Now open up the next bin.  
(Cast all peer into bin.)

**Twin Hedgehogs:** There's a little red sock at the bottom. That's not our bin.

**Little Ted:** Oh dear, oh dear – (interrupted)

**Grey Rabbit:** (Rolls eyes. Takes control. Conducts audience) 'Oh dear, oh dear, that's not my bin.'  
(Little Ted burst into tears)

**Big Ted:** (Puts arm around Little Ted) Don't worry Little Ted. The audience are helping you.

**Little Ted:** (Cries out) But that is my bin! My red sock's got a hole in it.

**Red Squirrel:** (Dramatically) It should have gone to Textile Recycling.

**Big Ted:** (Kindly) Shall I darn it for you? I'm good at darning.

**Red Squirrel:** (Nods) That would be cheaper.

**Big Ted:** It looks like a nice sock.

**Little Ted:** Oh, thank you Big Ted. (Claims his bin.)

**Super Scout:** Next bin.  
(Cast all peer into next bin.)

**Twin Hedgehogs:** There's a few acorn shells at the bottom. That's not our bin.

**Red Squirrel:** That's my bin! I wonder if they should have gone into the Garden Bin?

**Little Ted:** (Cheerfully) Probably.

**Red Squirrel:** I'll try to remember next time. (Claims his bin)

**Super Scout:** There's just one bin left.

**Green Mouse:** That must be mine!

**Grey Rabbit:** (A bit cross) You haven't got a bin! You weren't supposed to be in the play!  
(Green Mouse looks disappointed)

**Grey Rabbit:** (Bossily) It must be my bin.

**Twin Hedgehogs:** (Worried) But – if that's yours, where's our bin? We put our bin out this morning.

**Super Scout:** Look inside dudes. (Opens bin) Then you'll know.  
(Cast all peer into bin.)

**Little Red Squirrel:** There's biscuit crumbs.

**Twin Hedgehogs:** That's our bin! (To Green Mouse) But you can share it if you like Green Mouse – for the play.

**Green Mouse:** Ooh, can I eat the crumbs?

**Grey Rabbit:** No, we're doing a play!

**Green Mouse:** Later?

**Grey Rabbit:** No.

**Twin Hedgehogs:** Yes, later.

**Grey Rabbit:** (To audience theatrically) And so everyone went happily on their way with their own bin. The End.

**Super Scout:** (Holds up hand) Not so fast Grey Rabbit. Not so fast! The play isn't finished!  
(Cast all stare at Grey Rabbit.)

**Super Scout:** Where's your bin Grey Rabbit?

**Grey Rabbit:** (Looks very embarrassed) I er, um – well -

**Super Scout:** Well?

**Grey Rabbit:** (Confesses) Oh alright, I forgot to put it out this morning!

**(Cast gasp.)**

**Green Mouse:** **(Reproving)** You should have put it in your diary.

**Grey Rabbit:** **(Embarrassed)** Yes, I should.

**Green Mouse:** **(Smiles)** I'll remind you next time.

**Grey Rabbit:** Oh, thank you Green Mouse.

**Little Ted:** **(Comes forward)** The end.

**(Cast line up and bow. If wished, the Hokey Cokey bin song can be sung again.)**