

Royal Rat

Audition Piece 1

(There are two sections to this audition, please prepare BOTH parts. Part 1 is at the beginning of our story, as we meet Royal Rat for the first time...)

Royal Rat Ha ha ha!

Fairy Ah look boys and girls, it's the baddie of our story, it's Royal Rat!

Royal Rat Ah shut yer noise! What's that my ratty nose can smell? *(Sniffs,)* Do I smell... children? Nasty...smelly... children! Hang on, I'm getting something else, *(sniffs again,)* burnt out caravan... blue WKD... and Lynx Africa. We're in Milton Keynes aren't we, what are we doing here?

Fairy Our hero, Dick Whittington was here. He's got this far, walking down Ye Olde M1 to seek his fortune. He's a good honest boy and one day, he'll become Lord Mayor of London.

Royal Rat So did Boris Johnson - and look at him.

Fairy Dick will put a stop to your wicked plans, so you had best beware...

Royal Rat Oh know he won't.

Fairy Oh yes he will.

Royal Rat Oh don't start that already.

Fairy He'll set his cat on you; Tommy's the finest rat catcher in all England and he'll rid London of you rats once and for all.

Royal Rat Rubbish, I could destroy him any time I want. I'd do it right now - only the pantomime's just started and I'd hate to short change the boys and girls. So just to make a fight of it, I'll leave him for now. And when you've had your money's worth I'll be back to destroy this Dick... and his cat... and I'll be after you lot too! Ha ha ha!

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Audition Piece 2

(In Part 2, Royal Rat is in the sewers with their gang of rats – known as rattles.)

Royal Rat Hello losers!

Rattle Dananananananana Ratman! *(Mimicking old Batman cartoon theme tune)*

Royal Rat Do you mind? I'm trying to make an entrance; assert my authority on these small humans here.

Rattle Sorry boss, we thought it made you look like a super hero.

- Royal Rat** It made me look like a super idiot. Now report please; how's it going above on the streets of London? Litter everywhere?
- Rattle** Yes!
- Royal Rat** Are you running amuck, stealing food, bringing London to it's knees?
- All** Yes Yes!
- Royal Rat** And Fitzwarren's Store, - the finest shop in London - is it destroyed?
- All** Ah.
- Royal Rat** What do you mean, ah?
- Rattle** Things were going really well. We'd nibbled lots of food, ruined everything we could. And then... this Dick Whittington turned up! And his cat. That mangy moggy is an awesome rat fighter. Chased us off he did, we were lucky to get away!
- Royal Rat** Dick Whittington eh? The rogue Fairy Bow Bells reckoned would rid the roads of us rascally rodents!
- Rattle** That's a load of 'R's
- Royal Rat** That's what I thought too. But you can't be too careful when there's a cat involved...
- Rattle** What are you going to do?
- Royal Rat** Listen closely. (*They stand close.*) Not that close, I don't know where you've been. We need to get rid of Dick before he causes any more trouble. And seeing as they think he's so decent and honest, we're gonna frame him.
- Rattle** Like a painting? You're gonna hang him on the wall!
- Royal Rat** No fools! We'll break into the store at night when everyone's asleep; we'll open the safe where they keep all the money...
- Rattle** ...and steal it, we'll be rich!
- Royal Rat** No, much better than that. We'll put it in Dick's bag and run away.
- Rattle** Why would we do that?
- Royal Rat** So that in the morning, they'll find the money there and think Dick stole it! Alderman will be furious, Alice will be heartbroken and they'll throw the thief out on the streets. Dick and his cat will be gone forever!