

Stageplay
Sequel to Calvin's Monster
Mayo and Marigold, a topsy turvy tale

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Cast of Characters

:	Sequel to Calvin's Monster, a topsy turvey tale
<u>Librarian:</u>	Mrs. Knowly
<u>Mrs. Knowly's assistant:</u>	Tom Techie
<u>ugly snuggly monster, a boy:</u>	Mayo
<u>Mayo's inner voice:</u>	voice
<u>Carnival guest aerialist:</u>	Marigold
<u>twins, the Bully kids:</u>	Bobby Bully
:	Bonnie Bully
<u>Fairy Tale Carnival characters:</u>	Giant
:	Ms. Steppy
:	Senora Queen
:	Wolf
:	Dragon
<u>Kids:</u>	kids who rush into the library
<u>Call phone caller from the castle:</u>	Cinderella

Scene

tree spot for Copycat song, library and carnival
(costumes:t-shirts with paper cut out hearts that can be upside down or turned right side up)

Time

Library Time, Carnival time

STAGEPLAY

SEQUEL TO CALVIN'S MONSTER

CALVIN MEETS MAYO AND MARYGOLD

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ACT I

(setting: tree spot)

Song: My Copycat Friend

(Calvin and Copycat act out the lyrics)

Once upon a time... I made a funny friend.

When Copycat came out to play

he stuck with me to the end.

We played hide 'n seek in the sun.

I hid carefully.

I knew he couldn't catch me in the leafy evergreen tree. (tree/ shadow disappears?)

Ha ha ha, Oh ho ho, what a place to be, Under my leafy green, leafy green, leafy green, Leafy-green-leafy green Tree. Under my leafy green, leafy green, leafy green, Leafy-green-leafy green Tree.

Very soon I peeked to see a happy smiling sun.

The Sun was playin' hide 'n seek

through the clouds for fun.

I ran out from my leafy Tree, and looked down with a grin.

He had caught me by surprise. Copycat dropped right in!

Ah ha ha, Oh ho ho, sunny day or dull, Copycat, copycat, copycat, copycat, Copycat's original. Copycat, copycat, copycat, copycat, Copycat's original.

Summer came and the days grew long,

as summer days will do.

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CALVIN MEETS MAYO AND MARYGOLD (cont'd)

In the sun, the shining sun,
my Shadow stuck like glue.

"What can I say, you got in my way," said Sun. "That's his cue...Shadow is a cop-y-cat friend and he'll always play__with you

CALVIN

Once upon a time...I was afraid of my shadow. Especially when he stretched up tall or became very small. I found out it had nothing to do with me and Shadow became my friend afterall, but when we were playing, I got a text message from Mrs. Knowly which surprised me because Mrs. Knowly isn't into texting, well ANY technology but the text said, "Come to the library to see the latest new book." I'm into reading now so that part made sense. I had to leave Shadow and I was afraid I would lose my friend. It turned out, Shadow was afraid, too. Afterall, he's a copycat!(drumroll?)

(Phone beeps/text message, spot back to Calvin.)

CALVIN

Oh, shadow, I just got a text message from Mrs. Knowly at the library.I've got to leave you for awhile.

SHADOW: (whispers) Will you be back before the sun goes down?

CALVIN

(To the audience:)

My shadow wants to know if I will be back before the sun goes down.)

(to Shadow)

If it's so important to you, I'll be back before the sun goes down

(THE LIBRARY). CALVIN ENTERS CARRYING HIS IPHONE AND IPAD.

CALVIN:

Hi, Mrs. Knowly. Wow, you have a big screen computer in the library.

MRS. KNOWLY

Hello Calvin! Oh, it's great to see you. I'd like you to meet my assistant, Tom Techie.

TOM TECHIE:

Hello Calvin. I'm helping Mrs. Knowly with TECHNOLOGY. Welcome to wi fi and eBooks!

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MRS. KNOWLY

It's okay, evreything is for Reading.

MRS. KNOWLY AND TOM (SONG)

iPads, kindles and nooks, eBooks and real books, and wi fi, we have the latest for ereading, it's all about reading, it's still about reading, oh me oh my

((Mrs. Knowly says, "Sigh!"))

When the library closed, I didn't know if my heart was right side up or upside down, a town without a library is a topsy turvy town. iPads and kindles and nooks, and ebooks and real books, for reading , the library rates a ten. And the town is right side up again.

CALVIN:

Well, that explains it. Oh, I need to leave before the sun goes down. My shadow says it's important.

MRS. KNOWLY

Don't worry, Calvin. I just want to show you the latest book that came in today. Before all the kids come pouring in to our new technically advanced library. To read! Of course nothing beats an actual book with shiny covers and beautiful illustrations and the feel of turning the pages.

TOM TECHIE

But I see you brought your iPad. Kids like the option of borrowing eBooks.

CALVIN:

Cool! What is the new book called?

MRS. KNOWLY:

Mayo the Monster AND Marygold BY MARCIA TRIMBLE.

((She hands him the book.))

CALVIN:

I know A Monster is just a friend you haven't met.
(song?)

(Calvin opens the book, starts to read outloud)

Mayo was looking out the window. He wanted to go out and play with the other kids.

(and the stage rotates around to the scene on the hill with Mayo looking out the window and down the hill toward the carnival. OR mural OR video projection.)

MAYO:

Why do kids call me Uggly Snuggly monster? They think I hide in the closet and under the bed but I'm really claustrophobic and what's under the bed is clutter instead. I'm a regular boy.

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But I can't go out. I can't go out there!

I have braces and glasses and freckles and frizzy red hair, I simply can't. I can't go out there.(song, maybe)

Okay, I'm being a namby pamby. Call me Silly nilly but love is too frilly for me. I mean, who will love a monster like me?

CALVIN (NARRATOR VOICE)

(action, video projection, etc. while it is happening you hear the narration and light music in the background)

From the window in his house on the hillside, Mayo could see a carnival going on down in the town. He saw Marigold, the aerialist, swinging and turning in her ribbons. She was doing aerial acrobatics. She climbed and wrapped herself and posed in the aerial tissu, While she was hanging from the silks, she could wrap, fall, swing, and spiral her body. She was dancing in the air, striking poses and figures, She dangled, flipped and did free-falls from silks high above the ground. She was strong and flexible and showed confidence.

MAYO

I wish I could go to the carnival and meet the aerialist.

CALVIN (NARRATOR)

AS MARIGOLD was swinging in her ribbons, she was keeping her line of sight on the hillside and she caught a glimpse of the boy looking out the window. The sun sparkled on a tear dripping down his face. The tear drop covered his face. That's all she saw.

Mayo was spellbound watching Marygold twist and turn in the silks. He had a bird's eye view.

MAYO (SONG? BIG TEARDROP FALLING)

Love twists and turns. Love is rightside up and upside down or topsy turvy in the town.

VOICE

(in his head talking to him)

Try adding yours and bring more around.

MONSTER:

But I can't try mine. I am the ugly snuggly monster. I want to go out and play like other kids.

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VOICE: (MAYO'S INNER VOICE)

If you'll be an Ugly-Snuggly friend, an ugly-snuggly princess will find you in the end. It will depend if your heart's on the mend.

CALVIN

As Mayo was thinking if his heart could be on the mend, it suddenly looked like the aerialist was falling.

MAYO

Oh, no, Marigold is falling!

CALVIN

(Mayo acts out the narration)

He didn't see her safety pads. He didn't know about free-falling from the silks. Monster didn't hesitate, he ran out of the house and down to the village. He ran out the door and down the hill to the town to the carnival to save Marigold.

(Mayo's run to the carnival.)

Bonnie and Bobby Bully were twins. The Bully's were waiting for Mayo on the hill. They called him names, Mayo the Monster, and Yo Yo, and Mayonaise, but it didn't phase him. He kept running. They threw water balloons. He kept running. They tried to grab him. He kept running. A dog chased him. He kept running. He was only aware of one thing. His goal, to get to Marigold. For once, he was a normal boy with a goal, he had a destination.

BOBBY BULLY

Look, it's Mayo, the monster!

(Calls)

Nobody plays with Mayonaise!

BONNIE BULLY

It's Yo Yo. You're up, you're down. You're a yo yo in the town.

MAYO

Ho ho. I can yo yo!

CALVIN

And he yo yo'd straight down to the bottom of the hill.

Marigold looked down from her ribbons. Mayo looked up at Marigold. The image of the boy with the big teardrop was still in Marigold's head. Was this his face down there in front of her, another teardrop dripped down his face. (audience can help blow) Without thinking, she blew a kiss at the ugly snuggly monster, and the

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CALVIN (cont'd)

magic of her kiss turned his teardrop into a smile and he was transformed into a beautiful prince.

MAYO:

(Turns the paper heart on his t-shirt right side up)

My heart's all 'a flutter. My heart's on the mend. Call me Silly nilly but love is not too frilly for me.

(audience blows again)

CALVIN

The wind caught Marigold's kiss and blew it up the hill to Billy, and Bonnie Bully and turned their hearts right side up.

(Billy and Bonnie turn somersaults and cartwheels and turn their paper hearts right side up.)

BILLY

Look, my heart turned right side up!

BONNIE

Mine, too!

CALVIN

They forgot all about Mayo the Yo Yo and ran off down the hill to the carnival.

(Costume accessory suggestion, t-shirt with paper heart, colorful socks, hats.)

MARIGOLD (PRINCESS SONG?)

Love twists and turns. Love is rightside up and upside down or topsy turvy in the town. Try adding yours and bring more around.(dance gymnastics.)

MARIGOLD (PRINCESS)AND MAYO(MONSTER/PRINCE)

Call me Silly nilly, but love is not too frilly for me.
(phone rings: Marigold receives a text or Cell Phone call)

GIANT

Marigold we're at the Fairy Tale Club booth, we want to meet your friend. Your monster.

MARYGOLD

(She texts back)

A monster is just a friend you haven't met.

Come on Mayo. Come with me. I want you to meet my friends.

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(Marygold and her transformed Mayo walked through the carnival meeting some familiar characters.)
(Conversations with Giant, (on stilts?) Wolf, Dragon, Miss Steppy. Senora Queen.)

MARYGOLD:

Hello Giant. I'd like you to meet my new friend, Mayo.

GIANT:

Hello, hello, new friend, Mayo. Why Marygold, you're a wonderful aerialist, thank you for being our guest artist at the Fairy Tale Carnival.

MAYO:

Have we met somewhere before? We're looking for love in the town. Is yours rightside up or upside down or topsy turvy in this town?

GIANT:

Do you know the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. I tumbled down the beanstalk one day. I was upside down for awhile. My heart was pounding but my heart's on the mend now. As you can see I'm rightside up. I found it effective to change my perspective. I'm not caught in the plot of that story anymore. My heart is right side up. And being tall is fun afterall. I look up, not down, wear a smile, (spotlight on smile) not a frown. Makes me smile to meet Marygold's new friend, makes me smile to have you meet my friend, Ms. Steppy.

MAYO:

Why hello, Ms. Steppy. Have we met somewhere before? Are you related to Cinderella?

MS. STEPPY:

Don't you think Giant has a lofty attitude. No I don't believe we've met somewhere before.

MARYGOLD:

Your shoes remind me of Cinderella's glass slippers.

MS. STEPPY:

I wore them to lunch at Cinderella's Castle and became an honorary member of the Fairy Tale Club and got a free pass to the Fairy Tale Carnival. I was topsy turvy until I got my slippers, now my heart is right side up.

(Ms. Steppy does a little tap dance.))

Oh, here comes someone I'll like you to meet: Senora Queen.

MAYO:

You look so familiar. Do I know you? Have we met somewhere before? (song?)

SENORA QUEEN:

Oh, you might have seem a story I was in, you might be thinking of the awful apple I had to give Snow White. The mirror told me she was pretty and I was jealous.

MAYO:

I always wondered why you bought into that fairist line from a mirror. I mean really, a talking mirror?

SENORA QUEEN

I had to take two bites of a bright red apple every day to make up for my wicked deed. But Snow White got over her phobia of red apples and I changed my diet to snow cones. And I could feel my beauty melting into my bones. (turn paper heart right side up)

MARYGOLD:

Sounds like your heart turned right side up.

SENORA QUEEN:

Well, if it isn't wolf coming along. Have you met?

WOLF:

As in Big Bad!

MAYO:

I loved you in that role. What are you doing now?

WOLF:

Trying to get over being type cast as Big Bad Wolf. It's hard to get over a name and get a new identity. Even if the waves at the beach are chasing you, it's the big bad wolf. See what I mean? I'm always the rascal in your bad dreams. It's not me, it's my name that causes my heart to turn upside down. My name will be bad for all time. Even when I'm outside the story. I've become a vegetarian and I'm protecting grandmothers and wearing a Super wolf T-shirt. It seems to be working.

MARYGOLD:

It's a super look.

WOLF:

I don't exactly want to blow my cover ALL the time.

MARYGOLD:

Right, if you're too GOOD, you might lose your character role.

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WOLF:

I have a silly bone.

MARYGOLD:

There's room to be a little bit naughty.

WOLF:

That's the image for me. You've got it on the best authority. Grandmothers are my first priority, with room for my supper-silly-ous side (tap steps or swing).

MARYGOLD:

I guess you have to be a little topsy turvy to pull off a double role, but your heart is in the right place. Your heart's on the mend. (wolf turns his paper heart attached to his superwolf t-shirt, right side up)

WOLF:

I'm Super silly ous. Grandmothers think I'm marvelous.
((audience appeal: a grandmother could
come up and shake hands))
Sun, wind, or rain, I'm dancing again (taps) Have you met our friend Dragon?

MAYO:

As in fire breathing?

DRAGON:

One and the same. But I lick lots of icy ice cream now. (song? Rapunzel knows. She knows my heart. She said, "calm down, take it easy, here's what you do when you're stressed. Close your eyes and think of me, and take a nice deep breath. Now I have lots of fans. Kids read a lot. Rapunzel knows, she knows my heart.)
((Turns heart right side up.)
My heart was topsy turvy until I fell in love with a donkey.

MARYGOLD:

A dragon that falls in love with a donkey sounds pretty sweet.

DRAGON:

I'm always being teased for falling in love with the donkey that was rescuing the princess. As if I really could. Okay, I was distracted. When I breathe fire and when I'm stressed, I take a deep breath. Call me silly nilly, but love is not too frilly for me. "One who finds a faithful friend finds a treasure."

MAYO:

Who said that?

DRAGON:

Mrs. Knowly!

I met Mrs. Knowly the librarian at the meeting of the Fairy Tale Club. Wolf and I became friends and we were voted unanimously into the Fairy Tale Club. And invited to the Fairy Tale Carvival. And now we have a surprise for you two, Mayo and Marigold, you are now official members of the Fairy Tale Club.

MAYO AND MARIGOLD

What did we do?

GIANT

Well, we hear that the topsy turvy town is now rightside up. Because your hearts turned right side up and you became friends.

DRAGON

Peter Pan has been getting text messages about kids whose hearts turn right side up every since J.M. Barrie quoted him as saying, "to love is an awfully big adventure." He loved your story and told us.

(phone rings, Giant picks up, call from Cinderella)

It's Cinderella! She wants to talk to you. (hands phone to M and M who share listening)

MAYO AND MARIGOLD

Wow!

Hello Cinderella! How are things at the castle?

((to Giant etc))

She's into meditation and she's taking yoga classes! She's back to a full work schedule at Disney, sorry she can't be here.

(to Cinderella)

Oh yes, we love your Fairy Tale friends. They told us how their hearts turned right side up.

(aside) She wants us to share our story about turning a topsy turvy town right side up.

(to Cinderella)

OK, thanks, see you at the next Fairy Tale Club meeting!

DRAGON

Speaking of friends, Mrs. Knowly taught our friend Calvin that you meet lots of friends in books. Calvin had a Monster, he was afraid of his monster, that is, his shadow, but a Monster is a friend you haven't met (song?) he met his shadow, and his shadow just wanted

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DRAGON (cont'd)
to hug him afterall, and his shadow became his best friend.

(STAGE ROTATES BACK AROUND TO THE LIBRARY)

CALVIN:
That's weird! I'm in the book!!

FAIRY TALE CHARACTERS, SPECIFICALLY CINDERELLA
(Call to Mrs. Knowly and Calvin)

MRS. KNOWLY
Hello. Calvin's in the library right now. Reading!
Making new friends. Mayo and Marigold. You know?
Calvin, it's for you. A call from the castle!

CALVIN
(to Mrs. Knowly)
Mrs. Knowly, you're into cell phones.

MRS. KNOWLY
Give some of the credit to Tom Techie.

TOM TECHIE
Mrs. Knowly turned her heart right side up!

CALVIN (TAKES THE PHONE)
Hello. Oh, hi Cinderella. I AM reading! I'm in the book. You heard? Mrs. Knowly is right, you make lots of friends in books. How are the Fairy Tale kids? Oh, great, say hi for me, too. Okay, I'll say hi to my Shadow. Can't wait to see you, too.

(TO THE AUDIENCE)
It's simply the trend to use imagination when it's Once upon a time and Happily at the end.

CALVIN
Oh wow, I lost track of the time making new friends and seeing my old friends. Mrs. Knowly, may I borrow the eBook of Mayo and Marigold? And is the sun still shining? I promised my shadow I'd be back before the sun goes down.

MRS. KNOWLY:
Tom Techie will help you check out your eBook.

The sun is still shining. A shadow sticks like glue.

CALVIN:
My shadow is a copycat. It does everything I do. I have to hurry back to my shadow. When I haven't seen him for awhile, he can't wait to hug me.

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MRS. KNOWLY:
Nothing sticks like a shadow.

CALVIN:
My shadow is waiting for me.

MRS. KNOWLY:
You can make it easy for your shadow to find you.

CALVIN:
My shadow can only come out to play when the Sun is shining.

MRS. KNOWLY:
The day may be bright. It may be dull. But when your shadow comes out, you can be sure he's ORIGINAL.

CALVIN:
My shadow hides after the sun goes down. I miss my shadow, I have to hurry. Thanks for the latest story. It's great to have Mayo and Marygold for my new friends.

MRS. KNOWLY:
"One who finds a faithful friend finds a treasure."
You'll always have friends in books.

CALVIN:
(Calvin runs out to find his shadow. As kids rush into the library, T-shirts with hearts rightside up.))
(outdoors in the sun)
My shadow is a perfect copycat. It does everything I do. I like my jumping shadow best!(Calvin can sing and dance tap? with his cut paper shadow)

I know my friend will be there when the Sun is shining. I can't lose my friend. My shadow and I stick like glue.

CALVIN WITH CAST AND SHADOW
(Sing together.) Ah ha ha, Oh ho ho, sunny day or dull, Copycat, copycat, copycat, copycat, Copycat's original. Ah ha ha, Oh ho ho, oh so happily, Ever so happily, happily, happily, Ever-ever-happily be. Ever so happily, happily, happily... we'll ever afterly be.)