

Stories **on** Stage

Script

Peppy's Shadow

(Script adapted from the story)

With optional show within a show,
featuring punch-out shadow puppets.

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Characters:

Lupe, the girl in charge of Peppy

Peppy, the puppy

Bird (Pajaro): Narrator 1

Parrot (Papagayo): Narrator 2

Pepito, the shadow puppet

Diva

Propmaster

Stagehand

Costume Designer

Sound Designer

Set Designer

Director

Wolf

Peppo, the puppetmaster

Wolf puppeteer & puppet (optional)

Children (for sound effects)

Cat

Lupe: Peppy! Peppy, wait for me!

Bird: Peppy bounds through the stage door...into a magical world of light and shadows. (optional: Shadow puppet show. SHOW WITHIN A SHOW. Set up a shadow puppet stage with a sign, Magical World of Light and Shadows.)

Parrot: And Peppy plays backstage while Pepito, the shadow puppet, tap dances...and does tricks on his trapeze.

Pepito: If only I had a partner who would be my friend. Wow! Visions of a shadow partner are dancing in my head. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppo handles the Pepito punch-out puppet. Pepito character actor voice.)

Bird: While Pepito dances...Peppy chases the Diva's cat.

Diva: Oops!

Cat: Meow.

Parrot: Peppy tips over the propbasket.

Propmaster: Oops!

Bird: Peppy dumps her dogfood.

Stagehand: Oops!

Parrot: Peppy chews on slippers and shoes.

Costume designer: Oops!

Bird: Peppy barks at me, Bird!

Sound designer: Oops!

Parrot: Peppy pulls the stuffing out of the chair.

Set designer: Oops!

Bird: Peppy stops. What is "oops"?

Parrot: The Diva walks by and sings a tune Peppy has heard before.

Diva: Peppy, sit. Good girl.

(Peppy sits, just looking at the cat.)

Cat: Meow.

Propmaster: Peppy, come.

Bird: Peppy walks past the propbasket without even looking at it.

Propmaster: Good puppy.

Stagehand: Peppy, down.

Parrot: Peppy slips down beside her dogfood dish.

Stagehand: Good dog.

Bird: Peppy licks the costume designer but never the shoes.

Costume designer: Good Peppy.

Parrot: Peppy sleeps near the birdcage but she ignores the bird. The sound designer pats Peppy's head.

Bird: Lucky Bird! Peppy snuggles in the chair but she doesn't sniff the stuffing. The set designer pats her back.

Parrot: Peppy wags her tail alot but she misses chasing the cat...and chewing shoes...and barking at the bird.

(Lupe pets Peppy.)

Bird: Peppy notices patterns of light on the floor. She stares at the shadows jiggling on the rug. She jumps at the shadows moving on the wall.

Parrot: Peppy chases the shadow of her tail. She spins 'round and 'round... until...she spins right into the shadow box. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppo spins the Peppy punch-out puppet into the shadow box.)

Bird: Pepito turns a cartwheel right over Peppy's shadow, pirouettes, and takes his bow. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppo handles the Pepito and Peppy punch-out puppets.)

Parrot: The children clap and cheer.

Children: (sound effects: Clap and cheer.)

Bird: But what is that? Another shadow on the screen! An intruder? A robber? A wolf? (optional: Shadow puppet show. Wolf puppeteer handles Wolf shadow puppet.)

Parrot: Peppy CHASES the shadow... (optional: Peppo handles Peppy punch-out puppet.)

Bird: ...and GNAWS at the leg of the shadow... (optional: Peppo handles Peppy punch-out puppet.)

Parrot: ...and CHEWS on the shadow's shoe. (optional: Peppo handles Peppy punch-out puppet.)

Diva: Oolala.

Stagehand: Oolala.

Costume designer: Oolala.

Bird: Peppy barks at the shadow, too. (optional: Peppo handles Peppy punch-out puppet.)

Sound designer: Oolala.

Parrot: Peppy pulls and pulls. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppo handles the Peppy punch-out puppet outside, OR Peppy character actor returns wearing Peppy mask.)

Set designer: Oolala.

Bird: The children laugh and clap...

Children: (sound effects: Clap and laugh.)

Bird: until...Peppy pulls the shadow right out of the shadow box. (optional: Peppo handles the Peppy punch-out puppet outside, OR Peppy character actor returns wearing Peppy mask.)

Director: Well, if it isn't the big bad not-so-scary wolf! (optional: Shadow puppet show. Wolf character actor appears outside, wearing wolf image mask.)

Wolf: Have you seen the three little pigs by any chance? (slightly embarrassed) or Red Riding Hood? (optional: Shadow puppet show. Wolf character actor wearing wolf image mask speaks these lines.)

Director: Oops, wrong story.

Wolf: SOR...RY! (optional: Shadow puppet show. Wolf character actor wearing wolf image mask speaks this line.)

Parrot: The wolf speaks with enough 'attitude' to keep from overly humbling himself.

Bird: A wolf must maintain his image...

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Parrot: ...and he sidesteps to stage right...and disappears into the wings. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Wolf character actor, wearing wolf image mask, disappears into the wings.)

Director: Good exit.

Bird: The director runs over to Peppy. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppy character actor returns wearing Peppy mask.)

Director: Good Peppy. You saved Pepito. You saved the show.

Peppo, the puppetmaster: Good girl.

Lupe: You're an angel, Peppylita. Oolala! GOOD GIRL for chasing...and gnawing...and chewing...and barking...and pulling. Oolala for the magic of light and shadows!

Parrot: Pepito dances around Peppy... and pats her nose. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppo handles Pepito punch-out puppet, outside the shadow puppet stage.)

Bird: Pepito smiles his cardboard boy smile. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppo handles Pepito and Peppy punch-out puppets holding hands OR Peppo handles Pepito punch-out puppet, and the Peppy character actor, wearing Peppy mask behind shadow stage, touches hands with Pepito.)

Pepito: I have found a partner...and a friend. (optional: Shadow puppet show. Peppo handles Pepito and Peppy punch-out puppets OR Peppo handles Pepito punch-out puppet AND Pepito, the puppet, and Peppy character actor, hold hands for this line. Pepito character actor is the voice.)

Lupe: Peppy, it's between shows. Let's go outside for a walk. (walking along) Peppy, you walk with an air of satisfaction. You walk in your own shadow!

Cat: (follows) Meow.

Peppy: (yodels) Oolala!

Cast: ON WITH THE SHOW!