

## Circus Spectacular.

### Drama 2: Bernado The Brave.

*Characters:*

Voice: off stage.

Stephano the Strong - the strongman.

Bernardo the Brave - the lion tamer.

Nina the Nimble - the tightrope walker.

Francisco the Funny - the clown.

Paula Polini - the clumsy ringmaster.

Joshua - the circus hand.

Voice: Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls. Welcome again to Pedro Polini's Circus Spectacular. Take your seats for the greatest show on earth, and put your hands together to welcome your ringmaster this evening, Paula Polini!

(Music)

(Paula enters. She tries to crack whip unsuccessfully, trips, drops whip, bends down and loses hat)

Paula: Oh dear, Oh dear. I'll never get the hang of this, never.

(Enter Josh)

Josh: What's on next Paula? I need to get things ready.

Paula: Oh err.... it errr... better be Bernado. Get the Lions ready.

Josh: OK ringmaster, whatever you say.

(Josh leaves)

(Steph, Bern, Nina and Fran enter)

Nina: We need to know who is next Paula. You see Stephano may have managed his act in the end, but the rest of us aren't feeling very well, not well at all. I'm feeling ... well... sort of wobbly.

Fran: and I'm not feeling very funny. (dissolves into tears and blows nose).

Bern: and I'm fee... fee... fee... feeling ver...ver...ver...Very sca...sca....sca... scared. Not in the mood for li ... li ...li ... lions at all.

Paula: But Bernado, I've already asked Joshua to get Lenny and Leena ready. You'll have to go on next or all these lovely girls and boys will be very upset!

(Sound of roaring lions)

Bern: (Looking frightened) Ahhhhhh!

Josh: (off stage) Come on Lenny, there you go Leena. Don't worry; it won't be long before you can have your tea!

(Sound: Roaring Lions)

Bern: (yells in high squeaky voice) Err. .... I'm sorry I just remembered I... errr... I errr... I errr... need to go to the dentist, or errr... my mother's ill, no my dog's ill and I have to take him to the vet, so I've just got to ..... GO!

(Bernado runs off stage, others follow shouting come back etc.  
Bernardo then runs back across the stage.)

Bern: Help!

(Enter Josh)

Josh: Well what's going on? They've all disappeared.

Enter Steph, Nina, Fran and Paula)

Josh: Lenny and Lena are ready Paula.

Paula: But Bernado has disappeared.

Josh: What do you mean?

Steph: He's run off.

Nina: Scarpered

Fran: Done a bunk!

Paula: You stay here Joshua in case he comes back. We'll split up and go and look for him. Stephano you come with me, you two go that way.

(In pairs they exit in different directions)

Josh: Oh dear, Oh dear. It looks like we might need another story, don't you think? I'll tell you what. I'll have a look at my book and you keep an eye out for Bernado. If you see him shout err... shout ...err... Beetroot soup, then he won't know you're talking about him. OK. Remember. Beetroot soup.

(Josh sits down and starts to flick through book. Bernado enters and runs across stage behind Joshua. All shout, Josh looks in wrong direction. Bernado exits)

Josh: Now come on, don't mess me around. If I don't find the right story we may never get Bernado into that Lions cage!

(Flicks through book again. Bernado enters and runs across the stage again. All shout, Josh looks in wrong direction)

Josh: Now come on, that's not fair. I nearly had the right story then, but you put me off. Let me concentrate.

(Flicks through book again. Bernado enters and runs across stage. All shout. Josh looks in wrong direction. But just as Bernado tries to exit, Steph, Paula, Nina and Fran enter from opposite sides)

Paula: Ah! There you are!

Bern: I'm not going in with the lions, I'm not going in with the lions... They'll eat me up, and I'm too young to die!!!

Josh: I've found it.

Paula: Found what?

Josh: A story.

Nina: Oh you and you're stories.

Steph: Well just a minute, it worked for me. Maybe it will work for Bernado as well.

Fran: It's worth a try.

Nina: Oh well, all right, let's give it a go. As long as there is none of that lovey dovey stuff again, OK!

Josh: Alright. Now Bernado, you're Daniel. Francisco, you're King Nebuchadnezzar, Stephano and Paula you're the Kings advisors, and Nina you'll have to be a lion OK?

Steph: But why is he the King? I'm much more royal than him!

Fran: Oh shut up you old big head, you're always...

Josh: It's just for now, please, let's get on with it. Err. Hem... King Nebuchadnezzar liked Daniel, and Daniel liked King Nebuchadnezzar, but the Kings advisors did not like Daniel.

Steph: Why not?

Josh: Oh that's a long story, don't worry about it now...

Steph: but...

Paula: Oh shut up and listen Stephano, we haven't got much time, and if this doesn't work the Circus will be a laughing stock.

Josh: They wanted to find a way of getting rid of Daniel, so they went to the King and said, You are a wonderful King Nebuchadnezzar. (looks at Steph and Paula)

Steph: What?

Josh: Go on then?

Steph: Do we have to?

Paula: Oh come on Stephano, just do it!

Steph & Paula: (to Bern) You are a wonderful King!

Josh: and everyone should worship you.

Steph: What!

Paula: Oh Stephano! Stop arguing and say it!

Steph & Paula: and everyone should worship you.

Josh: They persuaded the King to make a law that anyone who worshipped anyone except him should be thrown into the lions den!

Steph: Wow! That's not nice.

Nina: (Roars like a lion)

Josh: Now Daniel,

Bern: Oh, I am in this then am I. I thought you'd forgotten me.

Paula: Shut up and listen Bernardo.

Josh: Daniel prayed to his God 3 times a day and had no intention of giving this up. So he went to his room, got down on his knees and prayed. (looks at Bernardo)

Paula: Get down Bernado, get down!

Bern: (Gets on knees and puts hands together)

Josh: But the King's advisors had followed Daniel and they burst into his room and found him praying.

Steph: A-hah!

Josh: They rushed to the King to tell him.

Steph & Paula: Oh King, someone has disobeyed your law.

Josh : But they didn't tell the king who it was! The King ordered that they should be arrested. So the advisors ran off and arrested Daniel and brought him to the King.

Steph & Paula:(grab hold of Bernado and march him to Fran) Here he is your majesty.

Josh: When the King saw it was Daniel he was very upset because Daniel was his friend.

: Well I can think of a few so called friends I'd be happy to throw to the lions!

Paula: Bernado! Just be sad!

Bern: (Cries)

Josh: But he couldn't go back on his law. So he ordered that Daniel be thrown into the lions den!

Fran: (In very royal voice) throw him to the lions!

Bern: Ahhhh!

(Steph and Paula move toward Bern and push him toward Nina)

Nina: (Roars like a hungry lion).

Josh: But as they threw Daniel into the lions Den he said a prayer to God.

Bern: Oh I know what that was. Heeeeeeeeeelp!

Josh: Well sort of. He said: Dear God, please shut the mouths of the lions and keep me safe so everyone will know that you are God!

Steph: You mean he said: Heeeeeeeeeelp!

Josh: And God heard his prayer, and when he landed in the lions den the lions just snuggled up to him and went to sleep. (Looks at Nina)

Nina: Yes?

Josh: Go on then.

Nina: but you promised no lovey dovey stuff.

Paula: Oh just do it will you.

Nina: (moaning) Well why is it always me, it's not fair ...(Snuggles up to Bernado and purrs like a cat).

Josh: And God kept Daniel safe from the lions all night!

Bern: You mean the lions didn't hurt him.

Josh: No.

Bern: Not even a scratch?

Josh: No.

Bern: Not even a roar?

Josh: No.

Bern: And he was safe?

Josh: Yes.

Bern: Completely safe?!

Josh: Completely safe.

Bern: (jumps up) Yes! Yes! If this Daniel can do it, so can I. Come on Leo and Leena, I'm ready for you!

(He exits)

Voice: Ladies and Gentlemen put your hands together for the world's bravest lion tamer!  
Bernardo the Brave with his lions, Lenny and Leena!

(Sound of roaring lions).

Bern: (off stage) Come on Leo, come on Leena. Jump, lie down, fetch, etc etc.

All: (say things like) Wow, look at that, he's never been so good, etc.

(Drum roll)

Steph: Now he's putting his head in Leo's mouth.

Nina: Oh he's so brave, so brave.

(Bern enters again)

All: Hurray!

Nina: Bernado, you're so brave, so brave.

Bern: Well if it wasn't for Joshua's story, I wouldn't have been brave at all.

Josh: Still you are brave Bernado. After all, I only told the story. You  
put your head in the lion's mouth!

Voice: So let's have one more round of applause for Bernado the Brave.

(All applaud)

Paula: Come on then. Lets go and sort out the next act.

(All exit).

Voice: Come back tomorrow for more adventures with Pedro Polini's Circus Spectacular!

(Music.)