

Giles Audition Material

GILES is a big womaniser. She's like a lesbian Jack Sparrow. She interjects with several inappropriate lines throughout the show. For GILES, please tell us a nursery rhyme, poem or speech in your best womanising pirate.

Angela Lines

The same actress also plays ANGELA, JOHN's mother. JOHN is just leaving to become a pirate and his parents come to wish him farewell.

MIKE

John my boy! You forgot your stuff!

ANGELA

Oh... and to say goodbye to your parents!?

JOHN

It's OK Mum and Dad! I've got new stuff now for my life as a pirate! Geoff took me to Pira-mark!
She's really good at shopping!

MIKE

Well, suit yourself lad

JOHN indicates his new attire with a discombobulated look on his face

ANGELA

Well, John, we must say we're disappointed. After all we've done for you! Could you not even say goodbye?

JOHN

Oh I'm sorry, Mum. It's just that I've been waiting for something like this for so long. I got carried away... literally!

MIKE

Well my lad, if it was your sister then we'd be devastated but as it's you then.... It's OK.

JOHN

What do you mean, "as it's me"?

ANGELA

Mike...

MIKE

No, Angela, we should tell him.

JOHN

Tell him *what*?

ANGELA

Well John, the fact is... we're not your real parents.

JOHN

What?

MIKE

It's true.

JOHN

But. What do you mean, I. I. (*and other stutterings*)

ANGELA

John. It is true, you see, the thing is... You're adopted. Have a nice time!

They turn to go

JOHN

No, wait, explain.

ANGELA

Well, 18 years ago...

MIKE

We found you on our doorstep in a basket...

ANGELA

With a note that contained your name and the fact your father thought your life was in danger.

MIKE

Polly was about four at the time, we thought it'd be nice for her to have a younger brother so we took you in.

ANGELA

We did mean to tell you but it never seemed quite the right time.

JOHN

Shit.

MIKE

Sorry son. Oh, do you want that we should stop calling you that?

JOHN

Re-asserting himself

Call me what you want, I doubt I'll ever see you again. I'm off to become a pirate. I want to be the greatest pirate the world's ever seen!

ANGELA

What, greater than old BlueBlack Beard?

JOHN

Perhaps even greater.

MIKE

Patting JOHN on the shoulder
Of course you could be lad.

ANGELA

Oh, the note also said that to fulfil your destiny you must ..

MIKE

Look to yourself

JOHN

My destiny?

MIKE

Yes. You see, your father...

GEOFF (from offstage)

Oi! John! where's that cannon? We need you on deck now!

JOHN

Tell me quick..

ANGELA

Well, it was quite a long note, I really don't think there's time. It's destiny, it'll happen, I'm sure.
Don't you fret no more about it.

GEOFF

JOHN!!!

JOHN

While he's leaving

I'm coming! Bye mum, bye dad. And send my love to Polly. Tell her I'll miss her.

ANGELA

Make sure you eat plenty of oranges. Ooooh. *(IN A SAD WAY NOT A FIREWORKY WAY)*

As the lights fade to black...

MIKE

Do you not think we should have told him to watch out for the evil pirate that'll try to do him in?

ANGELA

Ooh, perhaps.

Blackout.