

Reggie Boggis ACT 1 Scene 1

REGGIE. Was that me father?

MAY. You know it was.

REGGIE. Has Mother been out?

MAY. Any minute. Why?

REGGIE. Haven't been home.

TOM. All night?

MAY. She'll paddle you!

REGGIE. I know.

TOM. Make yourself scarce.

MAY. Don't interfere.

REGGIE. I was at the Pals sing-song wasn't I Mr Hackford?

MAY gives TOM a look

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Reggie Boggis ACT 2 Scene 7

There are lights on the stall. REGGIE pushes on the handcart. He is tense and close to tears. He works quickly, undoing the tarpaulin, setting out the baskets. MAY appears with her scales and money bag.

MAY. Now I told you not to come.

REGGIE. Gran's round to put her to bed.

MAY. But it's you your mother needs. I thought she was improving today.

REGGIE. Her started screaming again.

MAY. Oh dear, did she? She must get a good night's sleep.

REGGIE. Her wanted rug out of kitchen burnt. We had to hide it.

MAY. Why?

REGGIE. Her said it was all muddy and bloody.

MAY. Oh what next?

REGGIE. Her thinks her saw Father standing on it. He come in through front door, her says. Stood on rug wi'a big hole here . . . in his neck, dropping blood.

MAY. It's only what she's saying. Take no notice. She'll get over it. He's not dead. We'll mix a few nice things up for her.

Enter BERTHA.

BERTHA. Oh May have you seen Sarah?

MAY. Not since this morning.

BERTHA. I knocked at her door. She wasn't back.

MAY (to REGGIE): Take them. Make sure she has her sleeping draught. If you need me shout for me.

REGGIE. Thank you, miss.

He goes.