

The Goblin Next Door

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(Song: 'What a great day in the woods!') In the woodland neighbourhood of Fairy Dell, fairies, pixies and woodland creatures live happily together. They celebrate their lovely woodland homes with Lord and Lady Wood-Pidge, the wood pigeons, and the other creatures and birds who live there. **(Song: 'Lord and Lady Wood-Pidge' – includes 'The Regal Bird Dance' section)**

The happy scene is disturbed when Mr Mushroom, the local Estate Agent Elf, turns up with a very unusual client, the Goblin Man. Mr Mushroom shows the Goblin Man one of the most exclusive 'tree stumps' properties on sale in Fairy Dell, and to his and the other residents' annoyance the Goblin Man decides to move in... without paying! He celebrates how clever he has been with his friends, a band of naughty dancing Goblins. **(Song: 'Goblin Man!')**

Next day, a fairy family are holding a birthday party for their fairy daughter. **(Song: 'Have you ever been to a fairy party?')** The Goblin Man, uninvited, interrupts the proceedings and cheats in the games. **(Songs: 'Pass the pixie parcel' & 'Goblin Man - Reprise 1')**

After a dance from the woodland animals **(Dance music: Dance of the Woodland Animals)**, some pixies carry out a door-to-door collection for elderly fairies. They knock on the Goblin Man's door, but all he donates is a big bag of rubbish, which he rudely empties on the floor! **(Song: Goblin Man - Reprise 2)**

It is the Fairy Dell Ball. The Pixieland Band strikes up a tune and the dancing begins **(Dance music: The Pixieland Band Waltz)**. However, half way through, a very loud noise drowns out the band. It is the Goblin Man banging a drum and singing at the top of his voice. He takes great pride in being a very noisy neighbour!

Upset by his antics, the residents of Fairy Dell, including his own band of naughty Goblins, decide to move away from Fairy Dell. The Goblin Man finds himself very alone and very sad. Only the kind words of Squeak the squirrel help the Goblin Man to see the error of his ways. **(Song: Good Friend)**

Just in time, the Goblin Man apologises to everyone for his behaviour and promises not to be a bad neighbour it again. They forgive him, and as in all good fairy tales, they all live happily ever after! (Song: All's well that ends well!)

CHARACTERS

The Goblin Man: major speaking part, confident singer, actor & musician!

The Naughty Goblins: up to 8, dancers and singers (the Goblin Man's 'backing group'), including 4 small speaking parts: Snoop, Meany, Teaser & Fibs

Good Fairies: up to 12 including 6 speaking parts: Petal, Sweetie, Hatty, Snowdrop, Bluebell, Blossom

Good Pixies: up to 12 including 5 speaking parts: Eddie, Beardy, Funny Face, Mr Mushroom (the Elf Estate Agent), Whizz

Young fairies & pixies at the party: 1 speaking part: Bunches (birthday girl)
1 young fairy/pixie to take the solo singing line "...and the food is tasty too!..." in the song 'Have you ever been to a fairy party?'

At least 3 other non-speaking parts: with nappies, lollies, toys, anything to make them look young, in party dress/tinsel. All play 'Pass the pixie parcel' game. Just 5 (including Bunches) play Musical Toadstools.

The Pixieland Band: up to 15 musicians dressed in smart pixie/fairy outfits, accompany songs on instruments, as well as appear playing 'live on stage' at the Fairy Dell Ball!

Woodland creatures: major speaking/singing parts: Lord & Lady Wood-Pidge (wood pigeons), Squeak the Squirrel
Minor speaking parts: Blackbird, Robin

Non-speaking parts, any number of dancers/singers:

Birds: woodpecker, blue tit, sparrow etc. – birds dance 'The Regal Bird Dance'

Animals & Insects: badger, fox, hedgehog, frog, mouse, dragonfly, ladybird, butterfly, bee etc. - these creatures dance the 'Dance of the Woodland Animals'

Please ask children for more ideas for woodland creatures!

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...Suddenly, off stage RT, a loud angry voice breaks the happy atmosphere. All elves stop work and look worried.

Goblin Man: *(off stage, shouting)* I want a house! I want a big house! I want the biggest house in Fairy Dell!

On storms the Goblin Man, followed closely by 'elf estate agent', Mr Mushroom. The Goblin Man stamps around the stage and fairies and pixies back away. He and Mr Mushroom stop by the 'FOR SALE' tree trunk.

Mr Mushroom: Oh, yes sir, yes sir! This is the finest house in Fairy Dell!

Goblin Man: *(loudly)* Have you got the key?

Mr Mushroom: ... it has a tree-top balcony, and a root-level swimming pool...

Goblin Man: *(more annoyed)* Have you got the key?!

Mr Mushroom: ... it is a very good price too...

Goblin Man: *(stamps his foot)* HAVE... YOU... GOT... THE... KEY?!!

Mr Mushroom: *(petrified)* Of course, sir! *(pulls out of his clothing a big key)* Here it is! Would sir like a guided tour?

Goblin Man: *(snatches key, furious)* NO!! I WOULDNT!!

The Goblin Man opens the door, goes in and slams the door behind him. Silence. Mr Mushroom looks worriedly at the fairies and creatures who watch aghast. He knocks on the door.

Mr Mushroom: *(sheepish)* Hello! Can you hear me, Mr Goblin?

Goblin Man: *(from inside)* NO!

Mr Mushroom: Can I come in... please?

Goblin Man: *(from inside)* GO AWAY!

Mr Mushroom: But you haven't paid, sir.

Goblin Man: *(from inside)* Ha! Ha! HA!

Mr Mushroom: *(turns to others, bewildered)* Oh dear. What am I going to do?

Petal comes and puts her arm around poor Mr Mushroom.

Petal: Don't worry, Mr Mushroom. He'll soon be on his way.
He's just having a look... *(uncertain)* I'm sure of it...

Lord Wood-Pidge: I hope you're right, Petal! We don't want *him* as a neighbour!

The woodland folk make their way off stage (off LT, RT and front) sadly discussing the situation. Once they are gone the door to the Goblin Man's tree trunk opens cautiously, and he sneaks out.

Goblin Man: Ha ha! A new neighbourhood to annoy! Fantastic!

He whistles loudly on a little whistle or whistling instrument. Song introduction begins. From either side of stage dance a motley crew of strange looking goblins. They become backing dancers and singers.

Song: The Goblin Man

All characters can sing the chorus if the goblins require support. Goblin Man sings "I'm the Goblin Man" at same time as others sing "He's..."

Goblin Man: **I'm a bad goblin,
A naughty little man,
I cause great trouble wherever I am,
I'm not very friendly,
I'm not very nice,
So if you see me coming
Then you'd better think twice!**

All Goblins: **Goblin Man! Run if you can!
You'd better watch your neighbour, fairy!
He's the Goblin Man!**

Goblin Man: **I drop in on my neighbours unexpectedly,
And if you're very lucky I will stay for tea!
I'll eat all your cakes
I'll drink all your pop,
Nothing you can do will make the goblin stop!**

All Goblins: **Goblin Man! Run if you can!
You'd better watch your neighbour, fairy!
He's the Goblin Man!**

Goblin Man Dance/Instrumental section

Goblin Man: You'd better pull your curtains
Or I'll peep inside,
I'm a nosey neighbour, and you cannot hide!
I make a lot of noise,
I make a lot of mess,
(spoken, loudly) I'm glad I'm not *my* neighbour... I confess!

All Goblins: *(sung)* **Goblin Man! Run if you can!**
You'd better watch your neighbour, fairy!
He's the Goblin Man!

The Goblin Man disappears into his house, laughing, and the other goblins dance off stage in all directions. (stamp! Stamp!)