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people across the UK to record*

CHINNY CHIN CHIN

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Cast size: 4+

This play is suitable for: Group, Family Friendly, Under 16's

STEP 1: REHEARSE

- Make sure you have enough people for each part or maybe you could play multiple parts.
- Try to learn all your character's lines, if possible.
- If you're looking for some guidance, check out our [How To... videos](#). We've brought together a bunch of the best actors and directors to give you their tips and advice on how to make the best film you can.

STEP 2: RECORD

- Use a phone to film your performance or record directly on your Zoom or video chat platform.
- Record your performance in well-lit spaces so we can see you clearly but avoid standing right in front of a window on sunny day, and remember to keep private items out of view.
- Try to cut out all background noise by closing windows and doors.

STEP 3: UPLOAD

- We would love to see your performance. To upload your recording to us, click [here](#).
- Please **do not share** your recording on YouTube or other similar platforms. This is so we can keep all the recordings in the same place and to respect and honour our writers' copyright and publication permissions.
- We will be creating a film of each script from the videos submitted.
- We want this to be something everyone can take part in so please do get in touch if you have any access requirements or if there is anything else we might be able to help with.
- If you are having difficulty uploading your recording, please get in touch with us via email: admin@theatre-centre.co.uk or phone: 020 7729 3066.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

- Recommend to a friend by inviting those you know to rehearse, record and upload their own performance.
- Encourage others by using [#ImagiNation19](#) on your social platforms. State what play you have performed but remember to not share your recording publicly.
- Thank you for being part of ImagiNation.

Hello!

Leo here. Great to meet you. I hope you're doing okay! Whether you're a family or a group of friends, whether you wanted to do this or have been dragged in by someone else - you got this! Thanks for giving it a go. Enjoy!

Lots of love, Leo x

CHARACTERS: WHO'S IN IT?

STICKS: Made their house from sticks, messy

BRICKS: Made their house from bricks, anxious, hasn't slept properly in weeks

STRAW: Made their house from straw, smart

WOLF: A hint of IT girl, in coat and sunglasses, the coolest of the cool, trying to fit in

WHAT WILL WE NEED?

To make this you will need one zoom call and two cameras. (Top Tip: You could use a laptop/ tablet to run the zoom call from Stick's living room, and then share the link with someone else in your household, who can play Bricks and join the call from a different room. This will LOOK on screen like it's from a different house. Magic.)

1 x sunglasses

1 x coat

1 x bag of crisps (or snacks)

1 x diary

1 x a smelly sock

1 x mystery prop (you choose!)

Ready?

Lights, camera, ACTION!

BRICKS and STICKS are on a zoom call from their separate houses.

STICKS is in a living room. Behind them the room has a sofa or comfy chair in.

BRICKS:

(flustered) No I'm not raising my voice, did I raise my voice? No I didn't. But I strongly suggest you think about reinforcement. Yes, we are all entitled to our own life choices, and the last thing I want to do is interfere in yours, but I really think you need to consider at least a little cement?

STICKS:

(stuffing their face with snacks, mouth full) Cement?

BRICKS:

Mercury is in retrograde right now and none of us can afford to take any chances. Now me, I -

STICKS:

Built yours from bricks. I know. But we don't all have bricks do we? Some of us make do with sticks. Or straw.

STRAW enters STICK's living room, runs in out of breath.

STICKS:

Take Straw here

STRAW:

The... *(trying to speak)*

STICKS:

(to BRICKS) Mate you need to loosen up a little

BRICKS:

Please don't call me 'mate', you know I find it / jarring

STRAW:

There's a...

STICKS:

Relax

STRAW:

WOLF!!

BRICKS AND STICKS FREEZE - BRICK'S video is frozen and STICKS is frozen from shock

STRAW:

Sticks?

STICKS:

Here? Coming here?

BRICKS:

Sorry lost you there! Gorge to see you Straw! Sticks and I were just saying how lovely it must be for you to live in something so... edgy, intimate, so -

Knock at STICK's door

STICKS:

Did you lock the door behind you? Tell me you did? *(Shouting towards the door)*
'Not by the hairs on my chinny chin chin!'

Pause

STICKS:

Close one! Cleared off for sure! They don't call me "Wolf Slayer" for nothing

STRAW:

They don't all you "Wolf Slayer" at all

STICKS:

Ooh... winds picking up...

STRAW:

That's no wind - that's a huff and a puff if I ever did hear one.

BRICKS:

Sorry chums you keep breaking up

STICKS:

(frantically looking for an escape route) The window!

The camera stays in position and stays running, STICKS and STRAW run off. STICKS accidentally drops their crisps/snacks as they leave. From off stage we hear the sound of a window opening and closing, maybe a thud or a crash in the distance as they jump out

Pause. Stillness.

In comes WOLF. Oblivious to the camera - doesn't know or notice.

WOLF:

I'LL HUFF AND I'LL PUFF AND I'LL...little pigs?

BRICKS understands what's happening for the first time - eyes wide - ducks slightly off screen, leaning in just a little to watch WOLF.

WOLF drops the pretence of 'scary wolf' for a while. Looks around, picks up a few things, it seems no-one is here after all.

Takes off coat and sunglasses. Finds STICK's snacks on the floor. Flops down onto the sofa, kicks off shoes and puts their feet up, turns on the telly. Eat's the snacks.

Sound of the telly.

BRICKS is still peering in at WOLF, terrified.

Suddenly STICKS and STRAW appear loudly behind BRICKS, again very out of breath from the run.

STRAW:

Bacon butties that was close!!!

BRICKS:

shhhh! (gesturing to the screen)

STICKS sees the wolf.

STICKS:

(whispering, outraged) My snacks!

WOLF puts their hand down the side of the sofa, pulls out a smelly sock.

Puts their hand down again and pulls out the mystery prop.

Puts their hand down the side of the sofa for a third time and finds a diary, begins to read...

WOLF:

Dear Dairy... (WOLF's eyes widen)

STICKS:

(Speechless, their world is ending)

WOLF:

"Wolf doesn't even notice me! I wish we could be friends...no not friends...BESTIES. I wish Wolf would just turn to me and say -

STICKS:

NO!!

WOLF freezes, looks around, who's there? On alert. Turns the telly off. Sun glasses back on.

WOLF Spots the screen, leans in, ferocious. The pigs are petrified!

WOLF:

(maybe peering over the top of the sunglasses) So which one of you is STICKS?

STICKS:

m..m.m...ME?

WOLF:

Wanna...catch a movie?

STICKS faints.

THE END.

GAME: Can you make up your own using a fairytale or nursery rhyme of your choice? Go for it!

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