

Act 1 Scene 1

[In the street]

Narrator Welcome to our story of Cinderella. Our tale begins in the village of Oldborough. The whole village is very excited because the King has offered a large reward to anyone who catches the Ogo-Pogo. The Ogo-Pogo has been causing awful trouble pinching all the Palace's eggs. It is such a happy day as the thought of a big reward could make Dreams come true. The King keeps his money in this big pot [labelled National Pottery Funds]. So, lets all sit back and enjoy ourselves as we Watch "Cinderella and the Ogo-Pogo".

There's a crowd building outside Oldborough Hall – the home of the Baron, Sir John Oldborough and his wife, Baronness Oldborough.

Little boy [to small girl] I've got my net – have you got one ?

Small girl [to boy] Why ? What's it for ?

Little boy To catch the Ogo-Pogo with. My mum says that if I catch him, she will give us a party and a reward.

Man Hey, children ! As everyone seems so happy today, lets sing a song.

Crowd [song]

[Crowd move off, leaving Buttons alone]

Buttons Hello everybody ! My name's Buttons. I live over there, at Baron Oldborough's home. I clean and polish and do a lot of chores around the house. [from the wings "what chores ?"] oh I'll have a lemonade please ! The old ones are the best !!!!

But there is one advantage to working for the Baron....her name is Cinderella (looks dreamily upwards). If I'm too late back I'll miss Cinderella and, uhhhh, she's beautiful - the most perfect girl I have ever met. But she's never allowed out. Since her father, the Baron, married her horrid stepmother she has been treated like a kitchen maid. She has to cook, clean, wash and run around after the Baroness and her two horrid daughters Marge and Flora..

I wish I could take her away from her horrid stepsisters and her evil stepmother. If I could catch the Ogo-Pogo maybe I'll have enough money to marry her one day!

I wonder everyone – will you help me find the Ogo-Pogo? [waits for response – if none, ask again]. If you see him, shout out "Ogo-Pogo!!"

and I'll catch him in my net. Now, lets have a practice after 3 ,
1..2..3.....[Crowd shout OGO POGO]

[Enter Billy]

Billy Buttons ! I've just swapped these 5 beans for my Mum's cow. The
Man said they would bring me fame and fortune.

Buttons You've done what, Billy ? Silly Billy !! And anyway, you're in the
wrong Pantomime ! Go on – off you go ! [Billy looks dejected and
goes]. Cheerio everyone – see you later.

[Music plays as cast go off]