

THE MAGIC CARROT CAPER

Re-told and Formatted as a Readers Theater Script

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PLAYWRIGHT: Welcome to our play!

I wrote the caper
About carrot tugging
A little carrot yanking
And a little carrot hugging.

SET DESIGNER: I set the scene
And I beg your pardon
Make way for a cottage
And a magical garden.

COSTUME DESIGNER: I sewed costumes
From cotton, fur and leather
Made tusks and teeth
The bigger, the better.

DIRECTOR: And I cast the play
You're about to see now
So when the play is over
We can all take a bow!

NARRATOR 1 BEGINS THE READING:

NARRATOR 1: Once upon a time a little old man and a little old woman

NARRATOR 2: Lived in a tiny cottage near an overgrown garden.

NARRATOR 3: And, luckily, they lived in a magical place!

OLD WOMAN: On such a fine spring morning...

OLD MAN: It's time to plant vegetables!

NARRATOR 1: And that's exactly what they did. They planted beans and potatoes, beets and peas. Last of all they planted...

- OLD MAN/WOMAN: Carrots!
- ALL CHANT: Grow little carrot
Big and round
Then we'll tug, tug, tug, you
From the ground
- NARRATOR 2: Spring passed and the vegetables grew big and round. The old man and woman ate the beans and potatoes, beets and peas, and the...
- OLD MAN/WOMAN: Carrots!
- NARRATOR 3: Well, they ate all except one *special* carrot. They didn't eat this carrot because it was more than big and long and round. It was...
- OLD MAN/WOMAN: GIGANTIC!
- NARRATOR 1: One day the old man said...
- OLD MAN: It's time to tug up that gigantic carrot!
- NARRATOR 2: The old woman and man grabbed hold of the carrot stem and began to tug.
- OLD WOMAN: One, two three...
- ALL CHANT: Gigantic carrot
Big and round

We'll tug, tug, tug you
From the ground!
- NARRATOR 3: They tugged and tugged, but the gigantic carrot stayed put!
- NARRATOR 1: Luckily, the old man had an idea.
- OLD MAN: We need someone LARGE to help us tug on this carrot stem.