

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

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Scene 1

(Alexander walks out and stands in front of the curtain.)

Alexander: I went to sleep with gum in my mouth and now there's gum in my hair and when I got out of bed this morning I tripped on the skateboard and by mistake I dropped my sweater in the sink while the water was running and I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

(Curtains open and Alexander walks and sits at table with Anthony and Nicki)

Anthony: I found a Monster Truck Hot Wheels in my cereal box this morning!

(Rolls the car to Nicki)

Nicki: I found a ring in my cereal box!

(Rolls the car back to Anthony and puts on ring)

Alexander: I only found cereal in my cereal box.

Anthony: Poor Alexander (and laughing)

Nicki: (laughing) Look at my ring!

Alexander: (looks at audience) I think I'll move to Australia.

(Mom walks in)

Mom: Kids, get ready to go to school. Anthony and Nicki, the bus will be here soon and Mr. Gibson is pulling up right now to take you to school.

Anthony and Nicki: OK Mom. (both get up and walk off stage)

Alexander: Do I have to ride with Mr. Gibson?

(Mr. Gibson and other car riders walk on stage)

Mom: Alexander, please just go to school.

(Alexander walks to the car and Mom walks off stage)

Alexander: (Looks at the car) Oh no!

Mr. Gibson: Get in Alexander or we will be late for school.

(Car turns so that everyone in the car is facing the audience)

Audrey: I have to sit by a window.

Elliot: I have to sit by a window too!

Becky: I'm already sitting up front and you can't have this seat.

(Alexander in between Audrey and Elliot)

Alexander: I'm getting scrunched. I'm getting smushed. If I don't get a window seat I'm going to be carsick.

Audrey, Elliot, and Becky: OHHHHH!

Mr. Gibson: Alexander, stop!

Alexander: I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

(Everyone in the car turns and walks off the stage)

(Close the curtain)

Scene 2

(Alexander walks back out in front of the curtain)

Alexander: My day didn't get any better at school.

(Curtains open and Alexander goes and sits at desk)

(Mrs. Dickens stands at the front of the a classroom with nine students in the class)

Paul: Mrs. Dickens, look at my sailboat.

(Paul holds up a sailboat)

Mrs. Dickens: That's great.

Alexander: Look at my invisible castle, Mrs. Dickens.

Mrs. Dickens: Try harder Alexander.

Jason: Look at my picture of a dog

Mrs. Dickens: That's fantastic!

Tyler: Alexander didn't draw anything!

Alexander: I said it was an invisible castle.

Mrs. Dickens: Class, keep working.

Alexander: At singing time, Mrs. Dickens said I sang too loud. When we counted I left out a number.

All students: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20.

(Alexander leaves out 16)

Carrigan: Alexander forgot 16!

Alexander: (look to the audience) I could tell it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Mrs. Dickens: Time for recess, class.

Paul: Alexander, you're not my best friend anymore. Philip Parker is my new best friend (point to Philip) and Albert Moyo is my next best friend (point to Albert) and you are just my third best friend!

Alexander: Paul, I hope you sit on a tack. I hope that the next time you get a double-decker strawberry ice-cream cone the ice part falls off the cone part and lands in Australia!

Mrs. Dickens: Let's head to lunch class.

Philip Parker: Look! I got two cupcakes in my lunchbox today! AWESOME!

Albert Moyo: I got a Hershey bar with almonds in my lunchbox!

Paul: My mom gave me a piece of her jelly roll and it has coconut sprinkles on top! It's so good!

Albert Moyo: Philip, I'll give you half of my Hershey's bar for one of your cupcakes.

Paul: I'll give you half of my jelly roll for half of a cupcake.

Philip Parker: OK

(Philip, Albert, and Paul start trading)

Alexander: (look to the audience) Guess whose mom forgot to put a dessert in their lunchbox. (Alexander walks to the front of the stage) (curtains close) It was terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

Scene 3

Alexander: Mom picked me up from school so that she could take Anthony, Nicki, and me to see Dr. Fields, our dentist! I'm going to move to Australia.

(curtains open)

(Alexander moves to the Dentist office)

Mom: How was their check-up?

Dr. Fields: Anthony and Nicki's teeth look really good.

Anthony: I don't have any cavities Mom.

Nicki: He said that I did a great job flossing.

(Mom looks at Alexander)

Dr. Fields: Alexander, tell your mom.

Alexander: He found a cavity, just in me!

Dr. Fields: Come back next week and I'll fix it.

Alexander: (Looking at audience & moving to front of stage) Next week I'm moving to Australia.

(Curtain closes)

Scene 4

Alexander: On the way downstairs the elevator door closed on my foot (Anthony and Nicki come through the curtain and join Alexander) and while were waiting for my mom to go get the car Anthony made me fall where it was muddy (Anthony pushes Alexander) and then I started crying because of the mud and then Nicki said

Nicki: Don't be such a crybaby Alexander.

Alexander: (getting up from the ground) and so while I was punching Nicki for calling me a crybaby (Alexander punches Nicki and Mom walks through the curtain) my mom came back with the car and scolded me.

Mom: What in the world are you doing Alexander? (Anthony and Nicki stand together and look innocent) I can't leave you alone for one minute.

(Curtain opens)

Alexander: I'm having a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. (Mom, Anthony, and Nicki walk to the shoe store and Alexander turns and faces the audience) No one even answered. (Looks down and shakes his head, turns around and joins the scene behind him)

Mom: All three boys need sneakers please.

Anthony: I want white ones with blue stripes.

Shoe Salesman: OK

Nicki: I want red ones with white stripes.

Shoe Salesman: Got those.

Alexander: I want blue ones with red stripes.

Shoe Salesman: I'm all sold out of those.

Alexander: But that is what I want!

Anthony: Pick something else Alexander.

Nicki: Yeah, Alexander...hurry up.

Mom: Just get him some white shoes please.

Alexander: (Walking to the front of the stage and the curtain closes behind him)
They can buy them but they can't make me wear them.

Scene 5

Alexander: It had already been a long day and then mom took us to pick up dad at his office. Dad's office has a lot of fun toys that I'm not allowed to play with.

(Curtain opens with Dad sitting behind his desk and Mom, Nicki, and Anthony standing around him. Alexander walks back and joins them)

Dad: Alexander, I told you not to play with the copying machine.

Alexander: I forgot.

Dad: Watch out for the books on my desk.

Alexander: I'll be as careful as I can be (knocks them off with his elbow) all of me except my elbow. (Alexander picks up the phone)

Dad: Don't play with my phone, Alexander.

Alexander: I think I accidentally called Australia.

Dad: (Looks at mom) Please don't pick me up at the office anymore.

Alexander: (walks to the front of the stage) It was a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. (Curtain closes) There were lima beans for dinner and I hate lima beans. There was kissing on TV and I hate kissing. My bath was too hot, I got soap in my eyes, my marble went down the drain, and I had to wear my railroad train pajamas. I hate my railroad train pajamas. (Anthony and Nicki come out of curtains) When I went to bed it got worse.

Nicki: I'm taking back my pillow pet.

Alexander: But you said I could have it.

Anthony: The cat wants to sleep in my room.

Alexander: But he sleeps with me.

(Anthony and Nicki go back through the curtain)

Alexander: My Mickey Mouse night light is burned out and then I bit my tongue. It has been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day. (pause) But Mom says that some days are like that (pause) even in Australia.

(Curtain opens and Alexander walks to the rest of the cast)

Everyone Sings: Bad Day

(Cast Bows)

Cast (in order of appearance)

Alexander:

Anthony:

Nicki:

Mom:

Mr. Gibson:

Audrey:

Elliot:

Becky:

Mrs. Dickens:

Paul:

Jason:

Tyler:

Carrigan:

Philip Parker:

Dr. Fields:

Shoe Salesman:

Dad: