Relaxed Performance Storybook
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The Showframe

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You're probably wondering what the big hole in the front of the stage is for. This is what we call the Orchestra Pit, and it's where our band sit. There's Steve, who plays piano and all sorts of keyboards, Chris who plays guitars, and Spencer, who plays the drums. When you come to see us, you might see Steve's head popping up as he plays! You can clap along to all the music if you like!
The Balconies

If you look at either side of the Stage, you'll see two balconies. The one on the left is where Fairy Flutterby appears, and the one on the right is where Victor Grabitt skulks around. These balconies can magically move in front of your eyes! We'll show you this.

Iain, who plays Matilda Pudding, will come on to say hello and welcome you all to the show. Then Steve and the Band will play some music and it's off we go!

We'll meet Fairy Flutterby, who will tell us about the story so far, then with a bit of fairy magic she'll lift the Showframe and we'll see the village of Baggy Bottom on the Bog…
Scene 1 – The Village of Baggy Bottom on the Bog

All the villagers are throwing a party to celebrate the life and work of Crusty Pudding the Miller. What a big song and dance they’re having! Even King Colin and his daughter Princess Sophia come along to make a very special gift to the Pudding family.

But look out, what’s going on here? Who is Victor Grabitt talking to? You can be sure he’s up to no good.
In this scene we meet Matilda Pudding and her son, Simon. Simon would love to be famous. Can you help him on his way? You can sing and clap along with him and his friends if you like.

The last person we meet here is our hero, Puss In Boots. Let’s hope he has a plan to help Matilda and Simon!
Scene 2  - A Road Through the Royal Forest

Oh dear, Victor is up to no good again. Even when he’s singing, we see how much he enjoys being bad.

But let’s see if Simon can get the better of him with the help of a Magic rose…
Scene 3  - Outside Matilda Pudding’s Mill

Here we are at Matilda’s Mill. Can you see the Mill Wheel turning at the back?

Here we see Puss put his plan for Simon into action. Welcome, the Duke of Carabas!

And keep your eye on that wall on the right. Some really silly stuff goes on during our song…
Scene 4 - The Palace Gardens

King Colin and Princess Sophia are out for walk. But even on such a lovely day there’s never a dull moment when you’re Royalty!
Scene 5 - Outside Matilda Pudding’s Mill

Here we are, back at the Mill. This is my favourite scene. There’s a very funny song, and then things start to get a little bit messy. Matilda and Simon will show you how not to cook for the King!

Look out, here comes Victor again! Can you help warn Princess Sophia that he’s behind her?

Don’t worry, though. With our brave heroes on hand to help, I’m sure all will be well in the end…
Scene 6 – Outside the Ogre’s Castle

Fairy Flutterby will make sure you had a good time during the Interval, then we'll see her magically take us to the Ogre’s Castle…

Our heroes arrive outside the Castle. Don’t worry, Princess, help is on its way! That is, until they start their silly song. Duck, Simon…!
Scene 7 - Interior of the Ogre’s Castle

Here we see all the little bat creatures who live in the Castle, dancing. Then, hooray, here come our heroes! You're finished, Grabitt!
At last we meet the evil Ogre. He has magic powers, too, and shows up which animals he can change into. But this is what happens when big bullies try to show off…
Scene 8 – Outside the Palace

Simon has written a new song for us. Would you like to sing along with him and Matilda?

Here are the words.
The Ogre’s defeated
And everything’s cool
The Princess is happy
She’s no fool
Victor’s locked up
Who gives two hoots?
Thanks to our hero
Puss in Boots
Scene 9 - Wedding at the Palace

Everything has worked out well, and, as always, we’ve had our happy ending.

This is where everyone we’ve met today would like to take a bow and thank you for coming to see us. Don’t forget to give Victor Grabitt a last great big boo!
Thank you for reading our little Storybook. We hope you have a lovely time at Sleeping Beauty and we look forward to seeing you. Bye bye!