



Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach Jr

Show Synopsis and Character Description

Synopsis:

When James is sent by his conniving aunts to chop down their old fruit tree, he discovers a magic potion that grows a tremendous peach, rolls into the ocean and launches a journey of enormous proportions. James befriends a collection of singing insects that ride the giant piece of fruit across the ocean, facing hunger, sharks and plenty of disagreements along the way.

Character Descriptions:

Main Storytellers

James:

James is the hero of our story, on an epic quest to find a family of his own and gain confidence in himself.

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: G#3

Ladahlord:

Ladahlord is a mysterious character who seems to have a hand in the magical things that are happening. Though he may seem a bit off, he carefully watches over James, making sure James moves towards to a better life. Lahdahlord also serves as a guiding narrator throughout the story.

Vocal range top: Gb5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Centipede:

Centipede may be a bit of grouch, but he is ever-loyal to the pack, and by the end of the story, he's won over by James. James sees Centipede as that cranky uncle with a heart of gold.

Vocal range top: F#5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Grasshopper:

Grasshopper, the leader of the Insects, is ever the optimist and assumes a paternal role in James' life.

Vocal range top: F#5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Earthworm

Earthworm is a gentle spirit, although he can be a bit of a coward. Luckily, he gains enough courage to save the day by baiting some gullible seagulls. Earthworm looks at James as a brother figure

Vocal range top: A5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Supporting Characters:

Ladybug

Ladybug immediately takes on a doting, maternal role in James' life.

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Spider

Spider is a clever creature who becomes a fun-loving older sister to James.

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: B3

Spiker and Sponge

Spiker and Sponge are the sort of aunts (or monsters) that you fear ever being stuck with. They take James into their home but only so that he can be their own personal servant. Spiker is the brains of the operation, and Sponge is more concerned with finding something to eat.

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Featured Roles and Ensemble Groups

Angry Crowd:

The Angry Crowd is in search of the amazing giant peach, but they quickly turn into an angry mob when the peach is nowhere to be found.

Vagrants

The Vagrants, including **Doreen Driggles**, **Ridgley Rapsallion**, **Violet Funkschmeller**, and **Chris Cryermouth** are an ensemble of have-nots to support Spiker and Sponge's treacherous plans. **The Passing Man**, Man (with wallet) and **Passing Woman** all have featured moments where they fall victim to Spiker and Sponge.

Matron Nurse

The Matron Nurse runs the Painswick Orphanage, and you definitely get a sense she hasn't had a vacation in years.

Sharks And Seagulls

The Sharks and Seagulls are featured in "*Plump and Juicy*."

Reporters

The Reporters, including Ida Walters, are on the scene just as the peach is becoming larger than life.

New Yorkers

New Yorkers, including the **Screaming Women**, **Lucille Van Koogelestein**, **Bunny Mackenzie** **The Third**, **Jake** and **Joe** all witness the peach land directly on the Empire State Building and are sent into a panic!

Zoo Crowd

Mr. Trotter, **Mrs. Trotter**, **Karl Kreatour** and the **Zoo Crowd** are all part of James' nightmare.

Farm Animals, Willy Wonka And Oompa-Loompas

Farm Animals, **Willy Wonka** and **Oompa-Loompas** are all in harm's way as the peach outgrows its stem and rolls towards the ocean.

Hollywood Agents

The Hollywood Agents, led by **Buzz**, jump in on the success of the growing peach with movie and Broadway deals for Spiker and Sponge.

Billy and Bobby Bobby-Cop

Billy and Bobby Bobby-Cop are a perfectly unified pair of cops working for Scotland Yard.

Ladies

Bitsy Botana and the rest of the **Ladies' Garden Guild** are in flowery frocks and hats, intent on having Spiker and Sponge give the keynote speech at their conference.

Cruise Ensemble

The Cruise Ensemble are various vacationers en route to New York with Spiker and Sponge.

Garden Chorus

The Garden Chorus comes to life in “*Shake It Up*” as Ladahlord mixes a magical potion.