

## Who'll Pay The Rent?

Cast: Landlord, Poor Maiden, Maiden's Family, The Hero

Props: Each cast member should have a bow. You can make one by doing an accordion pleat out of paper.

Scene: A poor maiden and her poor family are eating a poor meal in their poor home. The maiden holds her bow beside her head as she speaks. Her little baby sister holds her bow on top of her head as she speaks. The Grandma holds her bow as if gathering hair behind her neck. The hero holds his bow like a bow tie. The villain holds his bow under his nose like a mustache as he speaks.

The villain knocks at the door and the maiden opens it up.

VILLAIN

Your rent is due!

MAIDEN

But I can't pay the rent.

VILLAIN

But you MUST pay the rent.

MAIDEN

But I CAN'T pay the rent.

VILLAIN

But you MUST pay the rent.

GRANDMA

But she CAN'T pay the rent.

VILLAIN

But she MUST pay the rent.

BABY

But she CAN'T pay the rent.

VILLAIN

But she MUST pay the rent.

All these lines should be done very quickly and greatly exaggerated with much repetition.

All finally insist together: BUT SHE CAN'T PAY THE RENT!

VILLAIN

But she MUST pay the rent!

HERO (enters)

I'LL pay the rent!

MAIDEN

My HERO!

EVERYBODY

Our HERO!

VILLAIN

Curses. Failed again!

Villain slinks off stage as hero and maiden embrace and all cheer again, OUR HERO!