

# HOT FUDGE PICKLES: THE MUSICAL

A musical play in Two Acts

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Cast of Characters

<u>Alvin:</u>	preteen, male
<u>Gramps:</u>	Kristy's grandfather
<u>Kristy:</u>	preteen, female
<u>Joey:</u>	preteen, male
<u>Butch:</u>	preteen, male
<u>Freddy:</u>	preteen, male
<u>Sarah:</u>	preteen, female
<u>Sally:</u>	preteen, female
<u>Sadie:</u>	preteen, female
<u>T.J.:</u>	Garbage man 1, adult male
<u>Garbage Man 2:</u>	T.J.'s sidekick, adult male
<u>Mrs. Scott:</u>	adult female
<u>Mrs. Wiggly:</u>	the mayor's mother
<u>Betsy:</u>	child female
<u>Bonnie:</u>	child female
<u>Daisy:</u>	child female
<u>Mazy:</u>	child female
<u>Hazy:</u>	child female
<u>Mayor Wiggly:</u>	adult male
<u>Lawyer:</u>	nonspeaking adult
<u>Miss Bliss:</u>	newspaper reporter adult female
<u>Freda:</u>	adult female
<u>Mary Beth:</u>	Freda's daughter
<u>Martha:</u>	crabby old lady
<u>Agent Drake:</u>	adult male
<u>Secret Agent 2:</u>	adult male
<u>Burt Barks:</u>	town M.C., adult male
<u>Mandy:</u>	nonspeaking puppeteer, female
<u>Felicity:</u>	nonspeaking baton twirler, female
<u>Josephina:</u>	nonspeaking mayor's daughter
<u>Keifer Kendall:</u>	"Miss Green Monster" candidate, female
<u>Kate Kreger:</u>	"Miss Green Monster" candidate, female
<u>Kayla Kaltenhauser:</u>	"Miss Green Monster" candidate, female
<u>Kacy Kellogg:</u>	"Miss Green Monster" winner, female
<u>Salesman:</u>	adult
<u>Mrs. Weston:</u>	Alvin's former teacher, female
<u>Misty Waters:</u>	radio interviewer, female
<u>Becky:</u>	female
<u>Bailey:</u>	female
<u>Megan:</u>	female
<u>Katie:</u>	female
<u>Townsperson 1:</u>	adult

<u>Townsperson 2:</u>	adult
<u>Townsperson 3:</u>	adult
<u>Townsperson 4:</u>	adult

## Sets:

1. Duncan's Drug Store front and street
2. Inside Duncan's Drug Store with ice cream counter
3. Town Square

## LIST OF SONGS

## ACT 1

"We Are the Folks of Littleton"	Cast
"We Want a Green Monster"	Cast
"You Have to Wait Your Turn"	Alvin, Kristy, Cast
"Start of Something Big"	Cast
"The Perfect Plan"	Alvin, Mayor

## ACT II

"We're in Trouble"	Alvin, Kristy
"The Law is the Law"	Alvin, Kristy, Gramps, Mayor, Drake, Secret Agent 2
"The Monster Under My Bed"	Mary, Beth, Beasley
"I am Just a School Girl"	Miss Green Monster candidates
"Mob Song"	Cast
"The Hot Fudge Pickles March"	Cast

ACT I            About 27 minutes

SCENE 1

*The curtain opens on the store front of Duncan's Drug Store. It is some time in the 1970's on a hot summer day.*

*The opening number introduces the characters of Littleton.*

CAST

*"We Are the Folks of Littleton"*

WE ARE THE FOLKS OF LITTLETON, A PLACE THAT TIME FORGOT. OUR MAIN STREET IS THE HEART OF TOWN. A MEGA-MALL IT'S NOT. OUR KIDS ARE KIND AND YOU WILL FIND THAT BAD GUYS STAY AWAY. THEY SEE TEN STORES IN OUR DOWNTOWN AND LEAVE FOR SOME PLACE HOT.

CAST

*Chorus:*

TRA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA LA.  
THEY SEE TEN STORES IN OUR DOWNTOWN AND LEAVE FOR SOMEPLACE HOT.

ALVIN

MY NAME IS ALVIN JONES, AND I'M THE KID THAT TEACHER'S FEAR. THEY SAY THAT I AM TROUBLE, BUT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IT CLEAR, I'M NOT SO BAD, BUT THEY GET MAD WHEN I COME UP WITH SCHEMES. IF OPPORTUNITY SHOULD KNOCK, I WANT TO BE REAL NEAR.

CAST

(Chorus)

MAYOR

MY NAME IS WRIGGLY, AND I AM THE MAYOR OF THIS TOWN. I TALK A LOT, KISS BABIES, AND I NEVER WEAR A FROWN. THOUGH SMALL IS NICE, WE PAY A PRICE FOR

LIVING IN THE PAST. WE MUST COMPETE OR WE WILL  
FIND OUR CREDIT RATING'S DOWN.

CAST

(Chorus)

TOWNSPERSON 1

WE ARE THE FOLKS OF LITTLETON. PERHAPS WE  
SHOULD PAY HEED. WE DO NEED CASH TO PAY OUR  
BILLS. THE MAYOR'S RIGHT INDEED. LET'S FIND A WAY  
TO MAKE SOME HAY WHILE SUNNY DAYS ARE HERE.  
OH, MAYOR WE AGREE WITH YOU. WE'LL FOLLOW  
WHERE YOU LEAD.

CAST

(Chorus)

MAYOR

OH GOOD FOR YOU, HERE ARE SOME PLANS FOR  
MAKING LOTS OF DOUGH. WE'LL CHOOSE SOME CROP  
AND DRAIN OUR LAKE IN ORDER PLANTS TO GROW. OR  
WE COULD STRIKE OIL OR SELL OUR SOIL FOR CITY  
FOLKS TO BUY. OR HOW ABOUT WE CHARGE TO DUMP  
THE JUNK THAT OTHERS THROW?

CAST

(Chorus)

GRAMPS

NOW HOLD ON FOLKS, BEFORE YOU JUMP, THIS COULD  
BE A MISTAKE. PLEASE DON'T GIVE UP WHAT WE HOLD  
DEAR. JUST THINK FOR GOODNESS SAKE. OUR QUIET  
PLACE HAS STYLE AND GRACE. DO WE WANT THAT TO  
CHANGE? DON'T HUNT FOR OIL OR SELL OUR SOIL. NO  
DUMPING NEAR OUR LAKE.

CAST

(Chorus)

TOWNSPERSON 2

(spoken)

Mr. Duncan has a point!

CAST

WE ARE THE FOLKS OF LITTLETON, A PLACE THAT TIME  
FORGOT. OUR MAIN STREET IS THE HEART OF TOWN. A

MEGA-MALL IT'S NOT. FOR NOW WE'LL WAIT UNTIL  
OUR FATE IS CLEARER TO US ALL.  
AND LATER ON OUR VIEWS MIGHT CHANGE. YES, THEY  
COULD CHANGE A LOT.

CAST  
(Chorus with a fermata before the final phrase)

(BLACKOUT)

(LIGHTS UP)

*The set is now the inside of Duncan's  
Drugstore with Gramps behind the counter.  
There's a large container on counter for  
fudge sauce.*

(KRISTY enters and sits at the counter.)

KRISTY

Hi, Gramps! What are you doing?

GRAMPS

Oh hi, Kristy. I'm cleaning the hot fudge can. Are you here for ice cream?

KRISTY

Yes, please. I'd like...

(points off stage and panics)

Oh no, Alvin Jones is coming. He's BIG trouble!

GRAMPS

Now, Kristy, he can't be that bad.

KRISTY

Oh yeah? Remember that lunchroom riot at school? All those flying pies and rubberbands?

GRAMPS

That was Him???

KRISTY

You got it.

GRAMPS

Good grief. I'll watch him like a hawk.

ALVIN

(enters and gets ready to give a high five)

Hey, George, old buddy, give me five.

GRAMPS

That's "Mr. Duncan" to you.

ALVIN

Whatever. Come on, give me five.

GRAMPS

Five what?

ALVIN

You know, five- Never mind.

KRISTY

What do you want?

ALVIN

Give me one of those dill pickles.

KRISTY

A pickle? On a day like this?

ALVIN

Yeah, I like the way they make my mouth pucker.

(makes a kissy face)

GRAMPS

Do you have any money?

ALVIN

Sure, I'm loaded.

(produces some coins)

KRISTY

Where did you get all that? Actually, I don't want to know.

GRAMPS

Okay, the customer is always right.

(hands ALVIN pickle. ALVIN drops pickle in fudge container. Everyone reacts.)

ALVIN

Aw heck! My pickle fell off.

GRAMPS

Alvin, what have you done?

ALVIN

Don't worry. I'll just pull it back out.

(digs in getting goo everywhere.)

GRAMPS

Alvin, stop! You're making a mess.

KRISTY

Ew, gross!



ALVIN

(pulls out pickle and tastes it.)

Hmm. That's pretty good.

GRAMPS

(chasing him off right with a broom)

Alvin, get out of here! Your mother will hear about this.

KRISTY

What did I tell you? Alvin is trouble!

GRAMPS

(leaning on counter)

He sure is. I'm too old for the likes of him. Look at the mess he made!

(begins to clean.)

KRISTY

Can I help, Gramps?

GRAMPS

No, I don't want you all sticky, too.

(finishes cleaning)

Now, what kind of ice cream do you want?

KRISTY

A fudge sundae. Bubble gum on the bottom and pistachio on the top.

GRAMPS

(sigh)

Why can't you order normal stuff like chocolate and strawberry?

KRISTY

Who wants to be normal?

(JOEY, BUTCH, & FREDDY enter and sit on stools)

JOEY

Hey, Mr. Duncan, we want one of those new things.

BUTCH

Yeah, like Alvin has. That chocolaty thing.

KRISTY

Are you serious?

BUTCH

Sure. What do they cost?

KRISTY

Do you know what's under that fudge sauce?

GRAMPS

Boys, that thing Alvin had was an accident.

FREDDY

That's what I figured.

BUTCH

Freddy, be quiet. Alvin's says they're good, and I want one.

JOEY

Me, too. I'll bet they're awesome.

GRAMPS

Boys, you wouldn't like them.

KRISTY

(sneakily)

Oh, sure they would. Those things are called Green Monsters, and they cost a dollar each. Have you got that much?

GRAMPS

(amazed)

Green Monsters?

BUTCH & JOEY

Sure!

(They come up with some coins.)

JOEY

Three green monsters, please.

FREDDY

Who said I want one?

BUTCH

Come on, Freddy. Are you a chicken?

FREDDY

No, just stupid.

(adds his coins)

KRISTY

(winking at Gramps)

Come on, Gramps. They deserve it.

GRAMPS

(catching on)

Oh, maybe you're right. But boys, those things are still in the experimental stage. I can't let just anyone have one.

KRISTY

Can you keep a secret?

JOEY, BUTCH, & FREDDY

Yes/ Sure, Of course.

GRAMPS

All right then. Wait here. The monsters are in the back room.

(He slips out of sight, and KRISTY tries to keep a straight face.)

BUTCH

Wow! Those things are called Green Monsters. They sound awesome.

JOEY

And they're still in the experimental stage. Cool!

FREDDY

(solemnly)

That remains to be seen.

(GRAMPS enters with three small packages that look like corn dogs)

GRAMPS

(stage whisper)

Now boys. You can't tell anyone about these. Do you promise?

(JOEY, BUTCH, & FREDDY look at each other)

JOEY

(quickly)

Sure! We promise.

BUTCH

You bet.

GRAMPS

What about you Freddy?

FREDDY

Will they make us sick?

JOEY

(scoffing)

Of course not. Now hurry up and promise.

FREDDY

All right. All right. I promise.

(GRAMPS gives out packages and FREDDY,  
JOEY, & BUTCH exit. GRAMPS & KRISTY  
begin to laugh until they're guffawing.)

GRAMPS

I haven't had so much fun in years. Where did you get the idea to call them Green Monsters?

KRISTY

(shrugs)

Well, Alvin created a monster, so why not call it that?

(BLACKOUT )

SCENE 2

*Scene 2 opens on the streets of Littleton again, outside Duncan's Drug store.*

(LIGHTS UP )

(SALLY walks onto apron)

SARAH

(following onstage)

Have you heard the news?

SALLY

(turns back)

What?

SARAH

Alvin Jones invented something.

SADIE

(entering)

Have you heard about Green Monsters?

SARAH

Yes, everyone's talking about them.

(Other kids run in and they all start to sing)

CAST

*"We Want a Green Monster"*

*Chorus:*

WE WANT A GREEN MONSTER. IT'S THE BIGGEST THING  
AROUND. WE WANT A GREEN MONSTER; IT'S THE BEST  
TREAT IN THE TOWN.

CAST

FUNNY GREEN MIDDLE ON A STICK, YUMMY  
CHOCOLATE FROM THE VERY FIRST LICK. DEAR MR.  
DUNCAN, YOU'VE GOT US ALL AMAZED; YOU'VE  
INVENTED A BRAND NEW CRAZE.

(More kids arrive to join the line and sing chorus)

CAST  
WE KNOW THESE THINGS ARE STILL HUSH, HUSH, AND THAT'S  
WHY WE'RE IN SUCH A RUSH. YOU GOTTA GET ON THESE  
TRENDS REALLY FAST, 'CAUSE THEY NEVER SEEM TO LAST.

(Still more kids come to sing chorus)

CAST  
SO MISTER DUNCAN IF YOU PLEASE, DON'T MAKE US WAIT,  
DON'T STALL, DON'T TEASE. COME ON, MAN, PUT ON SOME  
SPEED. GREEN MONSTERS ARE WHAT WE NEED.

(Chorus)

(ALVIN & KRISTY from inside the store or left)

ALVIN

(spoken)

Stand back. Stop pushing. Take a number.

(hands out tickets)

KRISTY

You have to wait your turn.

KRISTY & ALVIN

*"You Have To Wait Your Turn"*

YOU HAVE TO WAIT YOUR TURN, WE REALLY MUST BE  
FIRM. TAKE A NUMBER GET IN LINE, WE KNOW YOU  
WANT ONE AND THAT'S FINE, BUT THERE'S NO ROOM IN  
THE STORE.

YOU HAVE TO WAIT YOUR TURN, NO MATTER HOW YOU  
SQUIRM. THERE'LL BE NO CUTTING, PUSHING,

BARGING, CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE JUST GO CHARGING,  
THERE'S NO ROOM IN THE STORE.

DON'T MAKE US WAIT OUR TURNS. THE SUN WILL MAKE  
US BURN I HOPE THE MONSTER'S WORTH THE WAIT,  
WELL I DON'T KNOW THEY SAY THEY'RE GREAT,  
BUT THERE'S NO ROOM IN THE STORE.

(GARBAGE MEN enter)

T.J.

Hey Alvin! What's the line for?

ALVIN

We're serving something new! They're called Green Monsters.

GARBAGE MAN 2

What are they?

KRISTY

Just one of Alvin's crazy ideas. You wouldn't like them.

ALVIN

Sure you would. They're chocolate sauce on a...

KRISTY

(interrupting)

They're just a weird thing for kids.

T.J.

Oh, well, kids will eat anything.

GARBAGE MAN 2

Right. They love gummi bears and slime.

T.J.



We don't have time to wait in line. Let's get donuts.

(T.J. & GARBAGE MAN 2 exit)

MRS. SCOTT

(enters, sneezing so hard she bumps into the line)

Oh, excuse me. How come there's a line at the drug store? I need cough drops and tissues.

ALVIN

Sorry, ma'am, you'll have to wait your turn.

MRS. SCOTT

(coughing)

What? I belong in bed. You've got to let me in.

GRAMPS

(comes out through curtains)

Why, Mrs. Scott! You look terrible. I know what you need....

MRS. SCOTT

(interrupts)

What do you mean, I 'look terrible'?

(sneezes.)

GRAMPS

(quickly)

I just meant I see you have a cold. And I can ...

MRS. SCOTT

(stuffyly)

Never mind I'll take my business elsewhere.

GRAMPS

(following her offstage)

No, please Mrs. Scott. I'm sorry about what I said.

MRS. WRIGGLY

(entering)

Hey, what's going on? Some kind of sale?

ALVIN

No, we're selling Green Monsters, and these kids all want one.

MRS. WRIGGLY

Green Monsters? Never heard of them. Well, stand aside, I've got to get in and buy my stomach pills.

ALVIN

Sorry, you'll have to wait.

MRS. WRIGGLY

Me? Wait? I am the mayor's mother.

KRISTY

Well, there's no room in the store.

MRS. WRIGGLY

No room? Why? What's a Green Monster anyway?

ALVIN

They're a new chocolate treat I just invented.

MRS. WRIGGLY

Chocolate? Well, I believe I'll try one.

KRISTY

No, wait. You don't really want one. They're sticky and icky.

ALVIN

Aw let her have one. But she'll have to wait her turn.

MRS. WRIGGLY

(angrily)

Young man, I've done business with George Duncan for over forty years! Don't tell me that I've got to wait in line just to...

GRAMPS

(coming back)

Alvin! Let this lady in! She needs her medicine.

MRS. WRIGGLY

I don't want medicine. I want a Green Monsters, and this fellow tells me I have to wait in line.

GRAMPS

Oh, no, Mrs. Wiggly. I will personally get you your medicine.

MRS. WRIGGLY

I said I want a Green Monster, and that's what I'm going to get!

GRAMPS

All right, all right. Just come around the back door.

(GRAMPS & MRS. WRIGGLY go through the curtains.)

BETSY

Hey she cut in line.

BONNIE

Yeah, I was here first.

DAISY

Come on. Let us in.

MAZY

I'm getting sunburn out here!

HAZY

This line isn't even moving.

ALVIN & KRISTY

(firmly)

You have to wait.

KRISTY & ALVIN

*"You Have to Wait Your Turn"*

*(Reprise)*

YOU HAVE TO WAIT YOUR TURN, NO MATTER HOW YOU  
SQUIRM. THERE'LL BE NO CUTTING, PUSHING,  
BARGING, CAN'T HAVE PEOPLE JUST GO CHARGING,  
(stop)

(MRS. WRIGGLY pops out holding a silver package, several kids  
try to grab it, and Mrs. Wiggly fights them off as she exits right  
followed by one child)

ALVIN

Okay, now there's room inside. Who has number 5?

(All the kids put up their hands)

(BLACKOUT )

SCENE 3

*The scene opens inside the drug store. Alvin, Kristy, and Gramps are inside the drug store.*

(LIGHT UP)

GRAMPS

Whew! What a day!

KRISTY

Yeah, I'm glad you closed early.

GRAMPS

Had to. Abernathy's Grocery is out of pickles.

ALVIN

Did you hear the groan when you shut the door?

GRAMPS

Humph! I feel like groaning, too. We're running a con job!

KRISTY

Yeah, and we sold a green monster to Mayor Wiggly's mom, I hope we don't get in trouble.

ALVIN

Ah, you worry too much.

(Sound of a big car)

KRISTY

Oh, oh! Guess who's here in his Cadillac.

GRAMPS

Good grief! His mom probably got sick. What am I going to tell him?

ALVIN

Offer him a free Green Monster.

KRISTY

I don't think that'll help.

MAYOR

(blustering in with his lawyer in tow)

George, George Duncan. I need to see you.

KRISTY

(aside to Alvin)

That's his lawyer. This is bad.

GRAMPS

Oh, Howard. I'll bet you're here about you mother. I can explain ...

MAYOR

(stern)

Yes, she told me about your Green Monsters, and I came right over.

GRAMPS

(very worried)

I'm sorry about that, but she insisted on having one, and I couldn't change her mind.

MAYOR

(laughing)

That sounds like Mom All right. Always has to have her own way, but she LOVED that chocolaty mess.

KRISTY

She did???

GRAMPS

Unbelievable.

MAYOR

Yup, she said that green middle was a really fun surprise.

ALVIN

(to KRISTY)

See, I told you.

KRISTY

Aw her taste buds are so old they don't know what they're doing.

MAYOR

(surprised)

Why, that's basically what her doctor said.

GRAMPS

(to MAYOR)

Howard, those monsters were just an accident Alvin had.

ALVIN

Accident? They were a stroke of genius.

KRISTY

Yeah right! So you dropped a pickle in hot fudge; big deal.

MAYOR

What?

GRAMPS

Yup, a Green Monster is just a chocolate covered pickle.

MAYOR

(makes a face)

That sounds awful! But Mom said you had a whole line of customers.

ALVIN

Yup. We actually had to close early.

MAYOR

Huh! Then you and Alvin must have something here.

(rubs his hands greedily)

We could make a lot of money on this thing.

GRAMPS

But, but -

MAYOR

But nothing, George. I want to make you guys a business proposition. Where can we talk?

GRAMPS

Well, I guess we could go in the pill department. That's pretty quiet today.

(These five disappear up stage)

(Line of kids enter and pretend to listen at the keyholes.)

ENSEMBLE

*“Start of Big Things”*

OH, THERE IS SOMETHING GOING ON. I DON'T WHAT IT IS. I'VE NEVER SEEN THE MAYOR BRING THAT LAWYER OF HIS. THERE ARE CHANGES IN THE AIR. I FEEL IT IN MY BONES. I'VE NEVER SEEN THE MAYOR TALK TO ALVIN JONES



*Chorus:*

THIS IS THE START OF SOMETHING, SOMETHING BIG.  
THIS IS THE START OF SOMETHING, SOMETHING BIG.  
LIKE THE END OF THE WORLD, OR A THOUSAND POUND  
PIG. IT'S GONNA BE BIG.

IS MR. DUNCAN SELLING OUT? OR IS HE ON A ROLL?  
MAYBE HE'S IN TROUBLE, DUG HIMSELF A HOLE.  
THOSE MONSTERS THAT HE SERVES ARE RAKING IN THE  
DOUGH.  
SO, IF A DEAL IS BREWING, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD  
KNOW.

(Chorus)

(MAYOR, ALVIN, GRAMPS, & LAWYER enter  
from behind the curtain. LAWYER and  
ENSEMBLE exit)

ALVIN

Now that's what I call a deal.

MAYOR

Yes, my boy, this is the start of big things. Littleton will never be the same.

GRAMPS

That's what I'm afraid of.

(MISS BLISS enters)

MISS BLISS

Oh, Mr. Mayor, I hear there's something big going on. Is that true?

MAYOR

Yes, indeed, Miss Bliss. These folks are offering a new product. They're called Green Monsters and we need publicity.

MISS BLISS

What's a green monster?

ALVIN

A new chocolate treat that I just invented, and this is where it all began.

MAYOR

Get a shot of George and Alvin in front of the drug store

MISS BLISS

(not really impressed)

Okay, whatever you say.

(She starts posing GRAMPS & ALVIN.)

GRAMPS

But I didn't do anything

MAYOR

(jumps into the photo)

Now one with me in it. I want people to remember who put Littleton on the map.

(to ALVIN)

Son, bring us a Green Monster.

(ALVIN exits)

BLISS

That's a strange name for something to eat.

KRISTY

The name was my idea.

(ALVIN reenters with a Green Monster, they all pose, and MISS BLISS takes pictures)

MISS BLISS

(Pulls out pad and pencil)

Now then. What's inside the chocolate?

KRISTY

You don't want to know.

MAYOR

(In a rush)

It's top secret

MISS BLISS

Then how will you market the things?

GRAMPS

(groans)

Let's all go inside and talk about this.

(ALL go inside through the curtains, and the  
ENSEMBLE returns.)

ENSEMBLE

*"Start of Big Things (Reprise)"*

WELL, YOU CAN MARK MY WORDS, DEAR FRIENDS,  
YOU'LL REMEMBER WHERE YOU WERE, WHEN A  
MILLION DOLLAR DEAL WAS SIGNED, OF THIS I FEEL  
REAL SURE. OUR MAYOR IS NO CHUMP, HE'S ALWAYS IN  
THE KNOW. HE'S FOUND AN ANGLE, YOU CAN BET TO  
MAKE THE MONEY FLOW.

(Chorus)

WELL, NOW WE KNOW THE SCOOP, BUT WE DON'T  
KNOW WHAT TO THINK. MAYBE ALVIN'S GOOD FOR  
MORE THAN MAKING TEACHERS BLINK. HIS MONSTERS  
ARE A HIT. THE MAYOR THINKS HE'S COOL. MAYBE  
ALVIN'S REALLY NOT JUST SOMEBODY'S FOOL.

(Chorus)

(MAYOR, ALVIN, MISS BLISS, and GRAMPS return.  
MAYOR has his arm around ALVIN. Line of kids scatter  
again)

MISS BLISS

Wow! This really IS a big story. One of the city papers might even run it.

(she exits)

MAYOR

(to ALVIN)

Yes siree, boy. I like the way you think. A whole chain of places selling Green Monsters.  
Littleton will famous, and all that money will be coming right here to roost.

ALVIN

Yup, this is BIG!

BLACKOUT

SCENE 4

*It is now early the next day inside the drug store. GRAMPS and KRISTY are onstage opening the store.*

LIGHTS UP

GRAMPS

(Reading newspaper)

Mayor Meets Monster. Jones and Duncan to issue stock in a new corporation? Monster Palaces to be built all over state.

(groans)

KRISTY

Gramps, is this for real?

GRAMPS

I don't know. Looks like Miss Bliss just printed everything Alvin said whether it was true or not.

(He keeps reading)

ALVIN

(entering)

Hey, how come there's no line out here?

KRISTY

We just barely opened.

ALVIN

What's that got to do with it?

(KRISTY & GRAMPS start to answer, but ALVIN isn't listening)

ALVIN

We need more publicity.

(He sits down to think.)

FREDA

(entering with daughter MARYBETH and she's angry)

George Duncan, I want to talk to you about those Monsters of yours.

GRAMPS

(looks up)

What? Oh, Freda, you must have seen the paper.

FREDA

Yes, and I'm horrified. Your Green Monsters are ruining the town. My son spent his whole allowance on the awful things. There ought to be a law.

KRISTY

You said it!

MARY BETH

But, Mom. Homer really likes them. Can't I please try one?

FREDA

No! Come along, Mary Beth. Money doesn't grow on trees.  
(she pulls MARY BETH offstage)

MAYOR

(Entering)

Hello partners. How's business?

ALVIN

Not good enough. We need someone famous as our spokesman.

MAYOR

Great idea! Who would you suggest?

ALVIN

Hm. I don't suppose Elvis Presley is available.

KRISTY

Not hardly.

ALVIN

Wait! I've got it.

MAYOR

I'm listening.

GRAMPS

I wish he wouldn't.

(MAYOR crosses closer to ALVIN to hear his plan.)

ALVIN

We'll send a Green Monster to the President.

GRAMPS

The president of what?

ALVIN

Of the United States.

KRISTY

Alvin! Don't be ridiculous.

ALVIN

I'm not.

GRAMPS

Alvin, come on. You can't take a hot fudge pickle all the way to Washington D.C..

ALVIN

No, just to Cincinnati. The president is supposed to be there in a few days. Think of the publicity - radio, TV, national newspapers.

GRAMPS

Lawsuits, federal investigations, jail time.

MAYOR

Well, I like it. George, try to think positive.

ALVIN & MAYOR

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ALVIN

I CAN SEE IT NOW; WE'LL GO TO CINCINNATI IN STYLE IN YOUR GREAT BIG CADDIE WE WILL ZOOM FOR MILE AFTER MILE. WE'LL WALK UP TO THE MAN WHO'S THE CHIEF COMMANDER OF THE WHOLE U.S.A. AND GIVE HIM A MONSTROUS TREAT THAT'S GOING TO MAKE HIS DAY.

ALVIN & MAYOR

(Chorus)

MAYOR

I CAN SEE JUST HOW THE PRESIDENT WILL TAKE HIS FIRST BITE. HE WILL LICK HIS LIPS AND CRACK A GREAT BIG SMILE OF DELIGHT. THE TV CAMERAS WILL BRING BIG ATTENTION FROM AROUND THE STATE. A FORTUNE IS WAITING FOR US SO LET'S NOT HESITATE.

ALVIN & MAYOR

(Chorus)



GRAMPS

Well, I'm not going to Cincinnati. Somebody's got to mind the store.

MAYOR

Fine, fine. Alvin and I can handle this.

(MAYOR & ALVIN start off stage)

ALVIN

I've never been to Cincinnati. Is it a nice town?

MAYOR

It's the best. They have escalators and everything.

KRISTY

Poor Cincinnati.

GRAMPS

(yelling after them)

Don't tell the president where you're from if he hates the thing.

(BLACKOUT )

SCENE 5

(LIGHTS UP)

*(Discovered: BUTCH, JOEY, & FREDDY on fountain stools, MARTHA off to the side trying out the deodorants. GRAMPS & KRISTY behind counter)*

GRAMPS

Kristy, I'm worried.

KRISTY

How come?

GRAMPS

Alvin and the mayor have been gone for two days now. What if they got thrown in jail?

MARTHA

It would serve them right. I don't like the kind of people those Green Monsters are bringing into town.

GRAMPS

What kind is that?

MARTHA

Kids!

(she exits)

BUTCH

Alvin sure was lucky. Going to Cincinnati with the mayor.

JOEY

Yeah, I've always wanted to ride in his Caddie. That thing can really move.

FREDDY

Not me. The mayor is a lousy driver.

CAST

That's for sure/You got that right. Etc.

BUTCH

He never stops at stops signs.

FREDDY

And he pays no attention to the speed limit.

JOEY

Sounds like fun to me.

BUTCH

Imagine: Alvin meeting the president and getting his autograph.

FREDDY

Not a chance.

BUTCH

Why not?

FREDDY

Would you let Alvin near you with a mysterious package?

BUTCH & JOEY

Maybe.

FREDDY

Well, you're not the President.

(T.J. & GARBAGE MAN 2 enter)

JOEY

Oh, hi, T.J. How are things in the garbage world?

T.J.

De-stinkly trashy.

(everyone laughs politely)

GARBAGE MAN 2

(shakes his head)

He thinks he's a comedian.

GRAMPS

T.J, have you heard anything from Alvin?

T.J.

Yes, they're coming home today.

FREDDY

Not if the mayor runs them in a ditch.

GARBAGE MAN 2

Or over a cliff.

BUTCH

Come on! There aren't any cliffs between here and Cincinnati.

T.J.

I hope things went okay. They had high hopes for this trip.

CAST

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BE MILLIONAIRES REAL SOON. THE SKY WAS THE LIMIT;  
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(GRAMPS & KRISTY come forward to join the others)

GRAMPS

They mayor just called. He and Alvin are almost here.

T.J.

How did he sound?

GRAMPS

Hard to say.

FREDDY

Were they in a ditch?

JOEY

Don't be silly.

(MAYOR & ALVIN come dragging in and  
commandeer the soda fountain stools)

GRAMPS

Hey, you fellas look beat. What happened?

KRISTY

Yeah, what did the President say about the monster?

MAYOR

He didn't say anything.

GRAMPS

Why not?

ALVIN

