

ACTORS

No. of Scouts: 4

Equipment: 3 brooms

All in the scouts are on the stage and leaning on their brooms apart from scout one.

Scout One (running onto stage): Come on everyone. Let's get back to work. We just have this last scene to complete and I expect you to give it your all. I know it's not easy but it's what you're paid to do. Here's the script. Read it out aloud and memorise it as we go along. You can be the old man, you can be the son and you can be the neighbour. And action!

Scout Two: Father, you have just given me the most terrible shock and you know that my health is not good. Collapses to the floor...

Scout One: No, no, no! You don't read that last bit out! Start again and when you get to "my health is not good" then collapse to the floor!

Scout Two: Father, you have just given me the most terrible shock and you know that my health is not good. (Collapses to the floor.)

Scout One: Come on father.

Scout Three: Oh sorry. Oh no. What has happened...?

Scout One: No, no, no! Start with OH NO! You are deeply distressed. Your son has just collapsed after receiving the dreadful news. Show some emotion for goodness sake!

Scout Three: Oh no. What has happened? (Goes and opens front door.) HELP! Oh yes, please come in and help! My son has just collapsed.

Scout Four: Let me have a quick look at him. Oh no.

Scout One: NOOO! I want "OH NO!"

Scout Four: Oh no. I think that your son is dead and I...

Scout One: For goodness sake! This is dreadful! This is meant to be high drama but what we have is a bunch of amateurs! Call yourselves actors? I've seen better acting...

Scout Two: No.

Scout One: "No" what?

Scout Two: No, we don't call ourselves actors. We're the cleaners! (The three scouts with brooms leave the stage sweeping.)