

SWAMPALOT!

Original play by the Thursday PlayMakers Class Spring 2022 and Jackie Daley

Music by Jordan Palmer

CAST

THE MIRES FAMILY

ALEXANDRA	<i>Kay</i> (an artist who makes all sort of creations from swamp materials)
CELIE	<i>Gwen</i> (a brave kid who wants everyone to treat each other with kindness)
EMMIE	<i>Nimue</i> (Pellinore and Kay's very nervous sister who is particularly afraid of water)
EVAN	<i>Merlin</i> (Arthur's twin and wielder of powerful plant magic who seeks to right wrongs)
FLORA	<i>Grandma Effie</i> (Elena's sister who believes in the old swamp magic folk tales)
JULIA	<i>Grandma Elena</i> (Effie's sister who believes in the old swamp magic folk tales)
JUNE	<i>Pellinore</i> (an adventurous kid always questing after a beast)
MAX	<i>Cousin Willard</i> (a teenager frustrated with the neighbors' behavior)
OLIVER	<i>Frankie</i> (father to Arthur and Merlin who loves chopping wood and fishing)
RHIANNON	<i>Cousin Myrtle</i> (a nosy teenager, always wondering what the neighbors are doing)
ZACHARY	<i>Arthur</i> (a polite and kind kid with plant magic who wants badly to unite the families)

THE DRAKE FAMILY

AMBERLEE	<i>Auntie Willow</i> (an artist who loves lounging and gossiping with sisters JC and Sue)
BRAYDEN	<i>Mordred</i> (Morgause's brother that does not like to get his hands dirty)
CALVIN	<i>Gawain</i> (an adventurous kid who wants to be friends with the Myers)
CARRINGTON	<i>Morgause</i> (a playful, mischievous kid who is Mordred's sister and West's daughter)
DOMINIC	<i>West</i> (father to Morgause and Mordred who plays cards with his brother Jacque)
FLYNN	<i>Lance</i> (a brave kid wanting a big and meaningful adventure)
GABRIELLA	<i>Morgana</i> (a mischievous kid who loves playing with leaves and mud)
ISABEL	<i>Grandma Bobbie-Jo</i> (a folklore lover tired of taking care of her adult sons)
JOHN	<i>Uncle Jacque</i> (Son of Bobbie-Jo who loves playing cards)
LANA	<i>Auntie JC</i> (a seamstress and lover of neighborhood gossip and a bit revengeful)
LILY	<i>Auntie Sue</i> (very concerned about looking good and keeping clean in the swamp)
SAM	<i>Percy</i> (bored of the normal life and seeking a new experience)

SONG: Swampalot!

by Jordan Palmer for Kidstock! Creative Theater

VERSE 1

FISHES AND SUN
ARE ALL WE'RE ABOUT.
WE DON'T NEED A TON,
JUST WHAT THE SWAMP GIVES OUT.

OTHER FOLKS WANT MANSIONS AND LIMOS,
BUT WE, WHEREVER WE GO, WILL WANT WHAT WE HAVE NOW.

CHORUS

WE AIN'T GOT SWAMP A LITTLE; WE GOT SWAMP A LOT!
YOUR FATE AIN'T SWAMP A LITTLE WHEN THERE'S SWAMP A LOT!
IT'S GREAT WHEN SWAMP A LITTLE IS THE BEST YOU'VE GOT,
BUT WE AIN'T SWAMP A LITTLE; WE'RE IN SWAMPALOT!

VERSE 2

FROGS MAKE MUSIC,
AND FOG IS LIKE A BLANKET.
THE BOG LETS USE IT,
AND WE SING TO IT TO THANK IT.

OTHER FOLKS WANT CASTLES AND MOATS,
BUT WE, WHEREVER WE GO, WILL FEEL AS FREE WITH MUD AND STONES!

CHORUS

WE AIN'T GOT SWAMP A LITTLE; WE GOT SWAMP A LOT!
YOUR FATE AIN'T SWAMP A LITTLE WHEN THERE'S SWAMP A LOT!
IT'S GREAT WHEN SWAMP A LITTLE IS THE BEST YOU'VE GOT,
BUT WE AIN'T SWAMP A LITTLE; WE'RE IN SWAMPALOT!

---Dance Break---

CHORUS

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WE'RE IN SWAMPALOT! x2

(MIRES FAMILY exits SR and gets into bird masks. DRAKE FAMILY stays onstage to sing the chorus again.)

PROLOGUE: The Birds and the Dogs

(While the MIRES family begins the prologue, the DRAKE family gets into dog masks. COUSIN MYRTLE and WILLARD fly in with the clothing line and hang it up. FRANKIE assists if needed.)

BIRD ARTHUR

Yep- sure seems dandy here in the swamp.

BIRD MERLIN

All that mixin' and minglin'.

BIRD GWEN

And havin' a grand old time!

BIRD PELLINORE

As one big happy community.

BIRD NIMUE

But it wasn't always like this!

BIRD KAY

Nope! Not at all.

BIRD GRANDMA ELENA

And the problem wasn't the mosquitos.

BIRD GRANDMA EFFIE

Or the flies.

BIRD COUSIN MYRTLE

Or the leeches.

BIRD COUSIN WILLARD

Or the snakes.

(DOGS LANCE, GAWAIN, PERCY, MORGANA, MORDRED enter SL and sit USL.)

BIRD FRANKIE

The problem, you see, was the -

(DOGS GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO and WEST set laundry line and JC assists if needed. DOG JACQUE enters. DOGS AUNTIE WILLOW and SUE set wall.)

DOGS LANCE, GAWAIN, PERCY, MORGANA, MORGAUSE, MORDRED
The fleas?

BIRD FRANKIE

No. The problem was the-

DOGS LANCE, GAWAIN, PERCY, MORGANA, MORGAUSE, MORDRED
Empty dog bowls?

BIRD FRANKIE

No. The *problem* was the-

DOGS LANCE, GAWAIN, PERCY, MORGANA, MORGAUSE, MORDRED
Lack of squeaky toys?

BIRD FRANKIE

No! Sit. Stay.

**BIRDS FRANKIE, COUSIN WILLARD, COUSIN MYRTLE, GRANDMA EFFIE,
GRANDMA ELENA**
The problem was the people.

DOG GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO
But the Drakes and the Mires all get along!

DOG UNCLE JACQUE
And work together.

DOG WEST
And they're real friendly-like.

DOG AUNTIE JC
And they sing together.

DOG AUNTIE WILLOW
And dance together.

DOG AUNTIE SUE
And they really like each other.

BIRDS
But it wasn't always like that.

DOGS
It wasn't?

BIRDS

Nope.

BIRD ARTHUR

But we'll tell you the story.

BIRD MERLIN

A story of legends.

BIRD GWEN

Of how a divided swamp was united.

BIRDS

Caw!

(BIRDS exit SR and remove masks offstage and get props for Scene One)

DOG LANCE

Oh boy! I love storytime!

DOG GAWAIN

Me too!

DOG PERCY

I hope it's dramatic!

DOG MORGANA

Like that time the swamp monster came!

DOGS MORGAUSE and MORDRED

Ooooh that was fun!

DOGS

Arf! Arf!

(DOGS pant and excitedly exit SL)

SCENE ONE: The Mires Family

The Mires Family sets up for some time on the deck.

(The Mires Family enters SR. GRANDMA ELENA enters with a laundry basket. GRANDMA EFFIE and MYRTLE place the firepit. FRANKIE places the chair. WILLARD places the stool. MERLIN, ARTHUR, and GWEN all bring a snake on a stick.)

GRANDMA ELENA

Effie, remember back when we were girls and Grandpa used to talk about the swamp monster giving advice?

GRANDMA EFFIE

What Elena? It would give mice?

GRANDMA ELENA

No, I said "advice."

GRANDMA EFFIE

Oh yeah, I remember. And back then, the trees would talk.

GRANDMA ELENA

What'd you say? The trees would walk?

GRANDMA EFFIE

No, I said they'd TALK. They'd tell us not to climb them.

GRANDMA ELENA

Because of the bugs.

GRANDMA ELENA and GRANDMA EFFIE

I hate those bugs.

(ELENA and EFFIE slowly take laundry off the line)

COUSIN WILLARD

I think someone stole my food. It must have been those pesky neighbors.

COUSIN MYRTLE

The other day they chopped down a tree with a maine coon in it- nearly hurt it!

FRANKIE

They're certainly cutting down more trees than I am.

COUSIN MYRTLE

A few days ago they threw a ham at my window.

COUSIN WILLARD

That was my lunch!

FRANKIE

I swear, I'm a better fisherman than they could ever be.

ARTHUR

Hey Merlin? Do you know why the adults get so angry with the neighbors?

MERLIN

I don't know, Arthur. But I wish they would make up.

GWEN

We need to help them- it's not just going to happen by magic.

ARTHUR

Gwen's right. And they don't even notice *our* magic.

MERLIN

I know! We can control the plants just with a snap of our fingers but they're too busy complaining about each other to see it.

GWEN

If we don't do something they're eventually going to destroy each other.

(ARTHUR, MERLIN, and GWEN continue to cook their snakes over the fire)

PELLINORE

Hey Nimue, I heard Grandma talking about a swamp monster. Let's catch it!

NIMUE

No way Pellinore! If I see a swamp monster, I'm going to have nightmares.

KAY

Oooh! Maybe I'll make a net to catch it!

PELLINORE

Great idea, Kay!

NIMUE

What if the swamp monster gets out... and gets us.

KAY

Oooh! I could make a fake swamp monster and scare the others.

PELLINORE

Let's do it!

NIMUE

Nooo, no, no, no, no, no.

PELLINORE

Two against one!

NIMUE

Ugh, fine.

FRANKIE

Time to go in, kids!

ARTHUR, MERLIN, GWEN, PELLINORE, NIMUE, KAY

Aaaw! We're not done playing!

(ARTHUR, MERLIN, GWEN, PELLINORE, NIMUE, KAY exit SR)

FRANKIE

Willard and Myrtle, you too.

WILLARD and MYRTLE

Alright, alright Frankie.

(FRANKIE, WILLARD, and MYRTLE exit SR)

GRANDMA ELENA AND GRANDMA EFFIE

Oooh it's gettin' dark.

(GRANDMA ELENA and GRANDMA EFFIE exit SR with laundry in the basket)

SCENE TWO: The Drake Family

The Drake Family sets up for some time on the deck.

(The Drake Family enters SL. GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO enters with a laundry basket. UNCLE JACQUE AND WEST place the firepit. AUNTIE SUE places the chair. AUNTIE WILLOW places the stool. LANCE, GAWAIN, and PERCY all bring a snake on a stick. MORDRED and MORGAUSE move the wall. MORGANA enters with mud toys.)

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

I'm going to tell you an old story about the swamp monster that talked in plain English.

WEST

Oh, Momma, are you babblin' about that again?

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

Yeah.

UNCLE JACQUE

Hey West, you wanna play cards?

WEST

Sure thing, Jacque but I'm gonna win.

UNCLE JACQUE

It's on!

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

You better help with this here laundry if you want dinner.

WEST and UNCLE JACQUE

But ma!

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

You're grown adults now. You get to work.

(WEST and UNCLE JACQUE begrudgingly help take the laundry off the line.)

AUNTIE JC

That other family over there is always so loud when I'm sleepin'.

AUNTIE WILLOW

You're tellin me, JC! And the Dad always leaves his fishing gear on our side of the deck.

AUNTIE SUE

And they're so loud they scare our fish away.

AUNTIE JC

Sue, they snore so loud you could hear it for miles.

AUNTIE WILLOW

They don't even pick up after themselves. They get muck all over the place.

AUNTIE SUE

Yeah, Willow- and then it always gets in my hair.

AUNTIE JC, WILLOW, and SUE

And that's why we threw a ham at their window.

LANCE

I'm sick of sitting around here, Gawain. I want to do something big.

GAWAIN

Well, Lance, we could go swimmin'.

PERCY

We swim everyday. Let's try something else.

LANCE

Percy's right. I want to do something else. Bigger. More important.

GAWAIN

We could go fishin'.

PERCY

Yeah, but... bigger.

[LANCE, GAWAIN, and PERCY continue cooking their snakes.]

MORGANA

I'm making a mud man.

MORGAUSE

I'm making a mud pie for Dad.

MORDRED

I'm not touching that mud for nothing. You couldn't make me in a million years.

MORGANA

Really? But it's fun.

MORGAUSE

I love this mud.

MORDRED

I'm staying clean. So if you don't mind, I'm going inside.

(gets up and begins to exit SL)

MORGANA and MORGAUSE

You're such a stick in the mud.

WEST

Mordred, son, where are you going? Alright, well time to pack up.

(WEST and JACQUE take firepit and exit SL. PERCY, GAWAIN, and LANCE exit SL with their snakes on the stick and stools.)

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

Alright, pack it up, Aunties.

(AUNTIE SUE exits with chair SL. AUNTIE JC AND AUNTIE WILLOW move wall offstage.)

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

Come on, Morgana. Come on, Morgause. Quit playin' in that mud before the swamp monster gets ya.

(GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO exits with laundry basket SL, laughing. MORGANA and MORGAUSE scurry off quickly with their mud toys.)

SCENE THREE: The Adult Dock Meeting

The annual dock meeting goes badly.

(ELENA, EFFIE, MYRTLE, WILLARD, and FRANKIE enter SR and place a dock post. FRANKIE grabs the speaking stick from SL. DRAKE ADULTS enter SL.)

FRANKIE

Attention swamp residents. The meeting has begun.

WEST

Why does Frankie always get the Speaking Stick?

UNCLE JACQUE

Yeah, how come he always gets the stick?

FRANKIE

‘Cause I found it.

WEST

(moving behind everyone on his way to the stick)

Well I’m going to re-find it. Give me that stick.

DRAKE ADULTS

Stay on your own side.

COUSIN MYRTLE

(taking the stick from Frankie)

You Mires family folks need to stop cuttin’ down those trees. There’s an invasive species of bug comin’ in here and we need all the trees we can keep.

AUNTIE SUE

We don’t care about those trees- especially if *you* care.

AUNTIE JC

You’ve been leaving muck on our side of the deck for too long.

AUNTIE WILLOW

And you snore so loud, the kids can’t sleep.

AUNTIE SUE

And all that muck keeps gettin’ in my hair. Do you know how long it takes to get out? I’ll tell you.
HOURS!

COUSIN WILLARD

(taking the stick from Myrtle)

One of you stole my lunch. I had a fine ham. And one of you threw it at the window! Was it you
Jacque?

UNCLE JACQUE

No, it wasn't me.

COUSIN WILLARD

West? Was it you?

WEST

No, I did not throw a ham at your window.

COUSIN WILLARD

Then it must have been the aunties.

AUNTIE SUE, AUNTIE JC, and AUNTIE WILLOW

Guilty as charged. And proud.

COUSIN MYRTLE

Why are our families always fightin'?

GRANDMA ELENA and EFFIE

Because of the Holy Snail!

COUSIN MYRTLE, COUSIN WILLARD, UNCLE JACQUE, WEST

The holy grail?

GRANDMA ELENA and EFFIE

No. The Holy Snail

GRANDMA BOBBIE JO

(taking the speaking stick from Willard)

Back when I was a girl, we had a Holy Snail shell. An old family heirloom. Worth a fortune.

(points to ELENA and EFFIE)

And your daddy took it.

GRANDMA ELENA

My daddy took nothin'.

GRANDMA EFFIE

The Holy Snail was OUR granddaddy's. And YOUR momma took it.

GRANDMA BOBBIE JO

If she took it, then why don't I have it?

ALL ADULTS
Why don't WE have it?

SONG: Give It Up!

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ADULTS:

THIEVES! THIEVES!
ALL YOU ARE ARE THIEVES!
NEIGHBORS JUST AS GNARLED AS THE TREES.
GIVE IT UP!

WE KNOW YOU HAVE OUR PRECIOUS SNAIL;
WE DON'T BELIEVE WHEN YOU DENY IT.
WE HEARD OUR GRANDMAS VERIFY IT.
WE'LL GET THE SNAIL AND WILL NOT FAIL YOU

THIEVES! THIEVES!
DIRTY, ROTTEN THIEVES!
CUT THE ACT AND RUN BACK TO THE TREES.
GIVE IT UP!

(MIRES and DRAKE ADULTS exit SL. GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO exits with Speaking Stick. DRAKE ADULTS get trees ready. MIRIS ADULTS get fishing gear. FRANKIE has Speaking Stick,)

SCENE FOUR: The Kid Meeting

The kids make a big plan.

(MIRES KIDS enter SR)

MERLIN

Now I know why they hate each other.

GWEN

Because of this ridiculous Holy Snail!

ARTHUR

At least we know. Now we can put a stop to this. All this fighting is giving me a headache.

PELLINORE

But what are gonna do?

KAY

Don't ask me. Ask somebody else.

NIMUE

We have to put a stop to this fighting.

(DRAKE KIDS enter SL)

LANCE

Excuse me, may we please join the conversation?

MIRES KIDS

The Drake kids?!

GAWAIN

We've been listening and we really want to help.

PERCY

We've always wanted to be friends with you.

MORGANA

We just want our families to stop fighting so we can play!

MORGAUSE

Do you have any ideas?

MORDRED

We'd love to help.

MERLIN

We're not supposed to talk to you. But I think you should stay.

LANCE

Why do our families hate each other?

PELLINORE

An old family heirloom.

NIMUE

Both families can't find it.

KAY

That's ridiculous. We need to teach them to get along.

MORDRED

We could sneak up on them.

ALL

Great idea!

MORGAUSE

We could be talking trees!

MORGANA

Like Grandma always talks about!

ARTHUR and MERLIN

We can move the trees with our powers.

GAWAIN

And I have a potion that can make the trees move.

MORGANA and MORGAUSE

Do you make it out of mud?

GAWAIN

Of course!

GWEN

We'll have to come up with something really wise to say.

PERCY

Yeah, something that will really change their minds forever.

NIMUE

And practice our (*in voice of tree spirit*) tree spirit voices.

KAY

AND I made a swamp monster!

ALL KIDS

(in swamp monster voice)

Oooooooh.

GWEN

I just really hope this works.

ARTHUR

It has to.

ALL KIDS

They need to give up this fight!

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KIDS:

PEACE! PEACE!

ALL WE WANT IS PEACE!

CAN'T OUR PARENTS LET THE OTHERS BE?

GIVE IT UP!

THEY KNOW THIS FEUD CANNOT BE CRACKED;

I DON'T BELIEVE WHEN THEY DENY IT.

I COULDN'T STAND ANOTHER RIOT!

LET'S FIN'LLY ACT AND MAKE A PACT FOR

PEACE, PEACE!

LOVELY, LOVELY PEACE!

GET IT ALL TOGETHER; MAKE IT CEASE.

GIVE IT UP!

(KAY gets the Swamp Monster Hair.

NIMUE gets the Swamp Monster Eyes.

GWEN and PELLINORE get the mouth.

LANCE, GAWAIN, PERCY, MORGANA, MORGAUSE exit SL with dock post.

MORDRED exits SL.

ARTHUR and MERLIN stay onstage to command the trees.)

SCENE FIVE: The Mires Family Trick

The Mires kids speak to the Mires Adults through trees and a monster while they are out looking for food.

ARTHUR and MERLIN

Come forth, our tree friends and aid us in our quest!

(ARTHUR and MERLIN use grand magical gestures as the DRAKE ADULTS enter SL as trees. ARTHUR and MERLIN then get the Swamp Monster Hands and join the others.)

NIMUE

Shhhh be quiet!

GWEN

They are coming- we have to hide!

(MIRES KIDS hide behind trees as MIRES ADULTS enter with nets and buckets from STAIRS)

FRANKIE

Let's go fishing.

COUSIN MYRTLE and COUSIN WILLARD

Let's catch some frogs.

MIRES KIDS

(in tree spirit voice)

We are the tree spirits!

COUSIN MYRTLE and COUSIN WILLARD

The trees are talking? What are you telling us?

MIRES KIDS

(in tree spirit voice)

Stop fighting with the Drake Family.

FRANKIE

Maybe we should listen to the trees.

MIRES KIDS

(in tree spirit voice)

Wise choice, humans.

GRANDMA ELENA

Thank goodness the trees are talking.

GRANDMA ELENA and GRANDMA EFFIE

And not the swamp monster!

MIRES KIDS

(in swamp monster voice)

Vanish, trees!

(MIRES KIDS puppet a part of the swamp monster as the trees exit SL.)

(in swamp monster voice chant)

Get along! Get along! Get along! Get along!

MIRES ADULTS

The myths are true!

FRANKIE

The trees are right!

COUSIN WILLARD and COUSIN MYRTLE

Let's go change this!

(FRANKIE, JACQUE, WILLARD, and MYRTLE exit UPSTAIRS)

GRANDMA ELENA and GRANDMA EFFIE

Wait for us!

(exit UPSTAIRS)

(DRAKE ADULTS give tree costumes to MIRES ADULTS backstage and the MIRES adults prepare to be trees. DRAKE adults take their nets and buckets.)

SCENE 5A: The Swamp Swap

*The Mires kids tell the Drakes how it went. Mires kids give the Drake kids the monster
During this scene the adults swap tree supplies.*

MIRES KIDS

(as swamp monster)

We diiiiid it. We diiiiid it!

(as themselves)

That was awesome!

(DRAKE KIDS enter SL)

DRAKE KIDS

Did it work? Or... not?

MIRES KIDS

It went great!

(as swamp monster)

We diiiiid it!

(KAY hands Swamp Monster Hair to PERCY.

NIMUE hands Swamp Monster Eyes to MORGANA.

GWEN and PELLINORE hand Swamp Monster Mouth to MORGAUSE and MORDRED.

MERLIN hands Swamp Monster Right Hand to GAWAIN.

ARTHUR hands Swamp Monster Left Hand to LANCE.)

(MIRES KIDS exit SR, saying how awesome that was and wishing the Drakes luck.)

SCENE SIX: The Drake Family Trick

The Drake kids speak to the Drake Adults through trees and a monster while they are out looking for food.

GAWAIN and PERCY

Trees! We demand you enter the swamp.
(Trees played by MIRES ADULTS enter SL)

MORGANA, MORGAUSE, MORDRED

Shhh! Hide! They're coming!
(DRAKE KIDS hide behind the trees.)

LANCE

Be quiet!

(DRAKE ADULTS enter STAIRS with buckets and nets)

AUNTIE SUE

I'm just looking for a moose to roast.

AUNTIE JC

I'm looking for salmon.

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

I want to find a peacock.

DRAKE KIDS

(in tree spirit voice)
We are the tree spirits.

AUNTIE JC

Did you say somethin'?

AUNTIE SUE

I didn't say nothin'. Did you?

AUNTIE WILLOW

No... I think it's comin' from the trees.

DRAKE KIDS

(in tree spirit voice)
It is us trees.

WEST and JACQUE

No way. Trees can't talk.

AUNTIE SUE

It's probably Grandma Bobbie-Jo's stories gettin' to us again.

DRAKE KIDS

(in tree spirit voice)

The swamp monster is coming. You better start running.

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

I told you I was right! Like always!

DRAKE KIDS

(in swamp monster voice)

Vanish, trees!

(DRAKE KIDS puppet a part of the swamp monster as the trees exit SL.)

You have to make amends. And become friends. You have to make amends. And become friends. You have to make amends. And become friends!

DRAKE ADULTS

We must go to the Mires!

(exit UPSTAIRS)

SCENE 6A: The Victory

The Drakes kids tell the Mires kids how it went.

(DRAKE KIDS stay onstage. MIRES KIDS enter SR. Backstage the adults put the trees and fishing supplies down.)

MIRES KIDS

Did it work?

NIMUE

I was too afraid of the water to watch.

DRAKE KIDS

It was perfect!

MIRES KIDS

Did you scare them?

DRAKE KIDS

Ooooh yeah!

MIRES KIDS

Let's go find them!

(MIRES KIDS exit SR and DRAKE KIDS stay onstage. MERLIN gets into Bird Mask.)

SCENE SEVEN: The Commotion in the Swamp

Adults apologizing. Eyeballs moving. The dog finds the holy snail. The bird brings it to Grandma. Now she's seen everything.

MIRES ADULTS

(entering STAIRS. FRANKIE still has Speaking Stick.)

Where are ya kids?

(get centerstage and see the monster- exit SR)

Aaaaah!

DRAKE KIDS (Monster)

Ummm... hi. Oops.

(exit SL)

(GAWAIN gets into DOG GAWAIN mask. Other DRAKE kids keep holding their part of the monster.)

DRAKE ADULTS

(enter STAIRS)

Kids? Where are you?

(Exit SL)

Apology One: The Cousins and the Aunties

COUSIN MYRTLE, COUSIN WILLARD

(enter SR)

Arthur! Merlin! Gwen!

AUNTIE JC, AUNTIE WILLOW, AUNTIE SUE

(enter SL)

We're so sorry we threw a ham at your window.

COUSIN MYRTLE

Sorry about blaming you for the snail.

COUSIN WILLARD

Sorry sorry sorry sorry sorry!

(PERCY (Swamp Hair) and LANCE (Swamp Monster Hand) enter SL behind them.)

AUNTIE JC, AUNTIE WILLOW, AUNTIE SUE, COUSIN MYRTLE, COUSIN WILLARD

(seeing the hand and hair)

Holy roasted moose!

(AUNTIES and COUSINS exit SL. PERCY and LANCE exit SL behind them.)

Apology Two: The Dads and Uncle

(FRANKIE enters SR with Speaking Stick as WEST and JACQUE enter SL)

FRANKIE

West? Jacque? I want you to have the speaking stick.

WEST

(taking the stick)

Yes! I finally have the speaking stick!

JACQUES

Hey, want to catch bugs and stuff?

FRANKIE

Yeah! Thank you for inviting me.

(MORGANA (Swamp Monster Eyes) from SL and stands behind them. They notice.)

FRANKIE, WEST, JACQUES

Ah! Help!

(FRANKIE exits SR. WEST and JACQUE exit SL. MORGANA follows them SL.)

Dog and Bird Interlude

(DOG GAWAIN enters SL with snail shell and meets BIRD MERLIN who enters from SR)

DOG GAWAIN

Hey bird! Look at this snail shell I found! I dug it up!

BIRD MERLIN

Are you kidding me?! That's the Holy Snail! Give it to me!

(BIRD MERLIN takes the snail and exits STAIRS)

DOG GAWAIN

But it was my snail.

(exits SR and removes mask offstage)

MIRES KIDS (except MERLIN)

(enter SR)

Dad? Grandma?

COUSINS MYRTLE and WILLARD

(enter SL)

Kids! There is a swamp monster in this swamp! Be careful!

(MIRES KIDS And COUSINS exit SR)

Apology 3: The Grandmas

(GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO enters SL as GRANDMA ELENA and GRANDMA EFFIE enter SR)

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

I'm sorry. I forgive you for taking the snail.

GRANDMA ELENA AND GRANDMA EFFIE

And we forgive you for taking the snail.

(MORGAUSE and MORDRED as Swamp Monster Mouth enter SL and sneak behind them)

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO, GRANDMA ELENA, AND GRANDMA EFFIE

It doesn't matter after all.

MORGAUSE and MORDRED (Swamp Monster Mouth)

(in swamp monster voice)

Good job, humans.

(GRANDMA ELENA, EFFIE exit SR and BOBBIE-JO exits UPSTAIRS. MORGAUSE and MORDRED (Swamp Monster Mouth) laugh and exit SL. BOBBIE- JO and WEST enter STAIRS, WEST has Speaking stick.)

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

It was just here. A big mouth.

BIRD MERLIN

(enters down STAIRS cawing)

Caw. Caw. Here is the Holy Snail. *(hands it to GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO.)*
A dog buried this somewhere and I have no clue why. No one stole it. Caw!
(exits SR and removes mask offstage)

GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO

Strangest day of my whole life.

(GRANDMA BOBBIE-JO and WEST exit SL. WEST puts down the Speaking Stick offstage.)

SCENE EIGHT: The Two Family Get Together

Big family get together and dance party.

(AUNTIE SUE and AUNTIE WILLOW set wall centerstage at a diagonal)

(MIRES FAMILY enters SR and goes to their side of the wall. DRAKE FAMILY enters SL and goes to their side of the wall.)

DRAKE FAMILY

So the dog had the shell all along!

MIRES FAMILY

That naughty doggie.

DRAKE FAMILY

Let's make up and have fun.

ALL ADULTS

And get rid of this silly wall once and for all!

(AUNTIE SUE and AUNTIE WILLOW remove wall offstage left)

DRAKE FAMILY

Let's hoedown!

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(After the song, DRAKE FAMILY exits SL and gets into dog masks. MIRIS FAMILY stays onstage to sing the chorus again and then exits SR to get into bird masks.)

EPILOGUE: The Dogs and the Birds

The dogs share what they thought of the story and the birds share the lesson.

DOGS

(entering SL)

Arf! Arf! Arf!

DOG LANCE

I love that story!

DOGS GAWAIN and PERCY

Better than chewin' on a bone!

DOGS MORGAUSE and MORDRED

Better than gettin' a treat!

DOG MORGAUSE

Better than gettin' a belly rub!

DOGS

Ooooooh, I love belly rubs!

(BIRDS enter SR.)

BIRD ARTHUR

And to this very day they get along!

BIRD MERLIN

And that's why you shouldn't fight with neighbors.

BIRD GWEN

And don't hold a grudge.

BIRD PELLINORE

Especially over a snail.

BIRD NIMUE

I hope you learned a leeches.

BIRD KAY

You mean lesson.

BIRD NIMUE

Yeah, I hope you learned a lesson.

BIRD ADULTS

Cause your fate ain't swamp a little.

ALL BIRDS AND DOGS

When there's Swampalot!