

# NOTHING HAPPENS IN SILSTOWN

## Characters

Reporter- Arnau Calduch

Mayor- Narcís Figueras

Policeman- Ivan Pérez

Waiter- Quim Arabia

Chef- Eloi Espinosa

Cook- Alejandro Lujan

Mouse 1- Sandra Frias

Mouse2- Ariadna Corney

Mouse 3- Mertixell Chavez

Mouse4- Roxana Chirtes

Dog 1- Aleix Aymerich

Dog 2- Marina Vilar

Cat 1- Dani Cantero

Cat 2- Jordi López

Catwoman- Geizha González

Ritty- Paula Borràs

Priest- Èric Delgado

Sister- Sílvia Martín

Mother- Zaida Linares

Doctor- Aram Figueras

Nurse- Jordi Laynez

Stage: A café-restaurant. There are two tables. In each one three chairs. Two mice are sitting on there. They drink a coffee and eat some cheese.

It's in the fifties...

*(Music : Enchantment 1)*

( The reporter appears on the stage)

**Reporter-** Silstown is a quiet town. Nothing happens.

(Mr Policeman comes to the stage. He stands next to the Reporter)

**Reporter-** Good morning, Mr policeman.

**Policeman-** Good Morning.

(The Mayor arrives. He stands next to the Policeman)

**Mayor-** Good morning.

**Reporter & Policeman-** Good morning, Mayor

**Mayor-** Good morning. Any news?

**Policeman-** No news, Mayor.

**Reporter-** No news is good news.

**Mayor-** Yes, it is. ( looking at the sky ) Good weather

**Policeman-** Good weather, Mayor.

**Reporter-** Yes, it is. Good weather.

*Music( Papa loves Mambo )*

( They remain in silence.They move their heads, they look up, down, right and left.They look at the watch, they tie up their shoes and their ties...etc.Doing the actions at the same time.They are wasting time..Suddenly Pretty Ritty appears .She's coquettish. She walks before them and leaves the stage).The three characters follow her body with their eyes)

**Mayor**-Clever girl.

**Policeman**-Legal girl.

**Reporter**- lovely girl (Moving his hands... He looks at her carefully)

(The Mayor coughs. They do the same)

**Mayor**-Ehem...Let's go to the café.

(The three characters walk to the café.The tallest goes first...)

(Cafè: Two tables with three chairs each one. Two mice are drinking coffee and eating some cheese.They're talking.When the gentlemen pass they bow their heads politely .The three gentlemen take off their hats.Then, they sit down)

**Policeman**- Waiter, please

( The Waiter comes)

**Waiter**- Yes, Sir.

**Policeman**- A Coca-Cola for the Mayor, please.

**Waiter**- Sorry. I haven't got any coca-colas.

**Mayor**- Don't worry, don't worry...

**Policeman**- So, a Lemonade for the mayor, please...

**Waiter**-Sorry.I haven't got any lemonade...

**Mayor**- Don't worry,don't worry...

**Policeman**-So, an orange juice for the Mayor, please..

**Waiter**-Sorry, I haven't orange juice.

( The Policeman stands up.He feels angry. He takes the waiter' s lapel in a rude way)

**Policeman**-So, What do you have?

**Waiter**- Water...just water...Mr Policeman

**Policeman**- So....bring...some....water... for... the ...Mayor.... please...!

**Waiter**- O...K...!

**Reporter**- And some olives, please...

**Waiter**-Black olives, or green olives?

**Reporter**- Green olives, please.

**Waiter**-Sorry, I haven't got any green olives.

**Policeman-** So...Black olives..

**Waiter-**Sorry, I haven't got any black olives.

**Policeman**( He stands up very angry.He takes his whistle and whistles) Where is the Chef?

**Waiter-** (The Waiter is very flustered.He shouts) Where is the chef? Where is the Chef?.

(The mice point to the restaurant)

**Mouse 1 and mouse 2-** At the restaurant.

(The waiter goes inside and comes back with the chef, who's got a list in his hands)

**Chef-**What's the matter?

**Reporter-** I want some olives...

**Chef-** Black olives or green olives...?

**Mayor-** Mr reporter wants some olives. Have you got any olives, please?

**Chef-** Sorry, I haven't any olives.

**Policeman-**( Mr Policeman stands up and uses his whistle )Where is the Cook? Where is the cook?

**Chef & waiter-** Where is the cook? Where is the cook?( They shout making a circle.They feel nervous )

**Mouse 1 & Mouse 2-** In the Kitchen.

( The Chef and the Waiter into the kitchen.They come back with the Cook, who, at this moment, is preparing an omelette)

*Music: Come to the restaurant...Little Wizard 2*

**Cook-** What's the matter?

**Mouse 1-** Mr Reporter wants some olives...

**Mouse 2-** But, There aren't any olives..

**Cook-** What about some milk?

**Reporter-**O.K

**Cook-** Goat milk, or cow milk.?

**Reporter, Policeman and Mayor** –(Shouting) Just milk!!!

**Cook-** O.k,,O.k...Understood!

( The cook goes into the kitchen.He comes back with a "rag-cow".He milks the cow into the reporter's glass.Someone is pouring the milk behind the cow, but the audience can't see this action)

( The Mayor, Mr Policeman and the Reporter are amazed)

Mr Policeman stands up, loses his balance and falls down onto the floor).

**Mayor-** Call the doctor!( He shouts at the mice)

( The Reporter takes some photos)

**Reporter-** Something happens in Silstown, today.( He says to the audience very excited, then he leaves the stage)

**Mouse 1 & Mouse2-** Mr doctor, Mr Doctor, come here!

( The Doctor and the nurse appear)

**Doctor-** What 's the matter?

**Nurse-** What 's the matter?

**Mayor-** Mr Policeman is dead !( He crosses himself) Let's call the Priest!

**Tots-**Mr Priest..!

**Mr Priest-** (He blesses the dead man. Everybody says a silent prayer) He's in heaven ,now! .Amen( He goes out )

( Mr Doctor says... no... with the head His assistant does the same.The Doctor decides to make some clinical tests....temperature...etc. The nurse helps him .It's a comical situation...)

*Music*

( When he finishes, he stands up very serious).

**Mayor, Waiter, Cook & Chef-** Is he dead?

**Doctor-** No, Sorry...He's hungry!( He makes a sign with his hand)

**Nurse-** He's hungry.

(In that moment "the dead man" stands up and goes out of the stage ,running. Then all the characters do the same. The stage is empty,now)

Music...

(The mice3 and 4 and the Dog 1 come to the stage and sit down on a chair.From the other side enter the Cats 1, 2 ,and the Dog 2. They sit down .They say hello to each other)

**Mouse 3-**( Stand up) Look at my dress. It's new. It's fashion.(Sit down)

**Mouse4-**Oh! Lovely dress.

**Dog 1-** And expensive!

**Mouse3-**And look at my scarf.It's new.It's fashion!

**Mouse 4-**Oh! Lovely scarf.

**Dog 1-**And expensive!

**Mouse 3-** And look at my bag it's new.It's fashion.

**Mouse 4-** Oh Lovely bag.

**Dog1-**And expensive...!

( The mice look at each other and shrug their shoulders)

(In the other table, the two cats and the dog are talking about football)

**Cat 1-** Today, football.

**Cat 2-** Yes, football today!

**Dog 2-** Cats against dogs!

**Cat 1-** Cats 3, dogs 1

**Dog 2-** No, sorry. Cats 1 , dogs 3.

**Cat 1 and cat 2-** Today, we win!!!!

**Dog-** No, sorry. Dogs win.

(They stand up and start playing football...They go out of the stage . The dog 1 wants to join them)

**Dog 1-** Can I join in, please?

**Tots-**O.K

**Mouse3 & Mouse4-** ( Disgusted) OH! Football.

( The Catwoman comes running and says frightened)

**Catwoman-**Do you know the news?

**Mouse 3 & Mouse 4-** Which news?

**Catwoman-** (She sits down ) Pretty Ritty doesn't want a husband!

**Mouse 3-** Really?

**Catwoman-** Yes, She doesn't!

**Mouse 4-** Oh! Dear. No husband!

**Catwoman-** She wants the divorce.

**Catwoman, Mouse 3 & Mouse 4-** The divorce!( Shouting)

**Mouse 3-** Let's go and see.

( They leave the stage running as if they where at the sales)

Music...

( Pretty Ritty comes to the stage .She's very serious and angry.Then, her mother and her sister appear followed by the Priest.After some seconds the mice 3 and 4 look everything's happening.Then come: the Mayor ,the Policeman , the waiter, the cook...They stand in a corner.Only Ritty is sitting on a chair)

**Priest-** Pretty Ritty, Pretty Ritty. What are you doing?

**Sister-** Pretty Ritty, Pretty Ritty.What are you thinking?

**Mother-** Pretty Ritty, Pretty Ritty.What are you saying?

( She stands up and...)

**Ritty-** I don't want to get married .I want to be free...!

**Mouse 3 & 4-** OH, No!

**Sister, Mother, Priest-**Free? Why?

**Ritty-** Because ..I'm not in love ...and.I want to be a teacher.....

**Sister, Mother, Priest-** A teacher?

**Mayor, policeman, reporter-**A teacher?.

**Waiter, cook, shef-**A teacher!

*(There are two possible ends...)*

*End 1:*

**(1)Ritty-** A dancing teacher. ( She takes off her wedding drees.)

**Ritty-** Please, everybody come here and help to tidy up this stage...

( Everyone helps to pick up the objects that are on the stage.They also sweep it )

*Classical music:*

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*Music:*

(Everybody sits on the floor making in a semi-circle.Then, the dancers stand up and dance)

(The reporter stands up and says to the audience)

**Reporter-**Silstown isn't a quiet village,now.Something happens.

(All the characters leave the stage making the shape of a snake)

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*End:2*

**(2)Ritty-**A music teacher( She takes off her wedding dress)

( Everyone helps to pick up the objects that are on the stage.They also sweep the floor)

*Classical music:*

( Everybody 's sitting on the floor in a semi-circle.Ritty has a baton. They say, one by one, the letters of the alphabet (standing up).At the end, they sing the alphabet song)

Reporter: Silstown isn't a quiet village. Something happens.

( All the characters leave the stage making the shape of a snake)

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The End

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