

Sentimental and Ridiculous

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Cast of Characters

WITCH 1:

Salty

WITCH 2:

Sweet

BAT:

Sentimental

A witch's workroom.

The BAT sits in the back. Two WITCHES enter.

As WITCH 1 calls out commands, WITCH 2 follows them.

WITCH 1

Get the cauldron started. Grab the wormwort. Grab the lavender. But not too much. Remember what happened last time.

WITCH 2

I know. I know. There.

WITCH 1

Oh! And cedarwood and spearmint. Spearmint!--not peppermint.

WITCH 2

I know!

WITCH 1

Well, now you know.

WITCH 2

I knew before.

WITCH 1

But you still used the peppermint.

WITCH 2

Once!

WITCH 1

Twice.

WITCH 2

Ready.

WITCH 1

Now for the bat.

The WITCHES approach the BAT.

The BAT is scared and awkward.

The WITCHES bring the BAT center stage, to the cauldron.

WITCH 1 (cont'd)

Okay. Put it in.

Frightened, the BAT shakes its head.

WITCH 2 is touched.

WITCH 2

Isn't that...inhumane?

The BAT nods.

WITCH 1

It's a bat.

WITCH 2

But...it's still...alive.

The BAT nods eagerly.

WITCH 1

If we were to--

The BAT stares at WITCH 1 with big, concerned eyes and worried look.

WITCH 1 re-considers her words.

WITCH 1 (cont'd)

If it were not to be alive...that would mess up the whole spell.

WITCH 2

But...look at it.

The BAT puts on a sad, puppy-dog face and pouts at WITCH 1.

WITCH 2 (cont'd)

See!

WITCH 1

Don't be ridiculous. Put it in.

The BAT switches its sad, puppy-dog face to WITCH 2.

WITCH 2

But...

WITCH 1

I have to do everything.

WITCH 1 grabs the BAT. The BAT is panicked and tries to fly away, but WITCH 1 holds on.

They struggle.

Finally, WITCH 1 brings the BAT close to her. With no other option, the BAT lays its head on WITCH 1's shoulder--sad.

WITCH 2

Look at that...

WITCH 1

Ridiculous. Where did you get this bat?

WITCH 2 takes out a list.

WITCH 2

From Old Man Bootstrap, like you said: "One sentimental bat."

WITCH 1 grabs the list from WITCH 2.

The BAT is still cuddling with WITCH 1.

WITCH 1

One SEMINAL bat.

WITCH 2

Well, that doesn't make any sense.

WITCH 1

They're labeled specifically for potions! What am I supposed to do with this?

WITCH 1 motions to the BAT.

The BAT cuddles closer to WITCH 1.

WITCH 2

Aww. It loves you. You can't use it in a potion.

WITCH 1

Because it's sentimental.

WITCH 2

Exactly.

WITCH 1

No. I mean, it's the wrong bat. Take it back.

The BAT gets real sad. The BAT looks WITCH 1 in the face and shakes it head. It cuddles with her again.

WITCH 2

Do I have to?

WITCH 1

Sentimental and ridiculous.

WITCH 1 looks at the cuddling BAT, then looks away--angry and defeated.

WITCH 1 (cont'd)

Fine!

WITCH 2

Yay!

WITCH 2 embraces WITCH 1 and the BAT.

The BAT is happy.

END.