

**Audition Piece 3**

**Shem, Ham, Noah, Aphra, Japheth, Mama, Yonah**

**SHEM**

Come on, Ham, we've sprung another leak. Hurry!

*(YONAH makes to hide, but then stops, deliberately turning to face*

*SHEM)*

**HAM**

*(OFFSTAGE, calling up from BELOW)*

Not again! Where?

**SHEM**

Bring a rope...

*(Sees YONAH and stops in his tracks. There is a moment of silence as SHEM and YONAH look at each other)*

Ham, come here.

**HAM**

*I'm coming!*

**SHEM**

Now!

**HAM**

I couldn't find a dry...

*(Sees YONAH)*

Yonah.

**SHEM**

Get Papa.

**HAM**

So this is why the rain hasn't stopped.

**SHEM**

Get Papa!

No wonder. I knew something was wrong.

**NOAH**

*(From BELOW)*

What is it, Ham?

**HAM**

Just hurry.

*(HAM reappears, followed by NOAH)*

There!

**SHEM**

Well, Papa?

*(AYSHA and APHRA follow them up onto the deck)*

**APHRA**

What's going on?

**HAM**

It's Yonah.

**AYSHA**

Yonah!

**SHEM**

*(To NOAH)*

What are you going to do?

**NOAH**

Yonah, what you have done is an evil thing...

**SHEM**

*(Turning on NOAH, shouting)*

What are you going to *do*?

Come on, HAM. Let's get rid of her.

*(JAPHETA appears from BELOW)*

**JAPHETH**

Shem!

If you lay a hand on her, I'll kill you.

**HAM**

Did you know about this?

**JAPHETH**

I mean it.

**HAM**

He did! He knew!

*(MAMA comes up through the hatch)*

**MAMA**

What's happening?

**NOAH**

Japheth, is this true?

**SHEM**

What does it matter? Get her off the ark.

*(Moves to YONAH and grabs her)*

**JAPHETH**

I warned you.

*(HE runs towards SHEM, but before he can get anywhere near him,*

*NOAH steps into his path and strikes him across the head)*

**NOAH**

Japheth!

**JAPHETH**

Get out of my way, old man.

**MAMA**

Let him go.

**NOAH**

Never!

*(NOAH strikes JAPHETH a savage backhand blow which sends the latter reeling to the deck. As JAPHETH rises to his feet, he reaches out and picks up the staff of ADAM, which is still leaning up against the bow of the ark)*

I'll kill you!

**JAPHETH**

Japheth!

**MAMA**

*(HAM grabs JAPHETH from behind)*

Let me go!

**JAPHETH**

Japheth!

**NAOH**

Stop it, Japheth! Both of you!

**MAMA**

Stop it, brother! Stop it!

**HAM**

*Let me go!*

**JAPHETH**

*(JAPHETH wrenches himself away from HAM, who falls backwards.*

*HE then turns on HAM, raising the staff over his head, ready to strike*

*down at him. MAMA SCREAMS. But now, YONAH pulls away from SHEM and rushes in to*

*protect HAM, throwing herself between the raised staff and HAM'S*

*prostrate body)*

No!

**YONAH**