

# Superstition

## Cast:

Fred, Sally

## Props:

Mirror (you don't mind breaking), pair of shoes, table, ladders, umbrella

## Story:

### Act 1

Fred	Are you ready yet?
Sally	I said one minute.
Fred	That's what you said 20 minutes ago!
	[Fred] Stamp foot - break mirror [Sally] run on stage. Gasp
Sally	What is that? Have you stood on a mirror? Is it smashed? It's smashed. That's 7 years bad luck!
Fred	No worries. I'll still be waiting for you by the time the 7 years are up
Sally	Oh, ha ha. Glass has gone in my shoes.
	[Fred] Pick up shoes, dust off and place on table [Sally] gasp
Fred	Now what's wrong
Sally	Shoes on a table? Really?
Fred	I literally have no idea why you are asking me this.
Sally	It's unlucky!
Fred	How?
Sally	Err. It just is. Just move them.
	[Fred] cut finger. Ouch
Sally	It's started
Fred	I only cut myself because you made me move them
Sally	Anyway, let's see, it's not bad. I'm ready to go now.
	[Fred] turn to leave, pick up umbrella
Sally	You even think about putting up that umbrella in this house!
Fred	Let me guess it's bad luck. Walk a little way. Well we've finally made it outside alive then.
	[Fred+Sally] walk under ladders
Sally	I can't believe you left the ladders out and made me walk underneath them. Now you've cursed us both for 7 years.
Fred	This place is a death trap according to you.
Sally	It is with you in around. At least I put that horse shoe above our door.
Fred	Oh well thank goodness that's there. Does it also protect me against the crazy witch inside the house.
Sally	You'll be grateful one day.
Fred	I'm sure I will.
Sally	Look a black cat
Fred	See I told you a witch lives here.

Sally	Oh no! it's run away
Fred	That's alright dear it wasn't our cat.
Sally	No, No, No! it's bad luck for a black cat to run away from you. Today is the worst day ever.
Fred	Nothing bad has actually happened.
Sally	Yet.
	[Fred + Sally] wait to cross a road, move head right to left - watching ambulance
Fred	Oh an ambulance I wonder where that's going?
Sally	Quick pinch your nose or hold your breath until you see a brown dog.
Fred	What, why?
	[Sally] pinch own nose
Sally	That's what you have to do when you see an ambulance or else.
Fred	It's bad luck. I'm not doing that. What if you never see a brown dog then you wouldn't just be unlucky, you'd be dead.
Sally	Don't be silly of course we'll see a brown dog now pinch your nose.
Fred	Oh, I'm silly. Ah A penny. Wait I know this one, see A penny pick it up all day long you'll have good luck.
Sally	No.
Fred	What did I say it wrong?
Sally	It was head side up so that means it's unlucky. Tails side up is lucky.
Fred	Seriously? Well every penny is lucky to me the way you spend them. And love, please stop pinching your nose.
Sally	Well I suppose you've cursed me for a lifetime today anyway. Be careful
Fred	Why what did I nearly stand in dog poo
Sally	No, you nearly stood on a crack. That's unlucky too you know.
Fred	How do you ever leave the house?
Sally	Just be careful.
Fred	Oh, I just stood on a lady bird. Poor thing.
Sally	That's bad luck too! And you're stood on a crack. Told you its bad luck.
Fred	Yeah bad luck for the lady bird.
Sally	A lone magpie! <b>salute</b> . Good morning Mr Magpie how is your lady wife today?
Fred	What was that?
Sally	That's what you have to do when you see a magpie. Have you never heard the song one for sorrow, two for joy?
Fred	Yes, but it's just a song. You don't see me flapping my arms around every time I hear I'm flying without wings.
Sally	You should really start taking this stuff seriously you know.
Fred	Why so we can be sectioned together?
Sally	Oh, ha ha. I'm telling you one day you'll be grateful I told you all these things.
Fred	Right. Well we've finally made it and in one piece! Would you believe it! <b>open door</b>
Fred	After you.
Sally	Thanks. But don't even think about crossing me on the stairs in here.
Fred	Wouldn't dream of it dear.

## Act 2

Fred	Ah it's good to be home.
Sally	What a day I've had! Ever since we left the house it's just been a whirlwind.
Fred	Really? How has it?
Sally	Well we missed the bus.
Fred	And
Sally	Well that's it. But it wouldn't have happened if you hadn't sprung all that unluckiness onto us
Fred	I think you're exaggerating. Anyway, are you ready for your audition?
Sally	No, I'm not going to bother anymore.
Fred	What? Why? You were so excited.
Sally	Well there is just so much bad luck coming my way, there's no point.
Fred	Don't be daft, that part is yours, you should go for it.
Sally	No, I don't want to, there's no point I told you.
Fred	Right. This is getting daft now. It's one thing to reel this stuff off as common phrases but another to let it shape your life. You can't let it dictate your life and decisions. Do you even know why these things are "bad luck"?
Sally	Well no but everyone knows they are.
Fred	Do they really though?
Sally	I don't know!
Fred	These ideas are holding you back, stopping you from living and fulfilling the things you want to do. And I bet there's lots of other superstitions that you don't know or believe in?
Sally	Oh yeah some of them are really stupid! Like there's this one that if you say the word pig whilst fishing then it's bad luck. Like that doesn't even make any sense.
Fred	But how is that any different to any of the others? Why does it make any sense for it to be bad luck to pick a penny up that's head side up or to stand on a crack?
Sally	Er er
Fred	What makes those ones real and other one not real? Surely you need to believe in all of them or none of them right?
Sally	Er er
Fred	And if you believed in all of them then you'd never leave the house! You'd be constantly stressing out and struggling to get anything done. Surely that's not the way we are supposed to live?
Sally	Well when you put it like that
Fred	It's like today, how stressed out were you over nothing? And now you're stopping these ideas go for an audition that I know you still really want
Sally	You're right, I do really want it. And I guess I can't answer any of those questions. I don't know why I believe in these things and they do just stress me out. How stupid did I look today pinching my nose? Ha ha.
Fred	And we never did see that brown dog!
Sally	Oh yeah, I'd still be pinching it now! That's it, I'm going to go for it; I'm going for the audition. If I don't get it then it's not bad luck it just wasn't for me.