

MOTHER CHRISTMAS
A Musical

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Mother Solstice
A New Musical

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mother Solstice/Mrs Claus
Krampus
Kandi Kane
Jingle Belle
Lumina
Eve
Garland
Dash
Santa

Ensemble: (Can all be doubled)
Grandmother Winter/Winter
Avery
Keepers
Helpers/Minions
Townsfolk
Elves

ACT I

PROLOGUE

[MUSIC NO. 1: OVERTURE]

In the Northland with snow all around, town people gather for the Yuletide celebration with the Great Queen of Yule, also known as GRANDMOTHER WINTER. TOWNSFOLK/ELVES have gathered outside her castle. Music continues as KANDI KANE, in a green cloak enters, the crowd cheers. KANDI KANE waves to everyone.

[MUSIC NO. 2: EVE OF THE YULETIDE MOON]

KANDI KANE

IN THE BEGINNING - LONG AGO
BEFORE SANTA, CHRISTMAS AND THE NORTH POLE
GRANDMOTHER WINTER RULED THE LAND
AS THE REINDEER GODDESS SHE DID COMMAND.
THE STORY OF YULE IS REALLY QUITE OLD

ELVES

REALLY QUITE OLD

KANDI KANE

HERE'S THE STORY

ALL

EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW

(GRANDMOTHER WINTER enters, in all white. The TOWNS PEOPLE bow and curtsy.)

KANDI KANE

ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE
MOON,
GRANDMOTHER WINTER CHOSE TO
STEP DOWN,
AS THE ANCIENT SOVEREIGN OF
YULE.
SHE HAD TWO CHILDREN TO PASS
THE CROWN

ELVES

TWO CHILDREN TO PASS THE
CROWN

WOMEN

ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE MOON
WHEN THE MAGIC AND SPIRIT WERE HIGH ENOUGH
AND THE YEAR HAD BEEN SO ROUGH
ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE MOON.

(MOTHER SOLSTICE and KRAMPUS
(in a red cloak trimmed in white fur)
enter)

GRANDMOTHER WINTER

Yuletide will be safe in my children's hands...

ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE MOON,
THEN I TOOK THE CROWN FROM MY HEAD
AND BROKE THE CROWN IN TWO.
NOW, MY CHILDREN RULE IN MY STEAD.

ALL

TO MOTHER SOLSTICE, I GIVE HALF THE CROWN.
(hands the reindeer amulet to MOTHER
SOLSTICE, who fastens it around her
neck.)

SHE BRINGS YULE LIGHT TO EVERY TOWN.

GRANDMOTHER WINTER

SHE CAN HARNESS

ALL

THE REINDEER FLIGHT -

GRANDMOTHER WINTER

ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE
MOON

ALL

YULETIDE MOON

WOMAN ONE

MOTHER SOLSTICE
SHE IS HERE
WITH YULETIDE CHEER
THAT LASTS THE YEAR.

ALL

MOTHER SOLSTICE!
SHE WILL SAY
SHE'S PACKED HER SLEIGH
THEN ON HER WAY.

GRANDMOTHER WINTER

TO KRAMPUS I GIVE THE DARKER SIDE,
WHERE THE BAD ARE DETERRED AND CANNOT HIDE.
(She hands him the goat arm band)

KRAMPUS

I FEEL MY ANGER TAKE HOLD OF MY SOUL
WHY DO I HAVE TO PASS OUT THE COAL,
ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE MOON?
(Naughty kids enter. KRAMPUS follows
them as they sneak/dance across the
stage.)

ALL

But...

WATCH OUT!
BEWARE
TAKE CARE
WATCH OUT...
BEWARE
DON'T DARE

WOMEN

DON'T LET KRAMPUS SEE YOU.
BETTER WATCH YOUR PS AND QS

ALL

WATCH OUT!
BEWARE
TAKE CARE
WATCH OUT...

BEWARE
DON'T DARE

WOMEN
OR HE WILL COME AFTER YOU.
HE WILL LEAVE A NASTY BRUISE

MEN
KRAMPUS TAKES THE NAUGHTY DOWN BELOW

KIDS
NO! NO! NO!

MEN
WHAT THEY REAP IS WHAT THEY WILL SOW.

KIDS
NO! NO! NO!

WOMEN
THEN PEOPLE STARTED SAYING...

ALL
NO! NO! NO!

WOMEN
HE'S SO EVIL - SO UGLY - SO CRUEL

KIDS
NO! NO! NO!

WOMEN
MAKES THEM ALL EAT LEFTOVER GRUEL

ALL
NO! NO! NO! NO! NO!

MEN & WOMEN
CRIED THE YOUTH

KIDS
WHAT WE TOLD IS REALLY THE TRUTH
(KRAMPUS crosses to the children.)

ALL

WATCH OUT!
 BEWARE
 TAKE CARE
 WATCH OUT...
 BEWARE
 DON'T DARE

KRAMPUS

MOTHER SOLSTICE -
 GODDESS OF NICE
 I'M THE GOD OF BAD -
 I PAID THE PRICE.

KIDS

KRAMPUS IS EVIL - SO CRUEL - SO UGLY

KRAMPUS

I'LL TAKE IT ALL AWAY

PARENTS

HE SAID SMUGLY.

ALL

WATCH OUT!
 BEWARE
 TAKE CARE
 WATCH OUT...
 BEWARE
 DON'T DARE

KRAMPUS

MY SISTER, I WILL DEFEAT,
 FOR GOOD I CAN'T COMPETE.

She'll rue the day she accepted that role.

(KRAMPUS rubs his hands together.)

DANCE BREAK**MOTHER SOLSTICE**

(scoffs)

Oh, dear brother, you can try...

(They circle each other preparing to fight.
Elves dance around them.)

KRAMPUS

Then, let's make this entertaining... If I win...

ALL

WATCH OUT!
BEWARE
TAKE CARE

KRAMPUS

A NEW MAN - I'LL PUT IN CHARGE

ALL

WATCH OUT...
BEWARE
DON'T DARE

KRAMPUS

WITH A BOOMING LAUGH - A BELLY, LARGE.

(MOTHER SOLSTICE and KRAMPUS
shake hands, binding the wager.
GRANDMOTHER WINTER does not
approve. KRAMPUS and MOTHER
SOLSTICE face each other. The
TOWNSFOLK/ELVES and kids gather
around. GRANDMOTHER WINTER
stand watching, down stage. KRAMPUS
and MOTHER SOLSTICE move in
closer.)

KRAMPUS

I WASN'T BORN A BAD MAN
THAT WAS NEVER THE PLAN

MOTHER SOLSTICE

YOU EMBRACED THE PART,
SEEMS FROM THE START.

(KRAMPUS growls)

TO YOU, I WON'T BEND OR BREAK
I DO THIS ALL FOR GOODNESS SAKE.

KRAMPUS

(pushes MOTHER SOLSTICE, who
returns the push. They continue to fight.)

ALL YOUR "GOODNESS" I WILL DEVOUR
I'LL TAKE NORTHLAND UNDER MY POWER.

MOTHER CHRISTMAS

YOU WON'T SUCCEED.
I WON'T CONCEDE.

(She moves away from KRAMPUS)

KRAMPUS

YOU WON'T PREVAIL.
IN THE END,
YOU WILL FAIL.

MOTHER SOLSTICE

I WILL NOT FAIL.
IN THE END,
I WILL PREVAIL.

TOWNSFOLK

WATCH OUT!
BEWARE!
TAKE CARE!
WATCH OUT!
BEWARE!
DON'T DARE!

MOTHER SOLSTICE

I WILL FIGHT FOR HONOR
I WILL FIGHT FOR GOOD
I CALL TO THE LIGHT
AS YOU KNEW I WOULD.

KRAMPUS

(points to the kids)

THEY WILL COWER
IN THE GLOOM

(motions for MOTHER SOLSTICE to
come closer.)

HERE, COME CLOSER
MEET YOUR DOOM.
YOU WON'T PREVAIL
IN THE END.
YOU WILL...

(grabs MOTHER SOLSTICE's neck;
forces her to the ground.

FAIL!

The TOWNS FOLK/ELVES scream.
GRANDMOTHER WINTER crosses to
MOTHER SOLSTICE.)

GRANDMOTHER WINTER

(slams her staff into the stage floor)

ENOUGH!

(KRAMPUS releases MOTHER
SOLSTICE. BALLERINA MINIONS
enter dancing with bell playing
underneath the dialogue.)

The wager will be honored.

(to MOTHER SOLSTICE)

You will still have influence, as a companion to Claus... You shall be known as Mrs.
Claus.

(MOTHER SOLSTICE bows her head in
silence. KRAMPUS tries to interject.)

My word is final.

GRANDMOTHER WINTER [CONT'D]

(to MOTHER SOLSTICE pointing to the
amulet)

I will need that back... I'm sorry.

(MOTHER SOLSTICE removes the
amulet from her neck, the amulet glows
then turns dark when she hands it to
GRANDMOTHER WINTER.)

One day it will be returned.

(GRANDMOTHER WINTER passes the
amulet to KANDI KANE.)

MOTHER SOLSTICE/MRS CLAUS

ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE MOON
WHEN MAGIC AND SPIRIT ARE HIGH ENOUGH
WHEN THE YEAR HAD BEEN SO ROUGH
ON THE EVE OF THE YULETIDE MOON.

Then, not long ago,

ALL

WHEN WE HAD FORGOTTEN OUR HIS'TRY,
THE NORTH POLE HAD QUITE A MYST'RY.

WHEN YULETIDE CHEER SHOULD BE AT IT'S PEAK,
THE MATRIX SEEMED TO HAVE SPRUNG A LEAK,
JUST A WEEK BEFORE THE YULETIDE MOON.

ALL PRINCIPLES

JUST A WEEK BEFORE THE YULETIDE MOON
WHEN MAGIC AND SPIRIT WEREN'T ENOUGH
WHEN THE YEAR HAD BEEN SO ROUGH

ALL WOMEN

JUST A WEEK TILL

ALL

THE YULETIDE MOON.

LIGHTS DIM