

# THE BARBICAN AND THE HOE – AUDIO PLAY #1

## PIRATE OF PLYMOUTH - PART I

Performed by Fynn (Percy) and Becky (Georgia)

We are in the Exchange Car Park, 300 years ago.

PERCY and GEORGIA lean on the black tar railing, looking out at a moored ship.

We can hear seagulls overhead, and the sound of cargo being loaded at ground level.

**GEORGIA:** If I was a pirate, my pirate name would be Georgia the Gruesome.

**PERCY:** Oh yeah?

**GEORGIA:** Yeah.

**PERCY:** Why's that then?

**GEORGIA:** On account of the grisly ways I would get rid of traitors and stowaways.

**PERCY:** Shouldn't you be called Georgia the Grisly then?

**GEORGIA:** Doesn't have the same ring to it.

**PERCY:** Ah.

**GEORGIA:** A pirate's name is important, for popularity purposes.

**PERCY:** Try saying that five times fast.

**GEORGIA:** Try saying 'five times fast' five times fast.

**PERCY:** Touche.  
What about Georgia the Gregarious?

**GEORGIA:** The what?

**PERCY:** It means you talk a lot.

**GEORGIA:** It means you read too many books.

**PERCY:** Georgia the Generous?

**GEORGIA:** When have you ever known me to be generous?

**PERCY:** You shared that stew with me last week.

**GEORGIA:** That's nothing, it was going rotten.

**PERCY:** It was?

**GEORGIA:** What's wrong with Georgia the Gruesome?

**PERCY:** You're not the sort to be gruesome. Or grisly. Or gory for that matter.

**GEORGIA:** How do you know?

**PERCY:** You just ain't!

**GEORGIA:** Cos I'm a girl, is it?

**PERCY:** Oh, here we go.

**GEORGIA:** You think, just cos I'm a girl, I wouldn't go for all that blood and guts stuff. Well you're wrong mister, dead wrong.

**PERCY:** Okay. How 'bout you try this on for size then -  
You know that pirate they're talking about around Plymouth -  
The one that just stole his own weight in gold -  
He diced the guard who was guarding it.  
Diced.  
That means he cut him into squares.  
Doesn't that just turn your stomach?

**GEORGIA:** Why you saying he?

**PERCY:** Eh?

**GEORGIA:** You keep saying 'he' about this pirate, when I know no ones seen their face.

**PERCY:** I'm just, you know... probability wise.

**GEORGIA:** Here's something for you to think about -  
What if, the only pirates you know by name are men,  
cos they're the only ones who get caught.

Beat.

Got you there don't I?

**PERCY:** Yeah, alright.

Pause.

**GEORGIA:** What would your pirate name be? If you were a pirate?

Beat.

**PERCY:** Percy the Personable.

**GEORGIA:** Personable?! I'd make you walk the plank for that.

**PERCY:** For what - using more than two syllables?

**GEORGIA:** Percy the Pretentious more like.

**PERCY:** (sarcastic) Ha ha.

**GEORGIA:** When I see you at the Mermaid tonight, you better have thought of a better one.

**PERCY:** That's if you see me at the Mermaid.

**GEORGIA:** When.

**PERCY:** If.

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**GEORGIA:** When.

**PERCY:** If.

A swarm of seagulls pass overhead.