

## The House Fairy Script Sample

(The five children of the London family are home alone while their Mum and Dad bring their new baby into the world. After an epic and very messy pancake supper they are woken from their beds by sounds coming from the kitchen. Downstairs, something very strange emerges from the sink cupboard.

**Anne:** Ooo. What's happened? Look at the kitchen Doesn't it look nice. Everything is so clean and tidy. (*Puzzled*) Thomas. When did we do that? I don't remember it at all.....

**Thomas:** No I don't know... (*Gets an idea. Winks and nods to Billy*) You mean you don't remember? Oh dear. All that work.

**Anne:** What do you mean?

**Thomas:** You were asleep, of course. And there I was, all alone, just me by myself. (*Sniff. Sorry for himself*) . Scrubbing. Washing. Polishing. Cleaning up all that mess. Even the cooker, see. What a pity you weren't any help

**Anne:** I was asleep? Oh yes I was, but you were too.

**Thomas:** That is where you make your mistake

**Kate:** I helped.

**Billy:** And me.

**Robin:** And me.

**Thomas:** (*Sighs*) We all worked so hard

**All:** (*Except Anne!*) Mmmmmm.

**Anne:** I'm sure you didn't do it .

**Thomas:** Well it wasn't you, was it?

**Anne:** No, but.....

**Thomas:** Well that proves it was us then. There's no one else around here is there? (*Challenging*) Well someone just tell me who there is? Go on.

**Audience:** The House Fairy

**Thomas:** What?

**Anne:** The House Fairy?

**Thomas:** (*Ridiculing*) The House Fairy. What rubbish. There's no such thing

(*Bangs from inside House Fairy's cupboard*)

**Kate:** What was that? (*Point to cupboard*) Maybe there is a House Fairy. Maybe she's in there! Shall I look?

**Thomas:** No. There's no one in there, is there? (*Audience roar. He speaks to smaller children*) Come away you kids.

(*More banging from cupboard*)

**Anne:** Shall I look? Come on then Kate. Here goes. (Opens door of cupboard)

**House Fairy:** (Coming out of cupboard, spinning, stamping his feet, furious) Hooof. Hooof. Woooooooooof

**Anne:** Oh my goodness!

**Thomas:** What is that !

**Robin:** It's the House Fairy!

**Billy:** And it's a boy!!!!

**Thomas:** Euurrrgh!

**Anne:** So that's why everything is so clean and tidy

**House Fairy:** Naturally. What did you expect. I have to say, this kitchen was an absolute disgrace.

**Anne:** And you told me it was you. (*Billy and Robin creep away towards fridge. Anne calls after them*) Yes all of you. What a bunch of little liars.

*(During the next sequence they get out a bowl, two spoons, milk and a packet of cereal. Fill the bowl and begin to eat – Billy hold bowl. Robin keep packet of cereal. During the next sequence they eat the cereal, and Robin lets a trail of cereal fall over the floor without noticing.*

**Thomas:** (*Rudely inspect House Fairy.*) So you're the House Fairy. Woo—oo. Just look at him. He's got wings – and an apron – and look at those pointy ears. What kind of a bloke are you meant to be? What a total dork. Look everyone it's Dr Spock.

**Anne:** Eh Tom. Don't say that to him. Look what he did. He really helped us.

**House Fairy:** (*To Tom*) Would you like to repeat that? I didn't quite catch what you said.

**Thomas:** I said, you look a complete eejit. What do you think you look like? (*Mime pointy ears*) Ears. (*Mime wings*) Wings.

*(House Fairy points wand (Feather duster) at Tom. Tom freezes in his last position – miming 'wings'.)*

**House Fairy:** Boff!

**Thomas:** (*Freezing*) Aaaah!

**Anne:** (*Very anxious*) Tom!

**House Fairy:** (*Sarcastic*) Oh dear. What pity. I wonder what we should do with him now? Maybe put him in the hall. You could hang your coats on him.

*(Billy and Robin come and stare at Tom)*

**Billy:** (*Touches him*) What happened to Tom? He's gone all stiff.

**Robin:** (*Shakes Tom*) Tom. Tom. Stop it now.

**House Fairy:** I'm afraid he can't stop. That was his trouble. Just can't stop. We'll have to put him somewhere else. He's cluttering up my kitchen now.

**Anne:** Oh please. Undo him please. I know he's stupid but he didn't understand. You're just too amazing you know. We never saw anyone like you before, did we?

**All Others:** No.

**House Fairy:** What none of you?

**Anne:** No. None of us did. (*To audience, desperately encouraging*) You haven't either have you?

**All Others plus Audience:** No!!!

**House Fairy:** (*Preening*) Amazing eh.

**Anne:** Yes. Wonderful even. I'm so sorry Tom was rather ignorant. But he'll learn better won't he. (*Gesture behind back to other children and audience*)

**All Others:** Yes.

**All Others plus Audience:** Yes!!!!

**Anne:** And you've made the place look *fantastic*. Please.

**All Others:** PLEASE.

**House Fairy:** Oh very well. (*Wave wand*) Abracadabra, ziggie zoomy pop

**Thomas:** (*Unfreezing*) What happened – I went all-

**Anne:** Best if you say nothing Tom. Not another word. (*Being very charming, take House Fairy's arm. Start to lead him away from Tom.*) Now, Mr House Fairy. Just tell me how you -

**House Fairy:** (*Flattered*) Oh yes. How I bring up all the surfaces. Come along my dear. You just need to take a little ..... (*Notices cereal all over floor. Dramatic horror*) Ah- ah – ah – ah – I don't believe it!!!!!!

**Robin:** We was hungry!

**Anne:** (*Disbelieving*) What?

**House Fairy:** Never mind that. Look at my floor. My floor! What have you done to it?

**Thomas:** It's only a few crumbs. And anyway it's mum's floor.

**Anne:** (*Warning, horrified.*) Tom!

**Thomas:** (*Takes no notice, examines House Fairy*) And it looks like you're wearing one of her old saucepans...

**Anne:** (*Aside to Tom*) Tom have you gone off your head. We're very sorry we just spoiled the floor aren't we?

**Robin:** Yes.

**Thomas:** *(Reluctant)* Yes

**Billy:** OK.

**Anne:** And we'll clean it up right now won't we.

**Robin:** Yes.

**Billy:** OK.

**House Fairy:** You will indeed – all of you – **or** - hat stands the lot of you! Remember?

**All:** We remember.

**Robin:** There's an awful lot of it

**House Fairy:** And whose fault was, that , little girl? And after that it's straight to bed. Ready?