

**Austell Intermediate School**

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**ADAM THE ATOM**

*(The play begins. JORDAN and SYDNEY sit cross legged in front of a laboratory. Next to the laboratory, there is a giant portal to another world.)*

**JORDAN AND SYDNEY**

Pat-a-cake. Pat-a-cake. Baker's man. Bake me a cake as fast as you can.

*(A stick puppet that looks like a blue cloud rises above the laboratory.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Hey! Hey! Can you hear me?

*(JORDAN AND SYDNEY stop.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

My name is Adam. I'm a Hydrogen atom.

**JORDAN**

What was that?

**SYDNEY**

Was it a bug?

**JORDAN**

I don't know. But it stopped.

**ADAM THE ATOM**

They can't see me or hear me! You know what? I'm tired of myself. I have only one proton. I'm the smallest of all elements. I'm going to change somehow.

*(JORDAN AND SYDNEY begin again.)*

**JORDAN AND SYDNEY**

Roll it! Pat it! Mark it with a me!

**SYDNEY**

No, with a me.

**JORDAN**

No, me.

**SYDNEY**

I'm thirsty.

**JORDAN**

Yeah! Big sister maid get us drinks!

**SYDNEY**

With bendy straws that are purple!

*(EVELYN runs in. She is wearing black clothes and Goth make up.)*

**EVELYN**

Okay, gosh you guys are so lazy how come you can't get them yourselves and I'm not your maid.

*(EVELYN exits. As she does, she is almost knocked over by GRANDPA running out onto*

*stage. GRANDPA wears a white lab coat and safety goggles.)*

**GRANDPA**

Have you seen my atom? It's missing. You probably let him go and I think it's your guys fault! You're grounded! That means stay here and don't go anywhere. And I mean it—or else! I'm worried that he will go through the portal to the Reverse World.

*(GRANDPA sees the ADAM THE ATOM puppet, and starts jumping to grab him.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

I want a better life.

*(ADAM THE ATOM goes through the portal. GRANDPA follows him. EVELYN runs back onstage.)*

**EVELYN**

Ahhhh!

**JORDAN**

Where are our bendy straws?

**EVELYN**

Grandpa just fell into a portal and you're thinking of bendy straws?

**JORDAN**

Well let's go after him.

**SYDNEY**

That is such a good idea!

**EVELYN**

Well, get off your behinds and come on.

**JORDAN AND SYDNEY** *(singing)*

Sav—ing—Grandpa!  
Sav—Sav—ing—Grandpa!

Sav—ing—Grandpa!  
Sav—Sav—ing—Grandpa!

We'll find—We'll find—  
That scientific mind—

And search—And search—  
Through of all his research—

We want you!  
And you!  
To go through the portal, too.

Now, front! (Claps)  
Back! (Claps)  
Side, Side, Side to Side,  
Everybody do the Grandpa Find,

5, 6, 7, 8,  
Hurry now, don't be late.

**EVELYN**

Lameos.

*(JORDAN, SYDNEY, and EVELYN go through the reverse world portal and exit. The laboratory backdrop is lifted to reveal a tie-dye swirl sheet full of splatter paint. ADAM THE ATOM enters. He has a big H on his shirt.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Yay! I'm in the Reverse World! Everything can be different now! Hurray! I'm big now. I can get lots of neutrons and protons here. I've got to hide from that old man.

*(ADAM THE ATOM ducks behind a giant periodic table. GRANDPA runs in.)*

**GRANDPA**

Atom! Atom! Where are you?

*(GRANDPA exits. As he does, JORDAN, SYDNEY, and EVELYN enter.)*

**SYDNEY**

Whoa! This world is freaky, freaky!

**JORDAN**

What is that freaky mushroom thing?

**EVELYN**

It's not a mushroom smart one. It's an atom.

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Yes. I'm your GRANDPA's atom. In case you were wondering what an atom is well it is basically everywhere.

*(Three silhouettes of the actor playing the atom flip over the backdrop.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Atoms are in physics. Atoms are microscopic. Scientists have been tracking me for 100 years. But once they found me I was a small weakling.

*(He starts crying.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

I came in here on purpose because I was being made fun of at atom school. And I figured if I came in your grandfather's reverse world portal I could be a cool atom instead.

**SYDNEY**

Awww poor little atom! We'll help you! What do you say Gothika?

**EVELYN**

Yeah okay.

*(SYDNEY and JORDAN pick up the change cloth, a blue tie-dyed sheet. They hold it up in front of ADAM THE ATOM. The girls shake the cloth as a drum beats backstage. The drumbeat becomes more furious, and when it stops, the girls drop the cloth. ADAM now has a beard and an eye patch.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Arggggh! Do you like my pirate form? I'm Arrrrrrrgon. Fire the cannons, maties!

**SYDNEY**

No. It's not Halloween. You look weird.

**JORDAN**

I would wear that, but it's not the season.

**EVELYN**

You should try Goth. It's working, right?

**ADAM THE ATOM**

What do you like?

**JORDAN**

*Toy Story. With Woody.*

**SYDNEY**

I like Yippie Ki Yay!

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Okay. I'll try that idea.

**EVELYN**

Goth?

**ADAM THE ATOM**

No. Cowboy.

*(Again, SYDNEY and JORDAN pick up the change sheet, and the drumbeat begins. When the change is complete, the cloth drops and ADAM THE ATOM is wearing a cowboy hat and whipping around a lasso.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Yi doggie!

**JORDAN**

Whoa! You're a cowboy!

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Yeah! This is my Gold Form! I seem like a cowboy because Gold was found in the Old West in 1849.

**JORDAN AND SYDNEY**

COOL!!

**EVELYN**

Puh! Whatever! Let's continue to find Grandpa.

*(CAMERON and ELLIOT enter. CAMERON wears a suit and sucks a pacifier. ELLIOT wears a giant diaper and carries a bottle and briefcase.)*

**SYDNEY**

Have you seen an old bald grandpa?

**CAMERON**

Gugugaga!

**ELLIOT**

He can't talk. Let me translate. That means the cowboy is overrated.

**JORDAN**

But he looks like an adult.

**ELLIOT**

And I look like a baby. That doesn't make a difference. This is the reverse world. It is not the same as your world. Does this diaper make my butt look big?

**EVELYN**

Nooo. Why would you say such a thing?

**CAMERON**

Guu gaga.

**ELLIOT**

That means I could help you find an old man. But first I have to get more coffee for my bottle and vote. This is what goes on here. We don't follow laws. Instead of going to jail, we go to a five star resort. Policemen give rewards for speeding. And we make our snowmen out of fire. In this case, we call them firemen. So back up because I'm going to change my diaper from this special thing called a briefcase.

**CAMERON**

He make poopy.

**ELLIOT**

Man, be quiet. We're leaving. Peace.

*(ELLIOT and CAMERON begin to exit. Before they leave, ELLIOT presses his finger to his ear and says, "Subject sighted." THEY exit. )*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

I'm going to change because that baby man wasn't paying any attention to me. He thought I wasn't cool enough. I'm going to change into something even cooler than he is.

*(JORDAN and SYDNEY pick up the change cloth. When the drumming stops, the girls Drop the change cloth and ADAM THE ATOM wears several metals and chains and a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball cap sideways.)*

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Bling!

**JORDAN**

Woah! You changed into Platinum.

**ADAM THE ATOM**

Yeah Yo! Man, over these past few changes I've gained some self confidence. I think I should've stayed the way I was.

*(ADAM THE ATOM changes back to Hydrogen. There is an H on his shirt. After a moment of relief, GRANDPA enters, handcuffed by ELLIOT and CAMERON.)*

**GRANDPA**

Did you send these baby men to put me in cuffs?

**JORDAN, SYDNEY, EVELYN, AND ADAM THE ATOM**

Grandpa!

**ELLIOT**

Be quiet! Be quiet! He's going to jail. You know why? You didn't have a passport to travel here. You're going to jail, or in this case, a five star resort.

**JORDAN, SYDNEY, EVELYN, AND ADAM THE ATOM**

No!

**ELLIOT**

And you guys are going with him.

**JORDAN, SYDNEY, EVELYN**

Noooooooooooooooooooo!

*(In the commotion, GRANDPA sneaks away and grabs ADAM THE ATOM. He starts leading him towards the portal.)*

**GRANDPA**

Psych! Just them. Girls, this is your punishment. You're grounded! Be back in two days.

*(GRANDPA and ATOM jump through the portal.)*

**JORDAN, SYDNEY, EVELYN**

Noooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

**EVELYN**

He's right. It was our fault Atom came in here.

**JORDAN**

And we shouldn't have come in the reverse world either.

**EVELYN**

It was my responsibility to babysit you two.

*(GRANDPA sticks his head through the portal.)*

**GRANDPA**

Have you learned your lesson?

**EVELYN**

Yes! We will listen better next...

**ALL**

TIME!