

The Adventures of Long Arm

Cast (7):

- Persuader
- Ricky
- Mr Pinkerton
- Simon
- Katie Locke
- Mr Smears the caretaker
- Narrator

- First, the persuader introduces the book, using persuasive language to convince the audience to read it. Then, on with the play...

Mr Pinkerton: We're having a maths test on Thursday. Everyone who passes is coming to the fun fair. Be

Ricky: Oh no!

Simon: Don't worry, I'll give you some coaching to make sure you pass.

Mr Pinkerton: [TO RICKY] You boy! What is four times nine?

Ricky: Pardon sir?

Mr Pinkerton: WHAT IS FOUR TIMES NINE?

Ricky: Errr - Three hundred and fifty one?

Mr Pinkerton: Three hundred and fifty one? Of course it isn't! It's thirty six you imbecile! Now, it's lunchtime.

Hang on a minute. Where are my egg sandwiches?

Katie: There's a smell coming from Ricky's desk, sir.

Simon: Oh dear.

Ricky: It wasn't me sir.

Mr Pinkerton: [SARCASTIC] Of course it wasn't. They just happen to be in your desk! So, who was it then?

Ricky: Errrm, I.... Errr

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Mr Pinkerton: Well, it looks like a special punishment for you then doesn't it! To the staff toilets!

[ENTER MR SMEARS THE CARETAKER]

Mr Smears: You don't want to go in there Mr Pinkerton. Something terrible has happened.

Mr Pinkerton: I know Mr Smears... I just used this toilet ten minutes ago.

Mr Smears: I'm going to call a specialist. More than my job's worth to clean THAT!

Mr Pinkerton: No need Mr Smears. Get this boy kitting out. He's going in!

Mr Smears: Clean the toilet sir?

Mr Pinkerton: That's right. You want to come to the fun fair I presume?

Ricky: I'll do it!

Mr Pinkerton: Excellent. And remember, I want it SPARKLING!

[EXIT PINKERTON. SMEARS KITS RICKY OUT - MIME GOGGLES, GLOVES, COAT ETC]

Mr Smears: Are you sure about this lad?

Ricky: Yes,

Mr Smears: Then good luck. If you're not out in one hour, I'll call for a search party.

[EXIT SMEARS]

Ricky: [TO AUDIENCE] Little do they know that I've made my own super duper cleaning potion. In it goes!

[MIMES POURING IT IN]

Ricky: Agh! It's flooding! It's bubbling! It must be blocked.

Narrator: Ricky put his hand into the toilet but it kept pulling... and pulling... and pulling... and pulling. Then the room began to spin and Ricky fainted. What happened next? Find out by reading 'The Adventures of Long Arm'!