# James and the Giant Peach

## Character Introduction and Visual Timeline

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James’ aunts sign a song introducing themselves.
James is sad living with his aunts. His aunts treat him poorly and make him work a lot.

CHARACTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Ensemble member, Aunt Sponge, Aunt Spike, Ensemble member

Note:
- Aunts scream at James & song

And old man, a wizard, gives James a potion to help him have a better life. The wizard promises James that marvelous things will happen to him after he takes the potion. However, he tells James that he must be careful with the potion.

James runs and spills the potion under a peach tree.

CHARACTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Old Man (Wizard), James, Ensemble forming the Peach Tree

Note:
- Drastic change of light when James drops the bag
- Wizard entering from auditorium
- Wizard’s first entrance
The peach in the peachtree starts growing and James’ aunts are thrilled. They invite locals to come and take pictures with the peach in exchange for money. They lock James up in his room.

CHARACTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
Photo 1. Aunt Sponge, Aunt Spike, James, Ensemble in the back

Photo 2. Ensemble members, Aunt Spike and Aunt Sponge.

Note:
- Lights change, the stage goes almost dark for a little bit and central light for shadow puppets
- Ensemble members move from one side of the stage to the other very quickly and making noise
- Aunt Spike is very excited when the peach grows. Ensemble members, acting as community members, are very loud.

James gets out of his room and finds a tunnel in the backyard next to the peach. He crawls inside the tunnel and gets to the center of the peach.

CHARACTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
James and ensemble

Note:
- Lights change drastically from dark to a bright light as if we were in a disco pub
- Strange sound track (interior of the peach)
James finds seven insects dancing in the center of the peach. They all had some of the wizard’s potion. At first James is afraid of them but then he meets them and stays with them. They all sign a song.

CHARACTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Centipede, Silkworm, Earthworm, Spider, Ladybug, Grasshopper and James

Note:
-Lights during the song and after. Colorful lights that are moving affecting the audience.

Song and singing at the end can get loud.

James’ aunts don’t know where James is. They don’t care. The peach is so big now that runs loose from the stem attaching it to the tree. The peach starts rolling.

The peach runs over the aunts and it gets to the sea.

CHARACTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spike

Note:
-Lights for shadow puppets
-Actors/Ensemble entering from the pit. Aunts running out of stage

Screams from Aunts, soundtrack with different noises that goes really fast, ensemble members talking all at once counting down.
James and the insects wake up, they don’t know where they are. Suddenly they find out they are in the sea. At first, they are scared but then they realize they are floating.

All of them are very hungry and James suggests the idea of eating parts of the peach.

They all sing a song

Note:
- Light change from dark to bright (Glowworm/Green light)

Song

Centipede sees some thin black things in the water, they discover they are sharks that are going to attack them.

The sharks approach the peach and dance. The peach is also surrounded by seagulls.

The insects are very frightened but James has a great idea. Using strings made by spider and silkworm, he will tie the peach to some seagulls and they will be free. But to do so they need earthworm to agree to be the bait

CHARACTERS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:
- Photo 1: Ensemble members doing the shark dance
- Photo 2: Ensemble member with seagull puppets

Note:
- Light change for the shark dance
- Ensemble members entering from auditorium
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<td><strong>They are flying; James’ plan worked. They see a ship and they wave to them. The captain of the ship sees them but no one believes him.</strong></td>
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