

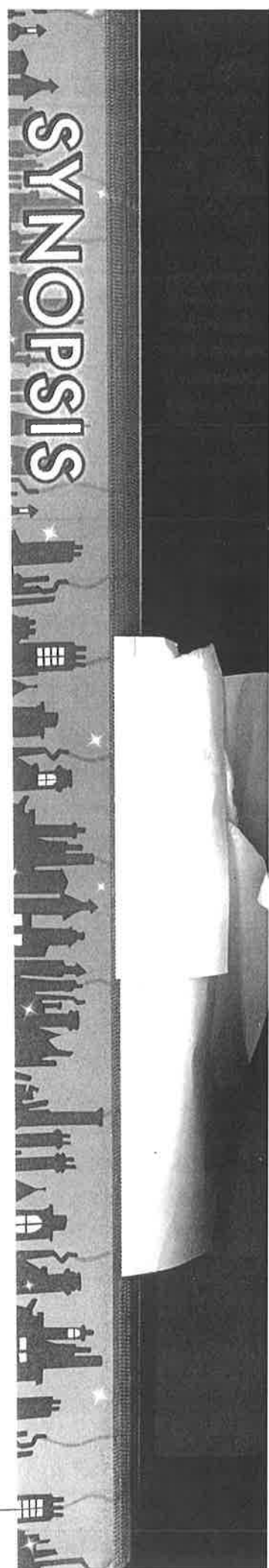
SYNOPSIS

BERT, a man of many trades, introduces the audience to the unhappy Banks family: father **GEORGE**, mother **WINIFRED**, and children **JANE** and **MICHAEL** (*Prologue*). The family; the housekeeper, **MRS. BRILL**; and the houseboy, **ROBERSTON AY**, are shocked when **KATIE NANNA** quits and storms out in frustration. George muses about what he expects from the household – the nanny, in particular (*Cherry Tree Lane – Part 1*). Though Jane and Michael insist upon their own requirements for their caregiver (*The Perfect Nanny*), George dismisses their requests (*Cherry Tree Lane – Part 2*).

As if summoned, **MARY POPPINS** appears, offering her services as a nanny. She fits the children's requirements exactly (*Practically Perfect / Practically Perfect – Playoff*). She then takes the children to the park, where they meet Bert, who describes how wonderful everyday life can be when spending time with Mary (*Jolly Holiday*). At first, the children are not convinced, but when Mary Poppins brings to life a park statue named **NELEUS**, Jane and Michael are in awe of her. The children return home and gush to their father about the nanny, but George is preoccupied (*Winds Do Change*).

A few weeks later, the household is preparing for Winifred's party, and Jane and Michael make a mess of the house. Despite Mary's magic (*A Spoonful of Sugar*), the party is ruined when no one attends (*Spoonful – Playoff*). Later, Mary takes the children on a visit to George's workplace, the bank (*Precision and Order – Part 1*). While **CLERKS** are bustling about and clients are trying to convince George to grant them loans, the children burst into the bank (*Precision and Order – Part 2*). After a thought-provoking conversation with his children, George turns down **VON HUSSLER**'s loan but agrees to give a loan to the kindly **JOHN NORTHBROOK** (*A Man Has Dreams*).

As Mary and the children pass the cathedral, an old **BIRD WOMAN** offers to sell them seed to feed the birds. The children are at first disgusted by the woman, but Mary Poppins tells them to look beyond appearances (*Feed the Birds*). Afterward, Mary whisks Jane and Michael off to **MRS. CORRY**'s Talking Shop, where the children are given a delightful vocabulary lesson (*Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*). Later, Mary Poppins and the children return home to find George in a foul mood. He reveals to Winifred that after turning down Von Hussler, the client went to a rival bank that is now due to see great profit from the deal. The bank has suspended George without pay. (*Twists and Turns*). Upset about their father's behavior, the children argue with Mary Poppins. Convinced they must learn their next lesson on their own, she puts them to bed and leaves behind a note before flying away over the rooftop (*Playing the Game / Chim Chim Cher-ee*).





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Six weeks pass, and the household struggles without Mary Poppins. However, Winifred encourages everyone to tidy up the house for the arrival of a surprise guest (**Cherry Tree Lane – Reprise**). The guest turns out to be George's former nanny, **MISS ANDREW**, who immediately reveals herself to be a stern and cruel woman (**Brimstone and Treacle – Part 1**). Unhappy with their new nanny, the children run away and happen upon Bert in the park, who consoles them and produces a red kite, offering it to Michael. The kite ascends out of view, and when it's reeled in, it brings Mary Poppins back with it (**Let's Go Fly a Kite**).

Mary accompanies the children home and demands that Miss Andrew leave. Miss Andrew resists, but after receiving a spoonful of her own medicine from Mary Poppins, the woman flees, apparently sick (**Brimstone and Treacle – Part 2**). The family is relieved to have Mary Poppins back (**Practically Perfect – Reprise**). However, the children are still burdened by their father's grim situation. They follow Mary Poppins to the roof, where Bert and his fellow **CHIMNEY SWEEPS** cheer them up with a lively tune (**Step in Time / Step in Time – Playoff**). Afterward, a **MESSENGER** brings news that the bank **CHAIRMAN** wants to speak to George that evening. Bert wishes George good luck (**A Spoonful of Sugar – Reprise**). After George leaves to speak to the Chairman, Mary Poppins instills confidence in the rest of the family (**Anything Can Happen – Part 1**).

At his meeting with the Chairman, George is informed that Von Hussler's scheme has ruined the rival bank, while Northbrook has become very successful and is set to make George's bank a fortune. George is ecstatic (**Give Us the Word**). With newly found confidence, Winifred bursts in ready to stand up for George. Upon learning the news, she helps negotiate a much higher salary for her husband. The family is thrilled by their change of fortune (**Anything Can Happen – Part 2**).

Back at the Banks home, Bert realizes that Mary Poppins will be leaving soon – the family no longer needs her help. He bids her farewell (**Goodbye Then, Mary**). Leaving behind only a locket, Mary Poppins disappears into the sky. However, she leaves the Banks family much happier than she found them, and they vow never to forget her (**Anything Can Happen – Finale**).