

8-12s Script

**PALLIG TOKESON**

**MILDRED - Rosie**  
**EDITH - Matilda**  
**WINNIE - Hannah**  
**FREDA - Belle**  
**HERTHA - Ellie**  
**ETHEL - Martha**  
**MERCIA - Charley**

SCENE 1

*In the woods*

*In EDITH, an Anglo-Saxon girl and HERTHA, a Viking girl*

HERTHA: Did you hear that Pallig Tokeson became the Earl of Devon?

EDITH: Yes. Do you think it's a good thing?

HERTHA: Yes, it's a good idea to have a Viking in power in England.

*In FREDA, overhearing*

FREDA: No, that's not a very good idea at all. The Vikings might take over England.

EDITH: Yes, they might! And then people could get hurt in a fight, and we wouldn't want that to happen.

HERTHA: But you Anglo-Saxons have too much power over England. It's a big enough country to share.

FREDA: But this is our country, we don't need to share.

*In WINNIE*

WINNIE: What are you all talking about?

EDITH: Pallig Tokeson becoming Earl of Devon

WINNIE: Oh that is such a silly idea, I don't know what King Aethelred is thinking!

EDITH: Well I saw my friends Aisley and Frith the other day and their parents have been taken away by the Vikings, so how do we know that Pallig Tokeson wasn't behind it?

HERTHA: Well not all Vikings are like that, some of us are just nice and want to live our lives in England.

FREDA: I heard that Aisley and Frith have been with Gunnhilde, and have had dinner with her. She's been making them her famous apple cake.

WINNIE: I heard that too.

HERTHA: See, look. Some of us are nice to Anglo-Saxons and aren't just trying to kill all of them.

EDITH: ...I had a slice of apple cake too.

## **SCENE 2**

The Rumour - Pallig is still allowing raids to happen and is even carrying some of them out  
*Near a village, with market-stalls*

*In MILDRED and ETHEL, Anglo-Saxons, shopping for supplies*

MILDRED: Have you heard? Pallig Tokeson has been raiding villages!

ETHEL: Yes, I heard and I'm a bit worried about it.

*In EDITH and HERTHA*

HERTHA: Worried about what?

ETHEL: All the raids that have been going on near our village

EDITH: I heard some people in the night. They were stomping about and clanging things. But I was half asleep.

MILDRED: Oh no, really? I bet it was Pallig Tokeson and his men.

HERTHA: Possibly, my parents told me what Pallig was up to.

*In FREDA and WINNIE*

FREDA: What are you doing here, Hertha?

WINNIE: You shouldn't be here.

EDITH: We've still got to remember that not *all* Vikings are trying to hurt us.

FREDA: How do you know?

WINNIE: I don't believe you.

MILDRED: I don't think that *all* Vikings are bad, but some of them are.

HERTHA: Yes, some of us are good. What about Gunnhilde?

EDITH: Her apple cake is very good. I smelt her baking it again this morning...

ETHEL: Shall we go and see if we can have any..?

ALL: Yes!

*Out ALL*

### **SCENE 3**

Eating apple cake with Gunnhilde - discussing Pallig (Gunnhilde's husband)

*In ETHEL, EDITH, FREDA, WINNIE, HERTHA, MILDRED and GUNNHILDE all eating apple cake*

FREDA: Mmm, this is the best cake ever.

MILDRED: Yum, yum.

WINNIE: How do you make this?

GUNNHILDE: My secret.

*In bursts MERCIA*

MERCIA: Mmm, can I come and sit with you guys? That cake looks delicious.

ETHEL: Of course!

GUNNHILDE: Yes, here is a slice. You'd better take some home with you all as well, otherwise Pallig will have eaten it all by tomorrow.

MILDRED: Does he have a big stomach then?

GUNNHILDE: Yes, he does. He's very greedy.

HERTHA: He's also greedy for money. We hear he's been raiding again.

MERCIA: Oh yes, I've heard enough about Pallig Tokeson. I heard he's been very bad.

GUNNHILDE: Where have you heard that from? That's not true.

FREDA: It is true.

WINNIE: We know it.

EDITH: *Everyone's* talking about it!

GUNNHILDE: This is a disaster. I can't believe it, I must go and find out more!

*Out GUNNHILDE*

*ALL exchange glances and then follow her out*

#### **SCENE 4**

Reacting to Aethelred's orders

*In ETHEL with MILDRED*

ETHEL: Do you know if Hertha is safe?

MILDRED: No, I don't know. Why?

ETHEL: Last night was very scary, when all the soldiers came around our village killing all of the Vikings!

MILDRED: I didn't hear that, I didn't know anything had happened! No Vikings live near me.

*In MERCIA, HERTHA and EDITH*

ETHEL: Hertha!

HERTHA: Are you alright?

MILDRED: Nevermind us, I've just heard that all of the Vikings have been killed!

EDITH: Hertha was safe, because she was hiding at my house.

MILDRED: What about your parents Hertha?

HERTHA: They went to hide somewhere else, but I don't know yet if they made it?

*They are all silent, HERTHA cries*

MERCIA: Has Pallig Tokeson got anything to do with this?

HERTHA: Pallig Tokeson is dead. He was killed in his bed, like the others.

ETHEL: *(Sadly)* And Gunnhilde is dead too.

MERCIA: No! What about the apple cakes?

MILDRED: Nevermind the apple cakes! Gunnhilde was a really nice person.

EDITH: Aisley and Frith are heartbroken, now they have no one to take care of them.

MERCIA: Gunnhilde didn't deserve this. Her apple cake was only one great thing about her.

*In WINNIE and FREDA*

WINNIE: *(Scared)* I'm so glad you're all here.

FREDA: We were so frightened. I'm glad you're alive, Hertha.

ETHEL: I think that stupid King Aethelred should start thinking for himself, instead of listening to his advisors.

EDITH: He was just trying to protect the country. But not all of the Vikings deserved this.

FREDA: Where will you live now, Hertha?

HERTHA: I will try and find my parents, hopefully we can go back to our house. Gunnhilde's brother, Sweyn Forkbeard, will probably take his revenge.

WINNIE: Who is Sweyn Forkbeard?

HERTHA: He's the most powerful man in Europe, the King of Denmark.

MILDRED: Forkbeard? That's a funny name, for a King.

HERTHA: Not as funny as Harold Bluetooth, his father.

FREDA: Well, if Sweyn is so powerful, then we are all in trouble.

EDITH: Especially King Aethelred!

MILDRED: We're all doomed!

ETHEL: Oh no, I hate trouble.