

Terry Pratchett's
"Guards! Guards!"

Adapted for the stage by Stephen Briggs



AUDITION PACK

Taunton Thespians

Open Audition dates

Sunday 30th November at 2.30pm

Monday 1st December and

Monday 8th December

At 7.30pm at The Place, Wilfred Road, Taunton TA1 1TB

*If you are unable to make any of these dates, but are
interested in reading for a role, please email
chairman@tauntonthespians.org.uk*



Audition form

About the production

Terry Pratchett's "Guards! Guards!" adapted by Stephen Briggs

Directed by Nicola Dawson, assisted by Rob Smith

Producer: Bridget Flett

Step into the chaotic magic of Ankh-Morpork with Terry Pratchett's "Guards! Guards!": riotous stage adventure where dragons, misfit heroes, and razor-sharp satire collide.

Adapted by Stephen Briggs, this theatrical gem brings Pratchett's beloved Discworld to life with dazzling wit and irresistible charm. Follow the bumbling yet brave City Watch, led by the grizzled Captain Vimes and idealistic newcomer Carrot, as they battle a secret society threatening to upend the city with the aid of a certain fire-breathing creature. With clever dialogue, eccentric characters, and a plot that skewers fantasy tropes while celebrating them, "Guards! Guards!" is a hilarious and heartfelt spectacle for fans and newcomers alike. Whether you're a Discworld devotee or simply craving a night of laughter and imagination, this play promises a crackling good time.

- **Auditions:** Sunday 30st November at 2.30pm, Monday 1st December and Monday 8th December at 7.30pm at The Place,
- **Rehearsals:** Mondays and Thursdays
- **Performances:** Tuesday 10th to Saturday 14th March 2026 including a Saturday matinee
- **Venue:** Tacchi Morris Theatre, Taunton

Responsibilities: in line with the Thespians' Production Document, actors are expected to arrive promptly for all rehearsals, photo shoots and publicity activities as called in the rehearsal schedule and to learn their lines and moves according to production schedule. Everyone is expected to behave with consideration and respect to everyone involved with the production. Cast and crew must be members of the Society.

About you

- **Name:**
- **Phone number:** **Email address:**
- **Age (if under 18):**
- **Preferred role or roles:**
- Examples of previous acting roles:
- Holiday dates or any other planned absences during rehearsal period:

If not cast, would you be prepared to take on a backstage position? ☐ Or front of house? ☐

List of speaking roles (...we will be doubling parts.)

Page numbers refer to the audition pieces in Stephen Briggs adaptation of Terry Pratchett's novel.
Letters refers to the PDF documents containing the relevant pages.

Carrot's Dad - King of a Dwarf Mine: 3-4 *Audition PDF: C*

Carrot Ironfoundersson - new recruit to City Watch: 3-4, 60-64, 80-83, 122-124 *Audition PDF: A, B, C & D*

A Voice: (8-10) *Audition PDF: H*

Brother Fingers - Member of the Elucidated Brethren: (8-10), 15-22 *Audition PDF: E & H*

Brother Doorkeeper - Member of the Elucidated Brethren: 15-22 *Audition PDF: E*

Capt Sam Vimes - Captain of the Night Watch: 65-68, 75-77, (77-79), 80-83 *Audition PDF: A & B*

Footnote – an anthropomorphic personification: 15, 23 *Audition PDF: E*

Lupine Wonse - Chief Clerk to the Patrician & Supreme Grand Master 15-22, 125-131 *Audition PDF: D & E*

Knowlessman - Member of a rival secret society: (15) *Audition PDF: E*

Brother Watchtower - Member of the Elucidated Brethren: 15-22 *Audition PDF: E*

Brother Plasterer - Member of the Elucidated Brethren: 15-22 *Audition PDF: E*

Brother Dunnykin - Member of the Elucidated Brethren: 15-22 *Audition PDF: E*

Zebbo Mooty- a Thief: 23-25 *Audition PDF: E*

DEATH - Anthropomorphic personification: 23-25 *Audition PDF: E*

Havelock Vetinari, Patrician - The ruler of Ankh Morpork: 31-35 (no Footnote) *Audition PDF: I*

Urdo Van Pew - President of the Guild of Thieves: 31-35 (no Footnote) *Audition PDF: I*

Cpl Nobby Nobbs - Corporal in the Night Watch 80-83, 122-124 *Audition PDF: B & D*

Librarian - Librarian at the Unseen University. An Orangutan. 60-64 *Audition PDF: A*

Sgt Fred Colon - Sergeant of the Night Watch 80-83, 122-124 *Audition PDF: B & D*

Lady Sybil Ramkin - Titled lady. Swamp dragon enthusiast and breeder. 65-68, (88-91), (140-143) *Audition PDF: A, F & G*

"Cut My Own Throat" Dibbler - Street seller: 75-77 *Audition PDF: B*

Warrior 1 and Warrior2 : 77-79 *Audition PDF: B*

Citizen 1 and Citizen 2: 88-91 *Audition PDF: G*

Bunting Carrier: 105 *Audition PDF: J*

Palace Servant: 116 *Audition PDF: K*

Second Worthy: 125-131 *Audition PDF: D*

Chief Assassin: 125-131 *Audition PDF: D*

Archchancellor of the Unseen University: 125-131 *Audition PDF: D*

First Guard and Second Guard: 140 -143 *Audition PDF: F*

Dragon's Voice: 101 *Audition PDF: J*

About the Characters

Carrot Ironfoundersson

Age: 20s - 30s

Gender: male

Personality & Role: a dwarf (by adoption.) Tall. Very keen new recruit to the Ankh Morpork City Watch. Honest, direct, good natured and honourable. Being brought up by dwarfs, he is literal minded and believes that everyone is decent underneath and would get along fine, if only they made the effort.

Carrot's Dad

Age: 40s plus (but difficult to tell behind the dwarfish beard & mining clothes)

Gender: male 40s (but difficult to tell behind the dwarfish beard & mining clothes)

Personality & Role: Carrot's adapted father. Captain of his mine. Earnest and serious.

Voice at Door

Age: any

Gender: any

Personality & Role: to be a voice at the door. Member of a rival secret society to the Elucidated Brethren.

Brother Fingers

Age: any

Gender: any

Personality & Role: member of a secret society. Used to work at the Unseen University. Odd job person.

Brother Doorkeeper

Age: any

Gender: any

Personality & Role: member of a secret society. Proud of position as doorkeeper. Prone to complaining.

Captain Samuel Vimes

Age: 40s

Gender: male

Personality & Role: Captain of the Night Watch. An upright and honest man whose appointment to the Night Watch (regarded by many Ankh Morporkians as a useless appendage to the running of the city) may be the cause of his drinking problem. A native of Ankh Morpork, he describes himself as a skinny, unshaven collection of bad habits marinated in alcohol. Morose and cynical but principled and steadfast and a policeman to his bones.

Lupine Wonse / "Grand Master"

Age: 40s **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: rose from humble beginnings in the slums of Ankh Morpork to become a senior civil servant in the office of the Patrician. Out of office hours, Lupine is leader of a secret society known as The Elucidated Brethren. Devious and sneaky.

Knowlessman

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: member of a rival secret society who ends up in a meeting of the Elucidated Brethren by accident.

Footnote

Age: any **Gender:** female

Personality & Role: sort of narrator or commentator. Will have a bell or klaxon. All action on stage will pause when she rings her bell (or sounds her klaxon) and steps on stage.

Brother Watchtower

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: runs local small business. Member of secret society.

Brother Plasterer

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: member of secret society.

Brother Dunnykin

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: member of secret society. Looked down on by the other Brethren due to his day job.

Zebbo Mooty

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: sneak thief.

Death

Age: any (ageless) **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: anthropomorphic personification. Will need deep, echoing voice.

The Patrician

Age: uncertain (50s plus) **Gender:** ideally male but open to female

Personality & Role: Havelock Ventinari. Supreme ruler on Ankh- Morpork. Tall, thin and generally to be seen wearing black. Reputedly trained at the Assassins Guild school. Aloof, sardonic, aesthetic. Very controlled and measured of habit. A Machiavellian mastermind and one of the few people capable of controlling the chaotic city. Totally devoted to the city of Ankh Morpork.

Urdo Van Pew

Age: older **Gender:**

Personality & Role: pompous, self-important President of the Guild of Thiives. Very large chain of office.

The Librarian

Age: unknown **Gender:** unknown

Personality & Role: a wizard and chief librarian of the Unseen University in Ankh Morpork. A few years ago, a magical accident turned the Librarian into an Orangutan. The Librarian has resisted all efforts to return him to human form.

Corporal “Nobby” Nobbs

Age: uncertain **Gender:** male

Personality & Role: a corporal in the Ankh- Morpork Night Watch. A short, pigeon chested, bandy-legged man. Usually seen with a roll -up cigarette behind his ear.

Sergeant Fred Colon

Age: about 60 **Gender:** male

Personality & Role: sergeant in the Ankh- Morpork Night Watch. A fat man with large, red face. Started as a soldier but has been in the City Watch for thirty years and has known Captain Vimes for over 20 years.

Lady Sybil Ramkin

Age: a certain age. **Gender:** female.

Personality & Role: the richest woman in Ankh Morpork, from a very old, aristocratic family. She has a passion for breeding and showing swamp dragons which she keeps in pens behind her house and supports the Sunshine Sanctuary for Sick Dragons. Sybil is a large lady with a mass of chestnut hair (a wig – no-one who has much to do with dragons keeps their own hair for long.) The Ramkins have never bred for beauty, they've bred for healthy solidarity and big bones,

C.M.O.T. Dibbler

Age: any **Gender:** male

Personality & Role: an ambitious street trader. Ankh Morpork's answer to Del Boy Trotter.

First Citizen

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: citizen of Ankh-Morpork

Second Citizen

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: citizen of Ankh-Morpork

Bunting Carrier

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: keen royalist, citizen on Ankh- Morpork

Servant

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: Palace flunkey

First Guard

Age: any **Gender:** male

Personality & Role: Palace guard

Second Guard

Age: any **Gender:** male

Personality & Role: Palace guard

First Warrior

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: sword for hire

Second Warrior

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: sword for hire

Archchancellor

Age: any, but older would be better. **Gender:** male.

Personality & Role: pompous and opinionated senior wizard at the Unseen University

Chief Assassin

Age: any **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: head of the Guild of Assassins, the most powerful guild in Ankh Morpork. Powerful, dangerous but out of their depth in dealing with a dragon. Assassins always dress in black.

First Worthy (Could be Uro Van Pew)

Age: any (but older would be good) **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: pillar of the community. Pompous and self-opinionated.

Second Worthy

Age: any (but older would be good) **Gender:** any

Personality & Role: another pillar of the community.

Reet and Gert

Age: any **Gender:** female

Personality & role: “seamstresses” (street girls). No lines in the script but will provide local colour as citizens on Ankh Morpork.