

## Episode 1: The Promises of Fame

IN THE REHEARSAL ROOM

[The band are rehearsing their latest song.]

MAX:

OK, let's try again. A one, two, three, four...

[The band launches into a section of *The Promises of Fame*. SLICK launches into an inappropriately long drum solo.]

BOOTSIE / MAX / FRANKIE:

Slick... Slick! Stop!

MAX:

Slick... what's that?

SLICK:

It's a drum solo.

BOOTSIE:

But why?

SLICK:

(sarcastically)

Because I'm a drummer.

FRANKIE:

But not a *famous* drummer...

SLICK:

Ha. Not yet. But one day...

MAX:

Yep, maybe one day. But at the moment, we're not famous, so take it easy. OK, from the top!

# Rags to RICHES

Script: Season 1 Episode 1

[APRIL enters before the band begin to play.]

APRIL:

Hey everyone!

MAX:

(enthusiastically)

Hi April! How's it going?

APRIL:

Fine thanks!

FRANKIE:

You're late...

APRIL:

I'm sorry... but I've got some great news. We've got our first gig!

MAX / BOOTSIE / SLICK (together):

A gig?! Nice one! That's fantastic! High five!

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AT THE GIG

CAMERAMAN:

OK April, we're ready to record. Three, two, one...

APRIL:

Hi, I'm April Showers. I'm the lead singer with the band 'Rags to Riches'.

GRACE NOTE (TEACHER):

Hi April. What a fantastic gig! Thanks so much! Can you introduce the other members of the band?

# Rags to RICHES

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APRIL:

Of course! (With feeling) This is Max Volume. He's our guitarist...

MAX:

Hi!

GRACE NOTE:

Hi Max. How old are you?

MAX:

I'm twenty-one years old.

GRACE NOTE:

Wow, you're very handsome!

APRIL:

(Uncomfortably)

Erm, and this is Bootsie Rollins, our bass player.

BOOTSIE:

Hello!

GRACE NOTE:

Hi Bootsie! Is that your real name?

BOOTSIE:

No, it's my nickname.

FRANKIE:

His real name's Barrington.

BOOTSIE:

Shut up!

APRIL:

This is our keyboard player, Frankie Fingers.

# Rags to RICHES

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FRANKIE:

Good evening! Pleased to meet you!

GRACE NOTE:

Pleased to meet you too, Frankie. Are you a classically-trained pianist?

FRANKIE:

No, I'm just a legend.

[FRANKIE plays a quick but impressive keyboard cadenza.  
SLICK starts off on a drum solo.]

GRACE NOTE:

OK, thank you... thank you... could you..?

APRIL:

Slick, be quiet!

[SLICK stops playing.]

APRIL:

And this is Slick Beat, our drummer.

GRACE NOTE:

(Wearily)

Thank you Slick. Ladies and gentlemen, Rags to Riches! OK cut.

SLICK:

Hey, we're famous! Our first TV interview!

APRIL:

Not exactly Slick, we're not famous. This isn't a TV interview.  
These are school children. This is a school.

GRACE NOTE:

That's right. My name's Grace. Grace Note. I'm the music teacher here and this is our school project! Thanks so much for coming!

YOUNG PUPIL:

Excuse me, can I have your autograph please, mister?

SLICK:

(sighs)

Yeah, OK.

YOUNG PUPIL:

Thanks, mister!

BOOTSIE:

(playfully)

Don't worry, Slick. One day, one day ...