

Hubert She's supposed to be waiting for me in bed.

David goes to speak to Leslie but then realizes what Hubert has said

David (to Hubert) You're having a hell of a morning, aren't you?!

Hubert Never mind that. (To Leslie) What happened?

Leslie Well, in the first place, Matron turned up in the Security Office.

Hubert Oh, no!

David And what happened in the second place?

Leslie Well, when Matron said she was the one who was pushed off the window ledge, the sergeant seemed to hit the roof.

Hubert I can imagine that.

Leslie Then he said he's coming back up here to question the other two matrons again.

David Oh, no!

Hubert What?

Leslie And he'll probably arrest me for attempted murder.

Jane Poor baby.

David Poor baby? (To Leslie) You go up to the top floor (opening the door DL) and hide in the — Mrs Bonney!!

Mrs Bonney walks through the door. She is about eighty, small but energetic. She is heavily laden with Christmas shopping

Mother Where's Hubert?

Hubert Mother! You shouldn't be up here.

Mother Nonsense. If young Les is in a spot of bother with the police, he needs his grandmother.

Hubert Mother, things are not what they seem.

Mother I know. I didn't think you had it in you, Hubert.

Hubert Mother — !

Mother (referring to Jane) And I'm so pleased it was a nice girl like Nurse Tate.

Jane Thank you.

David I hate to interrupt the family gathering — (he opens the door DL) — but if Matron and the sergeant find Leslie ... (He sees something in the corridor) Oh, my God! (He slams the door closed) Matron and the sergeant getting out of the lift.

Hubert Oh, my God!

Bill enters from the bathroom

Bill Do you know, I wasn't able to go?

Hubert and David react

David Get back in there!

Bill (seeing Mother) Ah now, don't tell me. It's Mother Goose!

David and Hubert throw their hands up in despair

Mother Don't be cheeky, I'm Dr Bonney's mother.

There is a knock on the door DL. They all react. David holds the door

David (calling out) One moment, Sergeant! Nurse Tate, get Mr Leslie back in the bathroom.

Hubert And, Nurse Tate, take Mother with you!

Mother I don't want to go to the bathroom, Hubert.

Hubert You'll put your foot in it! (He pushes Mother into the bathroom)

Mother exits

(To Bill) You get in there with Mother.

Bill Yes. Is she a real mother or a balloons-up-top mother?

Hubert (to Bill) Get in there! (He pushes Bill in)

Bill exits

There is a knock on the door. David is still holding the door

David (calling) One moment, Sergeant!

Sergeant (off) Dr Mortimore!

David (calling) There's nobody in! (Referring to Leslie) Get rid of him, Hubert!

David leaves the door and it opens

The Sergeant enters, supporting Matron, who is now drowsy but fighting it