

Bongo is a bumbling, simpleton-like, slow speaking policeman in the town of Hamelin. Duchess Dalrimple is a rather haughty and uppity woman from the upper class in Hamelin Town

Bongo: You say whatever pops into your head. You can afford to be mad when you're rich.

Duchess: *(Marching in with pompous air)* I speak my mind. I'm no sheep to follow the mayor and his stupidity.

Bongo: Excuse me Miss Duchess ma'am...but did you really say the forbidden word?

Duchess: I said "rats" ...I meant "rats" ...and I intend to say it again...RATS!
(Townspeople gasp as each word rats is)

Bongo: Now see here, Duchess Dalrimple, you can't go around saying a word that's against the law to use.

Duchess: You mean...rats!

Bongo: *(Shuddering and looking around for the mayor)* Duchess Dalrimple ...I'm warning you, don't say that word.

Duchess: *(Haughtily)* Rats.

Bongo: Dear, dear Duchess Dalrimple ...now you can't be looking for trouble, can you?

Duchess: *(Defiant)* You're the police, Bongo. If I've done wrong, arrest me. Charge me with a criminal offense. Lock me up!

Bongo: Duchess Dalrimple ...the mayor has made a proclama...

Duchess: The mayor is useless! *(Everyone gasps)* He thinks the problem will go away if no one says the word.

Bongo: *(Innocently)* And what word is that?

Duchess: RATS! *(All react)*

Bongo: *(Cringing)* Oh why did I ask? *(Gathering strength)* Now see here, I'm the police. We do not have a rodent problem in Hamelin Town. The mayor says so.