<u>The Ghosts of Christmas Past Skits #4</u> <u>Ned Kelly</u>

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Performers x 4

Ned Kelly Dan Mary Jack

Props

Helmet for Ned. (Suggest a Welding helmet with the eyeshade removed). Wallet/Eftpos card each. Pistol

(The three friends are walking together).

Dan. "I hope this waterfall is worth the walk, it's been three hours?"

Jack. "Of course it is. It's just around the corner, and it's stunning! There's a double rainbow it the mist, one above another, it's amazing."

Mary. "It had better be!...I hope"

Ned. (Steps out in front, pointing a pistol at them). "Bail up you lot."

Jack. "What?"

Ned. "Bail up, put your hands up....This is a robbery."

Mary. "But, no-one robs people these days?...That went out with Robin Hood."

Ned. "We're making history then Lady...You should thank me for it."

Dan. "Who are you?"

Ned. "I'm Ned Kelly....The Bushranger."

Mary. "Ned Kelly....But, you've been dead for years....A hundred at least?"

Ned. "Who's counting?....But, next time you want to see a waterfall, go to someone

else's one."

Dan. "This isn't your waterfall....It's public land?"

Ned. "Not any longer it isn't....This is Kelly country now...It' my hideout, and you're trespassing....So, out with your wallets."

Jack. "I've got two fifties....And a watch."

Ned. "I don't want that...." (Takes out cellphone.) "...Eftpos....A thousand each...And no credit cards, or there's a ten percent surcharge."

Dan. "A thousand dollars?"

Mary. "You can't rob us?"

Ned. "We're dreaming remember Lady?...I can do whatever I want."

Jack. Do we get a receipt, so we can claim it as a donation?"

Ned. "Just cough up, and we can all get on with our dreams."

Mary. "I hope you can't sleep."

Ned. "I've got three thousand reasons to sleep well Lady."

Dan. "So, why are you robbing us anyway?"

Ned. "They told me I couldn't take it with me...So I'm building a little nest egg on this side, and if you must know...I'm doing very nicely thank you....Courtesy of generous folk like you lot!"

Jack. "I hope we never see you again."

Ned. "Don't be like that...You're welcome to make a return visit anytime...And I'll be generous, and give you a ten percent discount...So it will only be nine hundred a head each."

Mary. "You're a thief!"

Ned. "I've been called worse Lady...You can all go now...And thank you for your custom....Sleep well, and sweet dreams!"

(They start to walk away.)

Ned. "Whoa!...You're going the wrong way...Turn around."

Jack. "We're going to see the Misty falls."

Ned. "They're my falls...So it'll cost you fifty a head to see them."

Dan. "Another fifty?....Do you take I.O.U's?"

Ned. "Don't intrude into my dreams, and it wouldn't happen."

Mary. "Your dream?....It's our dream, we were going to see the falls, when you came along....We walked for three hours to get here."

Ned. "Well, I've lightened your load, so you won't have so much to carry out...Now beat it."

Jack. "I hope they catch you and hang you."

Ned. "I'm already dead remember?...And I've got to get to the bank...And take out my winnings from today....So get going, or I'll spring you another fifty for loitering in my dream."

Mary. "I don't believe this...Come on let's go."

(They turn and walk away.)

Ned. "What....No goodbye for Uncle Neddy?...Or even a thank you?...Come back again....It's a personal invitation....." (Shakes his head.) "I tried being friendly?....Maybe they got out of bed on the wrong side....Some people!...Well off to the bank...This has been a rather rewarding day...Or night?...Or whatever?" (Walks off.)

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