



Act 2

Narrator: The gingerbread man keeps running and running. It runs as fast as it can go. It runs straight into the field where the farmer is working.

Farmer: What a hot day it is in these fields! I could use a rest.

Narrator: The farmer sits to rest. He wipes his brow with his sleeve. He sees something small running through the field. He wonders what it is.

Farmer: Is that a mouse I see? No, it is too big for a mouse. Is it a cat? No, it is running on two legs. What is it?

Gingerbread: I am not a mouse. I am not a cat. You cannot guess what I am! Ha ha!



Narrator: The gingerbread man laughs as he runs by.

Farmer: I am going to catch you, you strange thing! Here I come!

Narrator: With that, the farmer runs after the gingerbread man. He runs fast. But he is not as fast as the gingerbread man.

Gingerbread: Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the gingerbread man!

Farmer: The gingerbread man? You are a cookie! You are for my baby. You cannot run! Come back here!

Gingerbread: The woman could not catch me. Now you cannot catch me. I am too fast! Ha ha!



Narrator: The farmer rubs his eyes. Then he cleans his ears. Then he shakes his head. He thinks this is a dream.

Farmer: It is too hot. I must be seeing things. I must be hearing things, too.

Narrator: The farmer sits down again. He does not want to chase a dream. The gingerbread man runs away. He runs far through the field.

Gingerbread: Ha ha! No one can catch me. I am as fast as the wind!

Narrator: The gingerbread man is fast. But he is not looking where he is going. He does not see the horse in the field. Bam! He runs into the horse's leg.



Horse: Whoa! What is that?

Narrator: The horse lifts its nose in the air. It can smell the gingerbread man. The horse thinks the cookie smells good.

Gingerbread: It is I. I am the gingerbread man. The woman could not catch me. The farmer could not catch me. And now you cannot catch me. I am too fast! Ha ha!

Horse: You may be fast. But I am faster! I will catch you, little man! I will eat you up.

Gingerbread: Run, run, as fast as you can! You can't catch me! I'm the gingerbread man!