

ROOM 21's VERSION OF DAMON AND PYTHIAS

Cast:

Damon

Pythias

King

Narrator

Voices

Announcer

ANNOUNCER: Hello! It's story time again. Today's story is about two great friends. One friend is even ready to give up his life for his friend.

_____ will be performing the Legend of Damon and Pythias!

NARRATOR: Long, long ago, there were two friends named Damon and Pythias. There was a king who was a tyrant. He never let people break his rules. One day, Pythias spoke against the king. He was sent to the king right away.

KING: (*mean*) Pythias, I hear you do not like my laws.

PYTHIAS: (*big voice*) You treat the people poorly, King. I don't like your laws.

KING: (*mad*) Throw this man into prison!

NARRATOR: Pythias was taken to prison. His friend, Damon, went there right away to help him.

DAMON: (*sad*) How terrible to find you here! How can I help you?

PYTHIAS: (*scared*) I'm worried about my family. I want to see them before I die.

DAMON: (*kind*) Go see them. I'll tell the king that I'll take your place in jail.

PYTHIAS: (*loudly*) No! No! No! You can't do this for me!

MUSIC: (*In briefly and out*)

NARRATOR: Damon goes to the king to ask if he can go to jail in Pythias's place.

DAMON: (*brave*) I want to take Pythias's place in jail. He will return after he visits his family. I believe in him.

KING: (*surprised*) I don't believe it! You are willing to do this for a friend? I warn you that you'll die in his place if he does not return. I show no mercy!

NARRATOR: Pythias went to visit his family. Damon took his place in jail.

VOICES: Will Pythias come back? Do you think Pythias is that honorable?

VOICES: I think he will return.

VOICES: No way! He will let Damon die in his place.

NARRATOR: Pythias spent some time with his family. He told them he had to go back to prison. On his way back to prison, robbers stole his money and tied him up.

MUSIC: (*Briefly in and out*)

NARRATOR: Pythias was able to untie himself and return, but he was late. Damon was just about to die in his place. The crowd was angry.

VOICES: (*mad*) Let him live!

DAMON: (*bravely*) I know my friend will come back for me.

KING: (*teasing*) Your friend still has not come back. It's time you...

VOICES: (*gasp*) He's back! Pythias is back!

DAMON: (*loudly*) Pythias, I would have died for you!

PYTHIAS: (*loudly*) I came back like I said I would.

VOICES: (*loudly*) Set them free! Set them both free!

KING: (*loudly*) They are free. I would give all my money for one friend like Damon or Pythias.