



# HICCUP!

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SENSORY GUIDE



# SYNOPSIS

## A full plot summary of *Hiccup* (note: spoilers ahead)

**Eddie** hasn't had a good night sleep in weeks. All of the noise of the bustling city keeps him awake. In an attempt to get some peace and quiet, he takes his teddy bear, **Lucky**, out into the bush for a night of camping and, hopefully, some uninterrupted sleep.

**Emu** and **Quokka** are best friends who are obsessed with shiny things. The pair stumble upon Eddie's campsite and discover that he has an array of shiny things that they're desperate to steal. As they begin to rummage through Eddie's belongings they make too much noise and wake him up.

Eddie exits the tent, terrified of what he'll find. He bumps into Quokka and after the two briefly get to know each other, they hear a terrifying cacophony coming from the trees. They meet **Koala** who, it turns out, has had a horrendous case of the hiccups for 287 days. Eddie, Quokka and Emu join forces to help Koala cure his hiccups so that Eddie can get some sleep and Quokka and Emu can steal Eddie's shiny things.

The three embark on an epic journey to help Koala cure his hiccups. Emu secretly begins making a "hiccup vanishing amazing invention" that he cobbles together using the things he's stolen from Eddie, while Eddie and Quokka band together to find a cure.

Eddie pulls out his first aid kit and gives Koala a special cuddle that causes the animal to do an incredibly loud fart. Koala still hiccups.

Quokka is caught in the act of going through Eddie's lunchbox in her hunt for shiny things, but discovers it's filled with mountains of sandwiches. As a cover, she proposes a sandwich eating competition as a potential cure for the hiccups. Eddie and Koala frantically eat the sandwiches, with Koala winning the battle. Unfortunately, Koala still hiccups.

After the competition, Eddie leaves briefly to think of different ideas and Emu enters. Emu and Quokka finally steal Eddie's shiny things, with Emu stealing Eddie's beloved teddy bear, Lucky.

Eddie returns and sings a Rolling Stones inspired song to try and get koala to sing, dance and groove his way to a hiccup cure. After the song, Koala still has the hiccups. Convinced he'll have the hiccups forever, Koala goes back into his tree crying. Eddie leaves to hunt for Lucky and Quokka is left alone. Before she can steal more shiny things, Emu enters with his invention- which has a terrifying mess of shiny things, with Eddie's teddy bear taped to the back. Emu straps the invention to Koala.

Eddie re-enters discover all his shiny things taped to the invention. He angrily takes the invention into the tent where it explodes, sending all of the characters flying across the stage.

After a few moments, each of the characters picks themselves up out of the rubble. Eddie's teddy bear has been lost but they discover that Koala has been cured of his hiccups. They celebrate with a song.

## WARNINGS

Recommended for ages 4-8. The show contains loud music, haze effects and strobe lighting. Duration is 45 minutes.

# MEET THE CHARACTERS

A list of the people (and animals) you'll meet during the show



## Eddie

Eddie is from the city and is in desperate need of a decent night's sleep. Eddie is a little bit frustrated and a little bit lonely, but with his best friend Lucky by his side and a slick new tent, he's pumped to finally get some shut-eye!



## Emu

With a long neck and big bulging eyes, Emu is a curious creature- both to look at and in terms of their personality and appearance. Emu may be a bit batty, but they make up for it with their loyalty and passion for creating exciting new inventions.

Stand back! Emu's inventions have a tendency to explode.



## Quokka

Cheeky, loyal and obsessed with shiny things, Quokka is the best friend you'll ever have (so long as you don't have anything shiny). They're yellow, fuzzy, have a very bouncy tail and some particularly fluffy eyebrows.

Quokka loves a bit of a dance, as well!



## Koala

A blue, fuzzy koala with big, bat-wing ears and big dark eyes. However, Koala is blue in more ways than one. They're suffering from a very stubborn case of the hiccups and is in desperate need of a cure. They're a little bit lonely and melancholic, but is always up for an adventure.

They also turn out to be a surprisingly good singer.

# SENSORY CUES

## A list of lighting and sound changes throughout *Hiccup*

### **10 seconds:**

Lights change from darkened lighting state as Eddie enters. The stage is washed with warm yellow light.

### **1 minute, 21 seconds:**

Eddie looks his car. The faint sound of a car locking plays in the background. The flash of orange indicators can be seen in the background of the set.

### **4 minutes, 45 seconds:**

We move to a darkened lighting state, with the entire set suddenly dappled in starlight. Eddie and his teddy bear lucky are backlit in the tent and we see their shadows as Eddie tells a very quick bedtime story.

### **5 minutes, 10 seconds:**

As Eddie falls asleep and the light in the tent flicks off, we hear a faint sound of sniffing as Quokka enters through the audience. She is illuminated by a shaft of yellow light.

### **6 minutes, 10 seconds:**

Emu enters shouting 'QUOKKA!'. Fast-paced spy-themed music plays. Emu is illuminated by moving spotlights and emu interacts directly with the audience.

### **7 minutes, 3 seconds:**

A soft strobe light descends onto the stage as Emu and Quokka talk about their love of shiny things.

### **8 minutes, 47 seconds:**

The soft strobe returns in the centre of the stage as Emu and Quokka spot a pile of irresistible shiny things.

### **9 minutes, 32 seconds:**

Eddie abruptly shakes in the tent. As Emu and Quokka hide, the lights shift back to a darkened state with stars dappled all over the set.

### **10 minutes, 40 seconds:**

The soft strobe effect returns as Emu and Quokka quickly steal Eddie's shiny things (as quietly as they can).

### **12 minutes, 15 seconds:**

Emu steals something shiny from Eddie and laughs maniacally as he runs off the stage.

### **13 minutes, 10 seconds:**

As Eddie exits the tent, spooky sounds of the outback fill the space. We hear wind rustle through the trees and the nocturnal creatures shuffling about. Eddie suddenly feels quite alone.

### **13 minutes, 50 seconds:**

Eddie and Quokka are spooked as they meet for the first time. They each scream and Eddie passes out from all the commotion. He crashes to the ground.

**14 minutes, 52 seconds:**

A loud, guttural hiccup noise startles Eddie and Quokka.

**15 minutes:**

Another loud hiccup. It's deeper this time and echoes throughout the space. It startles Eddie and Quokka again.

**15 minutes, 10 seconds:**

A series of loud hiccups. Eddie and Quokka jump into each others arms and shiver out of fear.

**15 minutes, 26 seconds – 16 minutes:**

Eddie and Quokka begin to panic as they try and work out where the noise is coming from. This section of the performance is punctuated with a cacophony of loud, earth shattering hiccups.

**16 minutes, 10 seconds:**

Koala appears in the tree. He loudly chomps on some gum leaves.

**16 minutes, 35 seconds:**

A thunderous hiccup sends koala flying off his branch.

**17 minutes, 40 seconds:**

Koala delivers another thunderous hiccup. It startles all three characters.

**17 minutes, 55 seconds:**

The characters decide they need a hiccup cure and burst into song. The song contains loud thumping drums and 70's style guitars as the characters cycle through a range of different ideas for a hiccup cure.

**18 minutes, 30 seconds:**

Another loud hiccup startles the three characters.

**18 minutes, 40 seconds:**

Emu bursts onto the stage. His signature spy music plays and the lights revert to moving spotlights.

**19 minutes, 20 seconds:**

The lighting darkens and begins to subtly strobe as Quokka looks at Eddie's shiny things.

**19 minutes, 50 seconds:**

Lights suddenly come up to full brightness as Eddie enters.

**19 minutes, 55 seconds:**

Another loud hiccup noise startles the three characters onstage.

**21 minutes, 15 seconds:**

Koala loudly farts.

**21 minutes, 45 seconds:**

Sounds of metallic clattering and drilling as Emu builds his invention. It suddenly explodes, with yellow and orange light shooting across the back of the set.

**22 minutes:**

Lights subtly strobe as Quokka tries, again, to steal the shiny things.

**22 minutes, 46 seconds:**

Another loud hiccup noise startles the characters on stage.

**24 minutes:**

A boxing bell rings to herald the beginning of the epic sandwich eating competition. The characters throw themselves onto the crate of sandwiches and loudly eat their way through them.

**24 minutes, 40 seconds:**

Lighting state changes to an electric blue with swirling spotlights as the characters sing a song.

**25 minutes, 40 seconds:**

Subtle strobe as quokka, again, tries to steal some shiny things from Eddie.

**28 minutes – 31 minutes:**

An epic, Rolling Stones inspired musical number with flashing lights, smoke effects and thumping drums. The stage becomes an arena rock spectacular and the audience is asked to sing along in an effort to cure the hiccups once and for all.

**31 minutes, 50 seconds:**

Koala violently hiccups three times.

**33 minutes, 25 seconds:**

Emu enters with a hiccup vanishing amazing invention. It's made out of all of Eddie's shiny things and spits out thin curls of smoke. It has a flashing red light on the top of it..

**34 minutes, 30 seconds:**

Emu turns on the invention and the lighting changes to red, with a flashing white light dominating the space every two seconds. There is a loud beeping that plays throughout this sequence. It's an edge-of-your seat countdown to the initiation of the invention. Sound effects and lighting are sent into overdrive.

**36 minutes, 15 seconds:**

The beeping gets faster and louder, and smoke starts to fill the space as the invention initiates the hiccup vanishing sequence and explodes. The lighting changes to red and there's an epic BANG that sends the characters flying across the stage. This sequence contains strobe lights and lots of loud noises.

**39 minutes, 20 seconds:**

As the characters realise they've cured koala's hiccup, the characters embark in one more epic musical number. The sequence contains strobe lights, haze and some spectacularly bad dancing.



# GALLERY





