

## One Man, Two Guvnors

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**Daniel Rigby:** O, hello. My name's Daniel Rigby and I'm an actor in *One Man, Two Guvnors* here at the National Theatre. I am an artist.  
Character is action!

**Claire:** Hello, I'm Claire and I play Pauline and I can't find the sugar.

**Daniel Rigby:** Pauline, I give you my hand. Captive, within my hand, is a bird.  
This bird is my heart.

**Claire:** Is it a real bird?

**Daniel Rigby:** My ire is like a forest fire, fierce inexorable enough to ruin several picnics. O, hi. This afternoon, we're doing research and we're also going to be asked to improvise a little bit in character. So, let's see how we all get along. And I had, I had my heart set on playing Peter Pan. And I thought I would do it really, really well. And then it got cast and I was Wendy. Because, because there was all boys, I had to be Wendy. But it was insult to injury, really. I've decided that I will never play women ever again.

**Fred Ridgeway:** Hi, my name's Fred Ridgeway and I'm playing the part of Charlie Clench.

**Daniel Rigby:** I could do a speech for you now.

**Fred Ridgeway:** From what? From what you talking about? You could do...

**Daniel Rigby:** From a play of your choice. Because, I, I truly believe, sir, with all respect, I love your daughter. I love your daughter. My heart feels like a camel. It is full of water. The hump swelling, bursting with water. Across the desert and she is the oasis. And I...

**Fred Ridgeway:** Is this the way he talks to you all the time?

**Daniel Rigby:**

If you see, if you see how talented I am, you'll be able...  
I will, I will be, I will, I will knock your socks off.