Deadly Stew

*II Kings 4: 38-41*

 GEHAZI
 A SON OF THE PROPHETS

 ELISHA

 PROPHET

 GEHAZI

Deadly stew. II Kings 4: 38-41.

(A SON OF THE PROPHETS and PROPHET rest in front, weak from hunger.

 This scene incorporates some of the original Hebrew; pronunciations are in italics. All props are mimed.)

GEHAZI (continued)

And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was *ra-av ba ar-rets.*

STORYTELLER

Famine in the land.

GEHAZI

And *buhnay ha nuhvee-eem*

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

the sons of the prophets

GEHAZI

were sitting before him: and he said unto his *nah-are.*

ELISHA

*Shaphot hacier hagedohla oovashael nazier livnay hanuhvee-eem*

(GEHAZI mimes setting up a pot and building a fire. ELISHA goes to PROPHET lying on the floor.)

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets.

GEHAZI

And one went out into the field to gather *orote.*

(STORYTELLER TWO goes out and gathers gourds.)

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

And found a *gephen sadeh* and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full.

(Comes back to the pot center stage and shreds the gourds into the pot.)

And *yahvoh* and shred them into the pot of *nazier*: for they knew them not.

GEHAZI

So they poured out for the *ahnahsheem* to eat.

(A SON OF THE PROPHETS takes stew to the PROPHET, then sits alone.)

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

*Wah yuh hey*

GEHAZI

And it came to pass

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

*Kuh ah kuh laam*

GEHAZI

As they were eating

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

of the *nazier*, they *tsa-ahk* and said

(On *tsa-ahk,* PROPHET makes a coughing noise and becomes sick.]

PROPHET

*Mahwet bacier*

GEHAZI

There is death in the pot

PROPHET

*eesh ha eloheem*

GEHAZI

O thou man of God. And they could not eat thereof

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

*wah yo mer*

GEHAZI

But he said.

ELISHA

(Looking with great meaning at GEHAZI, since he knows there is secret grain.)

*Ookuh hoo kehmah*

GEHAZI

Then bring meal.

(GEHAZI gives the meal to ELISHA who throws it in the pot.]

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

And he cast it into the *sear* and said

ELISHA

*Tsack lahaam wuh oh kay loo*

A SON OF THE PROPHETS

Pour out for the people, that they may eat.

(Pours another bowl of pottage for PROPHET, hands it to him and sits back stage right while PROPHET drinks.)

 A SON OF THE PROPHETS (continued)

*Wuh low huhyah davarrah bacier*

GEHAZI

And there was no harm in the pot.

(PROPHET notices GEHAZI not eating; he offers his bowl of pottage and all freeze.)