

Edward King Oedipus in Times Square

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Chorus of Rockettes*

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The Hallelujah Chorus*

*Opening backdrop: Medusa of Didyma
Medusa pulls back to become the moon against the data towers*

Prologue

Nemesis

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I am the goddess of righteous anger
Not to be confused with losing one's temper
Nor with "awareness"
Doing and saying
Nothing.

Act One

Times Square
Christmas Eve

Edward King
a taxi driver
speeds through Times Square
drunk

Backdrop: taxi
Audio file of traffic

Edward

Damned Broadway
Jammed with tourists
What are you all looking at?

The sound of traffic gets louder; a sudden screech; the sound fades

Damn.

Pause

Edward

I gotta stop drinking
I gotta sleep this one off
I gotta get home

The traffic sound dies away

To Brooklyn.

Act Two
Scene One

Welcome to Brooklyn
Christmas Morning

Mother

Welcome to Brooklyn
Fourth Largest City in the World

Child

But Mom,
Brooklyn isn't a city.
Brooklyn is a borough
of the City of New York.

Mother

If it were a city,
it would be
the fourth largest city
in the world.

Child

Mom . . .

Mother

You always think you're so smart.

Act Two
Scene Two

Eddie wakes up very hung over
at his brother's apartment
in Brooklyn
with his brother's adopted son, Little Eddie

Data towers; giant animated nutcracker

The Hallelujah Chorus

Four computer voices sing Isaiah's prophecy.

King of Kings
Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

For ever
and ever
and ever
and ever
Hallelujah

King for ever
ever
ever

Hallelujah
Hallelujah
Hallelujah

The king of all the earth
Wonderful
Counselor
The mighty
No! No! No!
The everlasting father
Father
Father
No! No! No!
No! No! No!
No! No! No!

The Prince of Peace

Edward
Begin with animation: end on duck

Get that stupid toy out of my face,
Little Eddie.
I thought it was singing to me.
I gotta stop drinking.

Little Eddie
Begin with animation: end on duck

Get up, Uncle Eddie.
You promised you'd take me
to see the Christmas show
with the Rockettes.

Mr. Mike, the Radio Announcer, announces the death of Leonard Basileus.

WKRP regrets to announce
the death of Wall Street tycoon
Leonard Basileus
who died shortly after midnight
at New York Hospital.

The cause of death has not yet been confirmed.

Basileus collapsed in front of a theater
in Times Square last night
where he and his wife

were attending the opening of a remake of
“Give My Regards to Broadway.”

Although Basileus is known to have suffered a heart attack two months ago
he may have been hit by a car
that sped away from the scene.

Police have issued a city-wide alert
for a possible hit-and-run killer.

(fade out)

If you have any information . . .

Act Three

Radio City Music Hall
New York, New York

*Ed and Little Eddie
Chorus of Rockettes
Chorus of Taxis*

Backdrop of Times Square Subway Entrance

Recorded chorus of mixed voices and kicking avatars

Chorus of Rockettes

We're all the same
We're all the same
We're on the same note
We're on the same note

Five-seven
High kickers
We're in agreement, Ed
We're in agreement, Ed

You killed your father
You killed your mother
You killed your father

Begin with animated avatars

Edward King

Was that weird enough for you,
Little Eddie?

End animation on duck

Come on, kid.
Let's take the subway.
I'm dropping you off
at your mother's place.

Change to sun and toy sun avatars

Little Eddie

She's not really my mother.

Edward King

Well, I'm not really your uncle.

Little Eddie

Yes, you are. I love you.

Edward King

You don't love your mother?

Little Eddie

I don't know. I just don't know. Uncle Eddie?

Edward King

Yes?

Little Eddie

I really liked the Rockettes.

Drop avatars Ed and Little Eddie.

Chorus of Taxi Cabs

Transition to flow of traffic in Times Square

Recorded chorus

Child and Mom return to the screen as dancing animations

Traffic is just the flow

River of yellow

Living is stop and go

You can't step into the same taxi twice.

Drop avatars

Fog transition

The End