

# Jepppe Niilonpoika

## Summary in English



## **Roles**

**Jeppe Niilonpoika - Jaakko Tohkanen**  
**Jaakko Suutari - Olli Haataja**  
**Nilla, Jeppe's wife - Maria Karhapää**  
**Baron (Butler) - Markku Maasilta**  
**Bailiff (Valet) - Kalle Pulkkinen (Jukka Moskuvaara)**  
**Bailiff's wife (Doctor I, Public defender) - Regina Launivuo**  
**Secretary (Doctor II, Prosecutor) - Suvi-Maaria Virta**  
**Eriikka (Judge) - Minna Maaria Virtanen**  
**Dancers from Riveria Vocational School**

## **Act One**

Nilla complains about her lazy husband Jeppe.

- I had to drag him out of the bed to make him go do his work. But as I came back he was sitting on a chair and sleeping again. I had to take out my Baton Eric and tenderize him a bit. That's the only thing he's scared of. Get your clothes on! Hurry! Go buy me two pounds of green soap. Remember, you have to be back in four hours, or Baton Eric will be back.

Jeppe leaves. He complains about her mean wife Nilla. On his way to the city, Jeppe has an idea. He goes to see his friend Jaakko Suutari and asks for booze.

Jeppe only has the money Nilla gave him for the soap.

- Nilla doesn't need to know, says Jaakko Suutari.

Jaakko persuades Jeppe to waste the money. Jeppe and Jaakko drink and sing together. Jeppe notices himself to be wasted.

Baron finds passed out Jeppe on the side of the road.

- It would be great fun to pull a prank on him, says Baron.

Baron asks his companion to suggest some practical jokes. Eriikka has the best idea.

- Let's take his clothes off, take him to the comfiest bed in the house of Baron and when he wakes up, treat him like he is the head of the house, so he starts to think he actually is Baron.

## **Act Two**

Jeppe wakes up and finds himself from Baron's luxurious bedroom. Everyone treats him like he is Baron himself.

Jeppe questions the situation. Doctors come see him and make Jeppe believe that his mind is only playing tricks on him. He is not Jeppe. He is the Baron.

## **Intermission**

### **Act Three**

Generous breakfast has been set for Jeppe. Jeppe asks the servants how much salary do they get. He thinks it is too much, so in his opinion it would be fair to hang them all.

After the breakfast, Jeppe passes out.

- That was close! sighs Baron.

### **Act Four**

Nilla finds Jeppe and demands for an answer about where he has been so long.

- I was in heaven, swears Jeppe.

Bailiff comes and tells Jeppe to come to court. Jeppe is accused of invading to Baron's court, pretending to be Baron and treating the servants like a despot.

Jeppe pleads guilty.

The public defender says the accusation has been made up by Jeppe's enemies. The public defender and the prosecutor argue. The judge sentences Jeppe to be hanged.

Jeppe asks for the last sip of booze and, unknowingly, drinks the poison hidden in the alcohol.

### **Act Five**

Nilla regrets being so harsh on Jeppe.

- Bring me some booze, says Jeppe. Nilla loses her temper.

The judge stops Nilla and says:

- Calm down and we sentence him back to life.

- He does not deserve it, says Nilla.

Jeppe asks the judge if he is Jeppe and alive again. The judge confirms it.

Jeppe meets Jaakko Suutari and tells him all about waking up as Baron, getting hanged and coming back to life again.

- You have been dreaming, says Jaakko.

Baron bursts out laughing.

- Ain't that something! Went hell of a lot better than expected. Eriikka, this was a great idea from you. Please give me more ideas like this.

Eriikka disagrees.

- This could have been a horrible tragedy.

Baron chuckles.

- I fell in love with the plot! Almost could have let him hang me rather than revealing the joke.