

# *James and the Giant Peach* Character Breakdown

**Ladahlord:** Ladahlord is a mysterious character who seems to have a hand in the magical things that are happening. Though he may seem a bit off, he carefully watches over James, making sure James moves towards to a better life. Ladahlord also serves as a guiding narrator throughout the story.

**James:** James is the hero of our story, on an epic quest to find a family of his own and gain confidence in himself.

**Ladybug:** Ladybug immediately takes on a doting, maternal role in James' life.

**Grasshopper:** Grasshopper, the leader of the Insects, is ever the optimist and assumes a paternal role in James' life.

**Spider:** Spider is a clever creature who becomes a fun-loving older sister to James.

**Earthworm:** Earthworm is a gentle spirit, although he can be a bit of a coward. Luckily, he gains enough courage to save the day by baiting some gullible seagulls. Earthworm looks at James as a brother figure.

**Centipede:** Centipede may be a bit of grouch, but he is ever-loyal to the pack, and by the end of the story, he's won over by James. James sees Centipede as that cranky uncle with a heart of gold.

**Spiker and Sponge:** Spiker and Sponge are the sort of aunts (or monsters) that you fear ever being stuck with. They take James into their home but only so that he can be their own personal servant. Spiker is the brains of the operation, and Sponge is more concerned with finding something to eat.

**Ensemble:** Consists of various roles and multiple chorus groups throughout the musical

