






























The Mikado









 Nanki-Poo, a traveling  minstrel, arrives in  Titipu. He seeks his  love, Yum-Yum, Ward of Ko-Ko the tailor. Nanki-Poo is dismayed when Pish-Tush  explains Ko-Ko Was reprieved of his anticipated death sentence and instead appointed Lord High Executioner.  Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else, announces Ko-Ko plans to marry Yum-Yum that very day!

 Ko-Ko muses on who he might execute;  Yum-Yum arrives with  Peep-Bo and  Pitti-Sing. Nanki-Poo speaks to Yum-Yum alone revealing he is the son  of the Mikado. He fled to avoid marrying elderly Katisha. The sad  pair feel their love is hopeless.  

 Ko-Ko receives orders from the Mikado insisting there be an execution in Titipu. He mulls over the situation with Pish-Tush and Pooh-Bah.

Ko-Ko comes upon Nanki-Poo about to  hang himself. Inspired, he asks him to wait a month And be  executed instead. They compromise: Nanki-Poo will be wed to Yum-Yum for a month; then she will marry Ko-Ko after the execution.  The couple are thrilled and all the town comes to celebrate!  Katisha arrives to claim Nanki-Poo but the crowd   drowns out her protests.

 Yum-Yum compares her love for Nanki-Poo to that of the sun and moon.  All weep  to think the lovers will only be wed a month. Ko-Ko sadly reveals he has Learned when a man is executed, his wife must be buried alive with him.   Yum-Yum refuses  to marry and Nanki-Poo demands to be executed on the spot But Ko-Ko doesn't know how to kill him and dissolves into tears.  

It is decided that Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum will secretly marry  while Ko-Ko gives the Mikado A false document of execution. The  Mikado and Katisha arrive. Ko-Ko is horrified to discover he  "executed" the Mikado's  son. The Mikado insists Ko-Ko be  executed for this offense. Nanki-Poo refuses to "come to life" until Katisha is wed. All agree Ko-Ko should marry Katisha.  Ko-Ko sings her a song of a bird  that dies for love; At this she melts and marries him. She begs the Mikado for her husband's life...  Nanki-Poo and Yum-Yum reappear and the Mikado is happily satisfied- All rejoice!