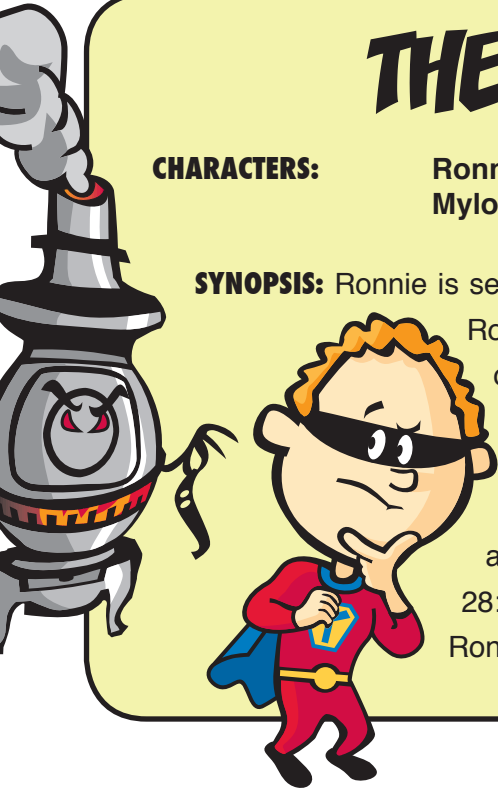


THE BASEMENT MONSTER

CHARACTERS: Ronnie Mylo Roy Nell

SYNOPSIS: Ronnie is set to play superheroes with Roy, Nell, and Mylo. There's only one problem. Ronnie's superhero mask is in the basement and he's too afraid to get it because of the Fire-breathing Monster Thingy (AKA: the old potbelly stove). One by one, Ronnie's friends make their way into the darkness of the basement to retrieve his mask, but all fail because of the scary monster that lives there. They all fail except for Mylo, who remembers the words of David, "Be strong and courageous and do not be afraid, for the Lord God is with thee." (1 Chr. 28:20). Drawing upon only the strength that God can provide, Mylo retrieves Ronnie's mask and saves the day.



SCENE 1: [Ronnie's kitchen]

ROY: (With a paper sack over his head as a costume (see page 88 for Dr. Destructo art). In a menacing voice.) The ground will quake, all knees will shake, at the sound of my name - Dr. Destructo!

(Roy begins stomping around like a mad man.)
((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #1 "Evil laugh"

NELL: (With a fake scream.) Ahhhhhh, Help! Help!

(Quickly popping up.)
((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #2 "Superhero intro"

MYLO: (With a head swagger and looking at the audience.) Superheroooooo! (Turns to Nell.) Stand back, Miss! Don't get too close to his superblaster laser vision!

(Roy continues stomping around making noise like a robot.)

NELL: Ohhhh, My hero! Thank you, Mylo, the Munchy Magnet? (Mylo drops his head.)

ROY: (Stops.) Ohhhhh, man! She messed it up again!

NELL: Was that not right?

MYLO: (Trying to coach Nell.) Remember, Nell? We talked about this. It's Mylo the Muscle-ly Magnificent.

NELL: Mylo the Muscle-ly Magnificent? But Muscle-ly is not even a word.

MYLO: Work with me here, Nell. There are two things that a good superhero needs. First, a superhero needs motivation. Something to help him find his strength. Batman lost his parents, Spiderman lost his uncle, Wonder Woman wants to rid the world of evil...

NELL: We get the idea.

ROY: And secondly, he needs a SUPER name!

NELL: And you think Mylo the Muscle-ly Magnificent is a SUPER name?

MYLO: Yes!

NELL: OK, Mr. Muscle-ly, so what's your motivation?

MYLO: Hmm...I don't know. I haven't been motivated enough to come up with anything!

NELL: Figures.

(Ronnie pops his head up for a brief second.)

RONNIE: What is that?

(Ronnie disappears.)

MYLO: **(Playing along.)** Where?

(Pops his head up for a brief second.)

RONNIE: Up in the sky!

(Ronnie disappears. All look up into the sky.)

ROY: Is that a bird?

NELL: No, it's a plane.

MYLO: No it's...

(Ronnie enters.)
((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #2 "Superhero intro"

RONNIE: CAPTIAN GAAAAADGGGGET!

R, N & M: Yeaaaaaah!

ROY: Who's ready to fight crime?

RONNIE: **(Striking a confident superhero pose and in a manly voice. Clears throat.)**
Captain Gadget!

MYLO: Who's ready to save the day?

RONNIE: **(Again, striking a confident pose and in a manly voice.)** That would be me!

NELL: And who's ready to go down to the basement and get their superhero mask so we can go already!?

RONNIE: **(In a normal tone, now.)** Not me! No way! I'm not going down there!

R, N & M: **(Pauses, then laughs like it's all a joke.)** Ha Ha Ha Ha!

ROY: Quit playing around, Ronnie. Go get your mask!

RONNIE: **(Shakes his head nervously.)** No way!

NELL: Why?

RONNIE: **(With great hesitation and embarrassment.)** It's...well...it's sort of...it's scary down there.

R, N & M: Scary? **(Pause, then all start laughing.)**

RONNIE: Laugh it up! I'm not going!

MYLO: **(Laughing.)** What's scary about the basement?

RONNIE: It's not the basement. It's what's in the basement!

ROY: What's in the basement?

RONNIE: A giant, fire-breathing, monster thingy!

R, N & M: Monster thingy?

NELL: Don't be ridiculous, Ronnie! It's just your imagination.

RONNIE: It's not my imagination.

ROY: **(Superhero mode.)** Do not worry, young Ronnie. For I...Roy the Brave, will save the day! **(Quickly.)** Good-bye!

(Roy exits.)

MYLO & NELL: **(Chanting.)** Roy the brave! Roy the brave! Roy the brave!

RONNIE: **(Yelling to Roy who is now offstage.)** Don't do it, Roy!

MYLO & NELL: Roy, Roy, Roy, Roy....

RONNIE: **(Worried.)** He should not have gone down there.

NELL: Oh, don't worry! He'll be fine.

MYLO: Yeah! He'll be back in no time.

RONNIE: I hope you're right.

MYLO: **(Looking down as if looking down the basement stairs.)** Roy! Have you found anything yet?

ROY: **(From offstage.)** Not yet, it's kind of dark down here!...No, wait...here's something...

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #3 "Cat screech!"

Oops! Sorry, Whiskers.

NELL: **(Yelling to Roy.)** Ronnie's grandma probably washed his mask and hung it up to dry near the back!

ROY: **(From offstage.)** OK...Hey...I see something...

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #4 "Steam and Hiss"

MYLO: What is it, Roy? What do you see?

ROY: **(From offstage, jokingly.)** That's funny. It kind of looks like a fire...**(GASP!)**

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #5 "Basement Monster"

(Roy begins screaming.) Ahhhhhhhh!

RONNIE: Get out of there, Roy!

NELL: Do you see him, Mylo?

MYLO: No, but I hear him!

(Roy enters, still screaming.)

ROY: **(Breathing hard and talking fast.)** Fire! Fire! Fire! Thingy!

NELL: Slow down, Roy! What did you see?

ROY: **(Slow like he's about to faint.)** A...A...Basement...

R, N & M: **(With anticipation.)** Yes!

ROY: Monster Thingy! **(Roy faints and falls out of sight.)**

MYLO: A monster?!

RONNIE: I knew it!

NELL: Oh, give me a break. There's no monster **(Hesitate.)** thingy down there.

MYLO: Sounded like a monster thingy to me, Nell.

RONNIE: **(Looking down.)** Roy! Are you OK?

NELL: **(Impatient.)** This is silly. We're never going to play superheroes at this rate! Stand aside you two.

RONNIE: Where are you going?

NELL: To the basement. This looks like a job for...

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #2 "Superhero intro"

(Turns to the audience.) Nell...The Unafraid!

MYLO: Uh...maybe you should wait...

NELL: I'll be back in two shakes!

(Nell exits.)

RONNIE: **(Yelling after her.)** Nell, I really don't think you should...

(Roy slowly gets to his feet.)

MYLO: Roy! Are you OK? What happened? What did you see?

ROY: Monster! **(Gasp.)** Made of cast iron, with fiery jaws!

MYLO & RONNIE: **(Gasp!)**

ROY: I used what superpowers I had, but they were no match for the monster!

RONNIE: **(With great remorse.)** Ohhhh...I should have never let Nell go down there!

ROY: Nell has gone to the basement?

MYLO: She just left.

ROY: We've got to get her out!

R, R & M: **(Looking down toward the basement.)** Nell!

NELL: **(From below.)** Just a second, I've almost found it!

R, R & M: No, Nell! Come back!

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #5 "Basement Monster"

NELL: **(Screams from below.)** Ahhhhhhhh!

(Nell enters still screaming.)

RONNIE: Nell! Are you OK?

MYLO: What did you see, Nell? What did you see?

NELL: Fire! Fire! Fire! Thingy!

R, R & M: **(Gasp!)**

RONNIE: Slow down, Nell!

NELL: **(Slow like she's about to faint.)** A...A...Basement...

R, R & M: **(With anticipation.)** Yes!

NELL: Monster Thingy! **(Nell faints and falls out of sight.)**

RONNIE: That's it! I'm calling the police.

ROY: Call the military! We need tanks and helicopters! Land Rovers!

RONNIE: Great idea, Roy!

MYLO: **(With a quiet confidence.)** Not so fast, guys. I've got it!

RONNIE & ROY: What?

MYLO: My reason to be motivated!

RONNIE & ROY: Huh?

RONNIE: That's great, Mylo, but I don't think this is the time...

MYLO: **(Cuts Ronnie off.)** You know...the source of my superhero strength!

ROY: Mylo, let the military handle this.

MYLO: **(Assuring the others.)** Don't worry. **(Quickly.)** I'll be right back...

RONNIE: Mylo!

(Mylo exits.)

RONNIE & ROY: **(Looking at each other.)** Nooooooooooooo!

(Ronnie & Roy exit.)

SCENE 2:

[Basement]

(The Fire-breathing Potbelly Stove is the only prop. Attach it to a stick and have someone hold it. Treat it as a character in the scene. Use the artwork on page 88 to create the Basement Monster. One side is a silhouette of a monster, the other a potbelly stove.)

(Mylo enters.)

MYLO: **(Walking forward slowly. Visibly nervous.)** Hello, Niiice monster. **(Mylo continues to walk forward slowly. Then, he stops suddenly and looks down.)** What is that? **(He gives it a hard kick.)**

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #3 “Cat screech!”

Oh! He, He, He! Sorry, Whiskers! (Mylo continues to walk slowly, backwards.)

(Enter Fire-breathing Potbelly Stove. Raise slowly behind Mylo.)

Motivation. Motivation. What did we learn in Bible class last Sunday? Think, Mylo, where do you find courage? I’ve got it! (Mylo stops when he hears the hiss.)

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #4 “Steam and Hiss”

(In a nervous voice.) Whiskers? (Mylo slowly turns around.)

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #5 “Basement Monster”

(Mylo quickly turns back around.) Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid. Do not be...

(Quickly rotate the Basement Monster prop. It’s now a potbelly stove with Ronnie’s mask attached.)

(Mylo turns back around.) Hey! Ronnie’s mask!

(Mylo & the “stove” exit.)

SCENE 3:

[Ronnie’s kitchen]

(Ronnie, Roy, & Nell mourning the loss of Mylo.)

ROY: **(With a sob.)** He’s...gone! **(Crying.)**

NELL: **(With a sob)** He was so brave. **(Crying.)**

RONNIE: **(With a sob.)** A true super...

(Mylo enters.)

R, R & N: Mylo?!

NELL: You’re alive!

MYLO: Of course I am! Here's your mask, Ronnie.

RONNIE: My Mask! But?...How did you?...

ROY: How did you escape, Mylo?

MYLO: I found something to motivate me.

R, R, & N: Huh?

MYLO: You know, the motivation a superhero needs to find his strength?

RONNIE: Where did you find it, Mylo!

MYLO: In the Bible! I just remembered what David said to his son, Solomon. "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid, for the Lord God is with thee."

ROY: Brilliant! So, you weren't scared at all?

MYLO: Nope! And guess what?

R, R & N: What?

MYLO: There was no monster after all.

R, R & N: Really?

MYLO: It was just an old, potbelly stove.

RONNIE: Oh, yeah...I forgot that was down there.

ROY & NELL: **(In disgust.)** Ronnie!

NELL: Well, Mylo, you saved the day!

ROY: You sure did! **(Thinks.)** Hmmm...Mylo the courageous!

MYLO: Hey, I like the sound of that. Maybe Mylo the courageously magnificent...no, the

NELL: Oh brother! Let's go!

R, R & N: Superheroes!

(Ronnie, Roy, & Nell exit.)

MYLO: **(To himself.)** No, how about Mylo the courageously, muscle-ly magnificent? **(Mylo looks around.)** Guys? Guys? **(Looks toward the direction the others left.)** Hey wait up!

End of Script.

The Basement Monster - Director's notes

Ronnie:

Roy:

Nell:

Mylo:

Sound effects:

Practice Schedule

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Puppet Costumes



Ronnie, Roy, Nell, & Mylo

What you'll need:

- Four children's blue or red crew neck T-shirts
- Dark shirt Iron-on transfer paper
- Iron-on transfer design located in the templates folder - YHJheroes(redshirt).pdf or YHJheroes(blueshirt).pdf
- Color printer
- Cape (Red or blue; pattern on page 85)
- Mask

