

# THE CHAMELEON


**CHARACTERS:**

Ronnie  
Mylo

Roy  
Mr. Bud

Nell  
Chameleon / Sneaky Pete

**SYNOPSIS:** Unaware of the Chameleon's plans to lure them into the Dastardly Villain's Club, Ronnie, Roy, Mylo, & Nell head off to Dogwood Elementary to join what they think is the Superhero Society. Suspicious of the Chameleon's motives, Ronnie tries to convince the others to not participate. Assured that all would be OK, Ronnie finally consents to trying out for the Superhero Society. But, once Ronnie is asked to perform a test he knows to be wrong, he makes the tough decision to walk away even though he receives pressure from his friends and the Chameleon. In the end, Ronnie foils the Chameleon's plans by bringing Mr. Bart to the scene, and everyone learns that true strength is not conforming but standing up for what you believe in.

**SCENE 1:**

[Outside the movie theater]

(Scene begins with Ronnie, Roy, Nell, & Mylo talking about the movie.)  
(All enter.)

RONNIE: That movie was awesome!

MYLO: Oh, man...I know! Did you see the look on Bone Crusher's face when Captain Fantastic escaped from the Iron Squisher! **(Reminiscent laugh.)** Ah, man...I'm still geekin' out about it!

ALL: **(Reminiscent laugh.)** Yeah...That was awesome.

ROY: Or, how about the time in the candy factory when Side-Swiper tried to side-swipe Mr. Stupendous from the side when he wasn't looking, but Mr. Stupendous, because of his newly invented side swiping detection device jumped out of the way causing Side-Swiper to lose his balance and topple over into a big vat of marshmallow goo.

ALL: **(Laugh.)**

ROY: **(Reminiscent laugh.)** He Heeeee...priceless.

NELL: **(Noticing the poster behind them.)** Hey, what's this?

ROY: Looks like someone's recruiting superheroes for a new Superhero Society!

RONNIE: What does it say, Nell?!

NELL: **(Reading the poster.)** It says, "Wanted: Villa..." No, that's marked out. Superheroes! "Wanted Superheroes!"

MYLO & ROY: Cool! That's us!

ROY: Keep reading!

NELL: ...“Would you love to see Villains Victoriou”...No, that’s marked out too. It says, “Would you love to see villains defeated?”

MYLO: **(Determined.)** Yes, we would!

NELL: “Then join me, the Chameleon, in the all new Superhero Society!” **(To the others.)** Have you guys heard anything about this?

ROY: No, but it sounds awesome!

RONNIE: Sounds a little fishy, if you ask me.

MYLO: Not scared, are you?

RONNIE: I’m not scared...**(Pause.)** Something just doesn’t sound right.

NELL: It says that tryouts are this afternoon at the Dogwood Elementary playground.

MYLO: **(Quickly.)** This is the chance we’ve been looking for, guys! To be real superheroes!

ROY & NELL: Awesome.

NELL: Let’s do it!

RONNIE: I don’t know...I kind of like our club the way it is. You know, the Yee-haw Junction Heroes!

MYLO: We’ll still be together, Ronnie!

ROY & NELL: Yeah! Let’s do this, Ronnie!

ROY: Don’t break the gang up!

ROY, M & N: Come on! Ready? All for one...**(Pause for Ronnie to finish.)**

RONNIE: **(After a brief moment to think about it.)** Well...who am I to break up the Yee-haw Junction Heroes...**(finishes the chant.)**...and one for all!

ALL: Yeeeeee-Haaaaw! Let’s go!

**(All exit.)**

## SCENE 2:

**[On the school playground, outside of Principal Bart’s window.]**

**(Scene begins with the Chameleon (AKA: Sneaky Pete) practicing his speech.)**

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(To himself.)** Step right up recruits! Join the Dastardly Villains...NO...I mean the Superheroes Society. I can’t forget that!

**(Ronnie, Roy, Mylo, & Nell enter.)**

NELL: There he is!

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Turning around to face the others.)** Stop!

**(Ronnie, Roy, Mylo, & Nell stop.)**

CHAMELEON/PETE: Only those who wish to commi...I mean, stop crime are allowed here.

**(Roy, Mylo, & Nell hop up and down excitedly.)**

MYLO: That's us, Mr. Camel!

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Cringing.)** That's Chameleon, young man.

MYLO: Oh...right.

ROY: Cool name!

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Snidely.)** Sure, now what can I do for you kids? As you can see I'm very busy.

RONNIE: **(Not impressed with the Chameleon.)** We were just leave...

NELL: We're here to join the Superheroes Society!

MYLO & ROY: **(Excited.)** Yeah, we want join your club!

CHAMELEON/PETE: Society...It's a society! **(Looking down his nose.)** Not a club!

NELL: **(Mesmerized by the Chameleon.)** I must say...that's a very beautiful costume.

MYLO & ROY: **(Mesmerized by the Chameleon.)** It sure is...

**(Roy, Mylo, & Nell begin to stare at the Chameleon as though under a trance.)**

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Indifferent.)** Glad you like it.

**(Chameleon begins to move his hood around. All eyes follow his every move.)**

So you think you can handle a life of crim...I mean, a life of fighting crime?

MYLO: **(With a mesmerized voice.)** We were born for it, Mister...Mister Chameleon, sir.

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Sinister.)** Yes...yes, I suppose you were. **(Pauses to think.)** Alright...

ROY, M & N: Yeah!

CHAMELEON/PETE: ...but first, you have to pass three tests.

ROY, M & N: No problem!

RONNIE: I don't like this at all. Let's get out of here.

MYLO: But, Ronnie! We...

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Cutting Mylo off.)** Ssh, Ssh, Ssh! **(To Mylo.)** Becoming a vill...I mean superhero is not for everyone...buuuutt...he does look strong...nah, I shouldn't say...**(Quickly turns his back.)**

RONNIE: **(Annoyed.)** Shouldn't say what?

CHAMELEON/PETE: It's just...Well, you're probably not strong enough anyway.

RONNIE: **(Interested.)** I'm the strongest superhero in Millwood County!

CHAMELEON/PETE: Really? I could use someone with a lot of strength. **(In a coaxing voice.)** Too bad you've gotta go.

RONNIE: Well...maybe I could stay...

ROY, M & N: Yeah!

CHAMELEON/PETE: Excellent! OK, listen up. Here's your first test...Everyone fall down on the ground!

ALL: **(Looking at each other.)** Fall?

CHAMELEON/PETE: Fall! **(To himself.)** I don't have the patience for this!

**(All fall out of sight!)**

OK...get back up!

**(All enter.)**

Great, you passed test number one!

ROY, M & N: We did?! Cool!

RONNIE: Why did we have to fall? What kind of test is that? Superheroes don't...

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Slightly annoyed.)** Give me a break, kid! **(In a more calm voice.)** I was just seeing if you could take a hit. **(Quickly.)** And you can, so good job! OK! Next test...Jump as high as you can...ready, go!

**(All jump.)**

Great, you all jumped high enough! Now, test number three, I'll be right back...

**(Chameleon exits.)**

ROY: Can you believe it?! We're going to be real superheroes!

NELL: I'm so excited.

RONNIE: **(To the others.)** This seems too easy.

MYLO: Too easy for a Superhero like you!

RONNIE: **(Starting to take to the idea.)** Pretty neat to think that I could be a real superhero!

MYLO: That's right, buddy. One more test and you'll be the real Captain Gadget!

RONNIE: I like the sound of that!

NELL: Here he comes!

**(The Chameleon enters.)**

CHAMELEON/PETE: OK, your third test is ready!

ROY: I can't wait!

RONNIE: **(Surprised by his own excitement.)** Me either!

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(In a whisper.)** OK, this is going to sound funny. But, we are going to steal...I mean, test Mr. Bart's security. You know, so he can be protected from thieves!

ROY, M & N: **(In a mesmerized voice.)** Cool!

RONNIE: **(To himself in a whisper.)** Steal?

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(In a whisper.)** Inside Mr. Bart's office, in his briefcase, is the answer key to the school's final exams.

ROY, M & N: **(Look at each other with great excitement.)** Yes?

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(In a whisper.)** We are going to swipe those exams!

ALL: **(Confused.)** Huh?

RONNIE: Hey, isn't that steal...

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Cuts Ronnie off.)** Sssssh! Not so loud! **(Looks around.)** We're going to give them back, of course. This is just a theft...I mean test. Remember?

ROY, M & N: **(In a whisper)** Yeah, Ronnie! It's just a test.

**(Ronnie is shaking his head in disbelief.)**

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(In a whisper.)** Roy and Mylo, I want you both to hold Principal Bart's window open.

ROY & MYLO: Got it!

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(In a whisper.)** Nell, since you are the fastest. I want you to be the one to slip through the Principal's window and grab his briefcase.

NELL: I'm on it!

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(In a whisper.)** And Ronnie, you have the most important job. Once Nell shows up with the briefcase, you're the only one strong enough to break the lock. When we have the answer keys...I'm gonna sell them...I mean give them back, of course! What do you say, superheroes?

ROY, M & N: We're in!

RONNIE: No!

ALL: What?

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(In a menacing voice.)** Why you littl... **(In a much calmer voice.)**...I mean, say that again.

RONNIE: No way am I doing that! That's stealing.

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Annoyed.)** I already told you - you little creep...

MYLO: **(Cuts the Chameleon off.)** Let me talk to him, Mr. Chameleon, sir. **(Turns to Ronnie.)** Ronnie? You heard what he said, right? He's going to give them back. This is to make the school a safer place.

RONNIE: He wants us to steal. Why would Mr. Bart want us to steal the test scores?

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(Play acting.)** I knew you four were a waste of my time...off with you **(Turns around dramatically.)**

R, M, & N: **(Desperate.)** Ronnie?

ROY: Ronnie, don't mess this up for the rest of us!

NELL: Come on, Ronnie. We're so close.

CHAMELEON/PETE: Let him go...At least I know you three will be loyal villains...I mean superheroes.

RONNIE: **(Pleading.)** Come with me, guys! Remember? All for one, and one **(trails off)**...

**(Roy, Nell, & Mylo drop there heads.)**

CHAMELEON/PETE: I think it's time you left, Ronnie. You're not strong...you're weak.

NELL: Sorry, Ronnie.

MYLO: Maybe you can join later.

**(Chameleon, Roy, Nell, & Mylo turn to start planning.)**

RONNIE: (To himself.) I've got to do something or my friends are going to be in real trouble!  
(Pauses to think.) Think, Ronnie...I've got it!

(Ronnie exits.)

CHAMELEON/PETE: OK, just like we planned before. Only this time, I'll break the lock. Roy & Mylo get ready to hold the window.

ROY, M & N: Yes sir!

NELL: Mr. Chameleon. About what Ronnie was saying...

CHAMELEON/PETE: Don't worry about Ronnie! Nell, your school needs you!

NELL: That's right! We're doing this for the good of our school. Right?

CHAMELEON/PETE: (With a sinister laugh.) That's right, Nell. For the good of the school! Muwah ha ha ha ha ha ha ha...

(Ronnie enters with Mr. Bart.)

RONNIE: Hold it right there, Chameleon!

CHAMELEON/PETE: (Still laughing.) ha ha ha ha...(surprised.) huh?

ROY: Hey! It's Mr. Bart!

MR BART: Hey, kids!

MYLO: (Disappointed.) Oh, great! The test is ruined!

MR BART: Don't worry, Mylo.

CHAMELEON/PETE: (Trying to make a quick exit.) Oh my look at the time, I guess I better be going...

MR BART: (Cuts him off.) Not so fast, Sneaky Pete!

ROY, M & N: Sneaky Pete?!

MR BART: That's right! Your superhero is none other than (rips off Chameleon's mask.) Sneaky Pete...also known as...the Chameleon.

NELL: But, we thought he was good.

MR BART: Of course, Nell. That's his special power: Blending in and pretending to be something he's not. If you get too close...(Pauses for effect, to say real fast.) He'll get ya!

ROY: Shazaaam!

MYLO: Trifling turn of events, Mr. Bart! You mean to tell us that the Chameleon is not the head of the Superhero Society, but is actually head of the Dastardly Villian's Den?

MR BART: That's right, Mylo! And thanks to Ronnie's great display of strength. The answer keys are safe.

ROY, M & N: Huh?

NELL: Great strength?

ROY: What did Ronnie do?

MR BART: Ronnie truly believed that what he was being asked to do was wrong. And even though he was unpopular with even his best friends, he didn't give into the pressure.

MYLO: Sorry, Ronnie.

ROY: Ah, Ronnie, I feel lower than a snake belly in a wagon rut.

NELL: I'm sorry I didn't believe in you, Ronnie! Will you forgive us?

RONNIE: That's OK, guys. I forgive you.

MR. BART: Don't be too hard on yourselves. Ole Pete, or should I say, the Chameleon, has a sneaky way of making trash look like treasure!

ALL: We'll remember that!

MR. BART: Well, I've gotta get this guy down to the police station. Remember, strength is about always doing the right thing, even if it's unpopular! Take care kids!

CHAMELEON/PETE: **(As they are leaving.)** I'll be back...just you wait...I'll be baaaaaack **(Trails off as he exits.)**

**(Mr. Bart & Sneaky Pete exit.)**

MYLO: Well, Ronnie. You saved the day!

ROY: You sure did! Thanks, Ronnie!

NELL: You're a SUPER friend.

RONNIE: All for one...

ALL: And one for all!

**(All exit.)**

**End of Script.**

# The Chameleon - Director's notes

Ronnie: \_\_\_\_\_ Roy: \_\_\_\_\_

Nell: \_\_\_\_\_ Mylo: \_\_\_\_\_

Chameleon: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Bart: \_\_\_\_\_

Sound effects: \_\_\_\_\_

## Practice Schedule

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# Puppet Costumes

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## The Chameleon

What you'll need:

- Children's hooded jersey
- Children's crew neck T-shirt
- Protective goggles
- Small funnel
- Green spray paint
- Color printer
- Cape (pattern on page 85)

## Mr. Bart

What you'll need:

- Children's flannel shirt
- Clip-on tie

