

The Evil Dr. Butler

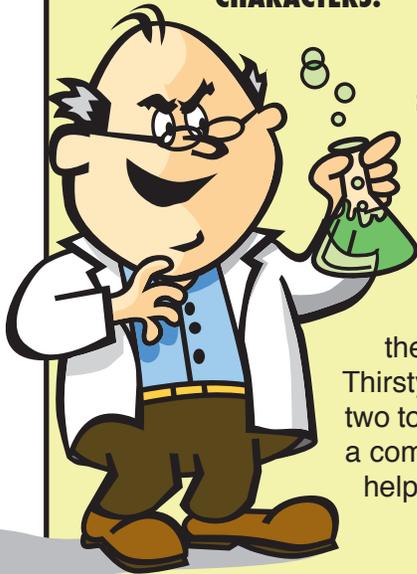
CHARACTERS:

 Ronnie
Dr. Butler

 Roy
Mr. Bart

 Nell
Chief Sparky

Mylo



SYNOPSIS: Dr. Butler is secretly trying to take over the principal's job at Dogwood Elementary. With the help of an unsuspecting Nell, Dr. Butler mixes an energy drink called "Zoo Juice" and asks her to take it to Mr. Bart. Dr. Butler's plan is for Mr. Bart to drink the Zoo Juice making him act like an animal, paving the way for Dr. Butler to take over the principal's job. Unaware of his plans, Nell dumps the leftovers of Dr. Butler's energy drink into the water jugs at the gym causing the whole gym class to start acting like animals. With the Chief of police at the scene, Mr. Bart calls in the Yee-Haw Junction Heros to help solve the mystery. Thirsty for a drink, Mr. Bart starts to take a sip of the Zoo Juice. Nell, putting two and two together, takes the drink away and commits a selfless act by drinking it herself. In a comical turn of events, Nell now acting as a dog, leads the others to Dr. Butler and helps uncover his plans.

SCENE 1:

[At school laboratory]

(Scene opens with Nell & Dr. Butler. Nell is mixing the final batch of Dr. Butler's "Zoo Juice.")

DR. BUTLER: Careful! Careful! Don't spill any...(In a sinister voice.) every drop is preeeeecious.

NELL: Sure thing, Dr. Butler.

DR. BUTLER: Excellent, Nell! (Menacing voice.) Exxxxxcellent! You were always my best student.

NELL: Thanks, Dr. Butler. Hey, who did you say this was for?

DR. BUTLER: This is a special energy drink for Principal Bart. Remember?

NELL: Oh, yeah...Right! What's it called again?

DR. BUTLER: I call it...Zoo Juice.

NELL: Whoa, cool name!

DR. BUTLER: (Sinister.) Yeeesssss...now run this down to Mr. Bart and I'll clean up the rest.

NELL: No problem! He's really going to love this!

(Nell exits.)

DR. BUTLER: (In a menacing voice.) Muwah ha ha ha...oh, yes! Once he takes a drink...let's just say...he'll go (short pause for effect.)...APE over it! (Menacing laugh, but comical.) Muwah ha ha ha ha ha ha...(Gets choked and coughs.) Hey! Where did the rest of the formula go?! (Starts digging around frantically.) It was just here...

(Nell enters.)

NELL: Hey, Dr. Butler! I took the drink down to Principal Bart, just like you said.

(Dr. Butler is still thrashing about.)

Is everything OK, Dr. Butler?

DR. BUTLER: (Frantic.) Nell! Where did the rest of the formu...(regains some composure.)...I mean, Zoo Juice go?

NELL: Oh...don't worry about that, Dr. Butler. I took care of it.

DR. BUTLER: (Relieved.) Oh...great, Nell. (Pause, as if trying not to sound desperate.) So, where did you put it?

NELL: (Busily doing other things.) Oh, I put it in the watering jugs down at gym class. I figured that they could use a little energy. Coach Steve is really giving them a workout today!

DR. BUTLER: (Losing control.) You did what!

NELL: (Taken back.) Uh, Uh...did I do something wrong?

DR. BUTLER: (Quickly regaining composure and turns away.) Uh...Nooo, Nell. You did fine... (Subtle laugh.) You did puurrrfect! (With a menacing laugh.) Muwah ha ha ha!

NELL: (Hesitating.) Uh...Thanks, Dr. Butler...Well (fake laugh.), heh heh...I...gotta go.

DR. BUTLER: (In evilly good mood.) OK, Nell...Bu bye now...Be careful...(pause.)

(Nell exits.)

...(to himself.) It's a real...jungle out there! (Menacing laugh.) Muwah ha ha ha!
(Chokes and coughs.)

(Dr. Butler exits.)

SCENE 2:

[At Roy's barn]

(Scene opens with Roy, Ronnie, & Mylo practicing superhero moves.)

ROY: No, No! You two have it all wrong. Let me show you how it's done!

RONNIE & MYLO: (With a tone that suggests they are humoring Roy.) Alright, show us how it's done, big shot!

(Ronnie and Mylo give Roy a little space.)

ROY: Now, the key to a good board break is focus.

MYLO: **(With a tone that suggests he's playing the dummy.)** Ooooh...I don't know why I didn't do that.

RONNIE: Roy, you're going to hurt...

ROY: Hiiiiiiiiiiyah!

(Roy drops out of sight.)

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #6 "Board crack."

Oooooooooowwww!

MYLO: Hey, was that the board?

RONNIE: No...I think that was his arm.

(Roy enters.)

ROY: Oooooohhhh.

RONNIE & MYLO: **(Chuckling.)** Are you OK, buddy?

ROY: I can't feel my arm. **(If possible, flip the puppet arm around.)**

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #7 "Alarm"

R, R & M: **(Gasp!)** The Yee-Haw Junction Hero alarm!

MYLO: Principal Bart must be in trouble! Quick, let's go!

(Ronnie & Roy start to run off, then Roy stops.)

ROY: Owwww!

RONNIE: I think Roy's really hurt. Go on without us! I better take Roy home.

MYLO: OK, I'll catch up with you guys later.

(Ronnie, Roy, & Mylo exit.)

SCENE 3:

[Principal Bart's office]

(Scene opens with Principal Bart & the Chief of Police. Principal Bart is pacing the floor.)

((Sound Effect)) - Play sound clip #8 "Animal sounds" (NOTE: The clip is 2 minutes long. Play only until the script directs to stop. Make sure the volume is loud enough to be heard, but doesn't compete with the dialog.)

MR. BART: I can't believe it! This place has turned into a Zoo!!!

POLICE CHIEF: Calm down, Mr. Bart. We'll get to the bottom of this!

MR. BART: **(Anxious.)** Where are the Yee-Haw Junction Heros? They should have been here by now!

POLICE CHIEF: Relax...I'm sure they'll be here any min...

(Mylo enters.)

MYLO: **(Running.)** Mr. Bart! I got here as fast as I could. What's going on?

MR. BART: **(Relaxed.)** Where are the others?

MYLO: Ronnie's helping Roy with his hurt arm and I don't know where Nell is...

(Nell enters.)

NELL: **(Running.)** I got here as fast as I could Mr. Bart!

MR. BART: **(Relaxed.)** Great! You both remember Chief Sparks?

MYLO & NELL: **(Nodding.)** Chief.

MR. BART: Let's get right to it...

MYLO: **(Interrupting.)** Sorry for interrupting, Mr. Bart. But, do you have animals in your office?

((Sound Effect)) - Turn sound clip #8 up then fade back down.

MR. BART: It's worse than that. They're school kids.

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

NELL: What happened to them?

POLICE CHIEF: That's what we want you kids to find out.

MYLO: How long have they been acting like that?

MR. BART: Ever since gym class this afternoon. We just can't figure out wha...

NELL: **(Interrupting)** Wait a second. Did you say gym class?

MR. BART: Yes.

NELL: The kids in your office are from gym class?

MR. BART: Yes! Nell, if you know what's going on, please tell us!

NELL: **(Turns away and with a concerned and worried tone.)** Surely it can't be...He would never...**(Pause.)** Is it possible?

MYLO: Nell! Do you know something?

MR. BART: This situation has totally worn me out! Where's that energy drink that you brought me earlier? Ah! Here it is...**(Starts to drink.)**

NELL: **(Suddenly spins around.)** Mr. Bart! Don't drink that! Give it to me! **(Wrestles the drink out of Mr. Bart's hands.)**

MR. BART: **(Wrestling with Nell.)** Nell, have you lost your mind! Give that back!

(Nell takes the drink away from Principal Bart.)

MR. BART: Nell, give that back!

NELL: No, Mr. Bart! Let me explain.

MYLO: Nell, give Mr. Bart his drink.

NELL: **(Looks around to find a place to dump the drink.)** You'll understand later, Mr. Bart. This is for your own good. **(Gulps.)** Here goes nothing.

(Nell drinks the energy drink.)
((Sound Effect)) - Stop sound clip #8 "Animal sounds"

MYLO: What are you doing, Nell?

(Nell stares straight ahead. Everyone is looking at her closely.)

NELL: Well...I guess it's not what I thought it wa...

(Nell freezes with her mouth wide open and falls straight back.)

ALL: Nell!

MYLO: Are you OK, Nell?

MR. BART: Hurry, help her up!

(All crowd around her as if to help her up. When Nell stands, all the others quickly back away. Nell is now a dog. To add to the humor and effect, attach dog ears while she is offstage.)

ALL: Nell?

MYLO: Are you OK? Say something.

NELL: **(Nell slowly looks around. Pauses.)** Rrrrrrruff!

ALL: **(Gasp!)**

MYLO: What did you say?

NELL: Rrrrrrruff!

MYLO: That's what I thought you said! Whoooa! This is creepy!

MR. BART: That's why she didn't want me to drink this stuff. She must have known it would have this effect on me.

MYLO: Canine Crunchies, Mr. Bart! That's what happened to all the other kids!

POLICE CHIEF: Someone must have put this drink in the watering jugs at gym class!

MR. BART: But, who would do such a thing?

NELL: **(Barking frantically.)** Rrrrrrruff Ruf Ruf Ruf Ruf Ruf!

MYLO: Awww...**(Moving closer to pet Nell.)** you're such a cute little puppy.

NELL: **(Growling at Mylo.)** Grrrrrrrr Wow wow wow wow!

MYLO: **(Running away.)** Ahhhhhh! Bad puppy! Bad puppy!

NELL: **(Barking as if trying to say something.)** Rrrruf! Ruf Ruf! Ruf-ruf-ruf!

MR. BART: Ah, this is hopeless...we'll never find out whose...

POLICE CHIEF: Wait a second! I think she's trying to tell us something!

NELL: **(Excited by what the police Chief said.)** Rrrruf! Ruf Ruf Ruf!

(Nell continues to bark.)

MR. BART: I think your right!

POLICE CHIEF: What is it, girl? Tell Chief Sparky.

NELL: **(Barking in a speaking rhythm.)** Rrrruf! Ruf Ruf Ruf! - Ruf GRRRRRR Ruf!

POLICE CHIEF: Down by the Old Mill?

NELL: **(Barking in a speaking rhythm.)** Rrrruf! Ruf Ruf Ruf! - Ruf GRRRRRR Ruf!

POLICE CHIEF: **(In disbelief.)** No?

NELL: **(Barking in a speaking rhythm.)** Rrrruf! Ruf Ruf Ruf! - Ruf GRRRRRR Ruf!

POLICE CHIEF: The Chemistry Lab?

NELL: **(Barking in a speaking rhythm.)** Grrrrrrrrrrrr.

POLICE CHIEF: **(Speak real fast. Play up the humor, you supposedly got all this from one Grrrr.)**
Dr. Butler is mixing up a secret energy drink called Zoo Juice so he can turn Mr. Bart into an animal and everyone will think Mr. Bart is crazy and have him committed, paving the road for Dr. Butler to take over the Principal job next year?!

NELL: **(Approvingly whines.)**

PRINCIPAL BART: I should have known! He's had it in for me ever since I beat him in that pie eating contest last spring.

POLICE CHIEF: Good work, girl! Can you take us to him?

NELL: **(Chipper Bark.)** Ruf Ruf!

POLICE CHIEF: Great!

ALL: Let's go!

SCENE 4:

[At School laboratory]

(Scene opens with Dr. Butler busily making Zoo Juice.)

DR. BUTLER: Nell pouring the Zoo Juice into the water cans was a stroke of genius. Once the school board realizes what a zoo this place is, they'll know that pie-eating principal is unfit to run this school. And they'll come begging me to take over! **(Menacing laugh.)** Muwah ha ha ha! **(Chokes and coughs.)**

(Enter Mylo to the right of Dr. Butler.)

MYLO: Superhero!

DR. BUTLER: Don't bother me, Mylo. I don't have time to answer any of your silly newspaper questions today. I'm busy, busy, busy! Now, shoo!

MYLO: I'm not going anywhere, Dr. Butler!

DR. BUTLER: Oh, really?

MYLO: That's right! We know what you're up to, and we're here to stop you!

DR. BUTLER: **(Laughs.)** Whose we?

MYLO: Me and her!

(Nell enters behind Dr. Butler.)

DR. BUTLER: **(Turns to look at Nell.)** Oh, Nell? ha ha ha ha ha...

NELL: Grrrrrrrrrr!

DR. BUTLER: **(Scared.)** Ahhhhhhh!

(Nell walks toward Dr. Butler.)

NELL: Grrrrrrrrr!

DR. BUTLER: **(Scared.)** Nice doggie...I mean Nell. You were always my favorite remember?

NELL: Ruf ruf ruf ruf ruf! **(Nell jumps on Dr. Butler.)**

(Nell & Dr. Butler exit. Fighting is heard backstage.)

MYLO: Get him, girl! I mean, Nell!

NELL: Ruf!

DR. BUTLER: Owwwwwww!

MYLO: Ouch! That's gotta hurt.

(Mr. Bart & Police Chief enter.)

POLICE CHIEF: How's it going, son?

MR. BART: Did you find him, Mylo?

MYLO: Oh, we found him alright!

(Nell & Dr. Butler enter. Nell is chasing Dr. Butler.)

DR. BUTLER: Help! Help! Please!

MR. BART: Lock him up!

DR. BUTLER: Yes! Anything, just get me away from her!

POLICE CHIEF: Dr. Butler...You're under arrest for poisoning the school's water and attempting to turn Mr. Bart into an animal. If it weren't for the selfless act of Nell, Mr. Bart would be howling at the moon right now.

DR. BUTLER: I would've gotten away with it, if it weren't for you meddling kids. **(Like a spoiled little brat.)** You're not my favorite anymore, Nell.

NELL: Grrrrrrr! Ruf Ruf ruf!

DR. BUTLER: Mommy! Take me to jail! Get me out of here!

POLICE CHIEF: Let's go!

(Police Chief and Dr. Butler exit.)

MYLO: Good work, Nell!

MR. BART: Yes, good work, Nell! What you did for me was truly selfless. How about I show my thanks by buying you and your friends a milk shake?

NELL: Ruf!

MYLO: A milk shake sounds great! But I think Nell would settle for a milk bone!

NELL: Grrrr Ruf Ruf ruf ruf Ruf Ruf!

MYLO: Ahhhhhh!

(Mylo runs off.)

MR. BART: **(Laughs.)** OK, a milk shake it is, Nell!

(Nell & Principal Bart Exit.)

End of Script.

Puppet Costumes



Dr. Butler

What you'll need:

- Children's button-up dress shirt (white), use for lab coat
- Children's blue or red pull-over shirt with collar
- Children's glasses

Nell

- Children's button-up dress shirt (white), use for lab coat.
- Worn over her Yee-haw Junction hero shirt.



Puppet Costumes

Chief Sparky

What you'll need:

- Children's dark blue button up dress shirt
- Toy police badge
- Children's sunglasses
- Toy plastic whistle

