

POM-POM ZOMBIES

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STORY OF THE PLAY

It's the 1960s — a big nuclear blast to the past! School's out for the summer, and the teenagers of Ocean View High are ready to surf, sun and have some fun. Their favorite hangout is Barnacle Betty's Surf Club, which happens to be right next door to the evil Ivana Ratnik's nuclear power plant. But...ooops! Cindy Sue, the head cheerleader, accidentally gets some nuclear slime on her hot dog instead of pickle relish, and soon the beach is overrun with pom-pom wielding zombies! Her all-American boyfriend, the beatniks, the nerds and a tough girl gang named the Barracudas rally their forces to save the beach from the atomic attackers. A sci-fi spoof of those beach blanket flicks of the '60s.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS (7 m, 16 w, 5 flexible)

- CINDY SUE MURDOCK:** Ocean View High's head cheerleader and prom queen. First to become a Zombie.
- ROGER SPAULDING:** Cindy Sue's steady boyfriend, student council president, star running back on football team, expert surfer and all-American guy.
- WENDY "WEENIE" WIENERMAN:** Nerdish waitress at Barnacle Betty's Surf Club. Class valedictorian.
- MELVIN:** Nerdy cook at Barnacle Betty's and water boy of the football team. He has a crush on Weenie.
- MYRON:** Nerd extraordinaire. Looks up to Melvin.
- PICKLE:** (Flexible part) A strange nerd.
- GERTRUDE:** Nerd, waitress, and spelling bee champion.
- WALDO:** A nerd bearing a strange resemblance to a hidden cartoon book character.
- MUFFY:** Captain of the Hopeless High cheerleading squad.
- BETSY:** Captain of the No Name High cheerleading squad. Often seen in public with a bag over her head.
- SPIKE:** Tough leader of the all girl gang, the Barracudas.
- SLICK:** Barracuda 2nd in command.
- GRUNT:** A monosyllabic Barracuda.
- WEASEL:** A Barracuda.
- PINKY:** A Barracuda
- LAVERNE:** Cindy Sue's friend, an Ocean View cheerleader. Moose's girlfriend.
- SHIRLEY:** Cindy Sue's friend, an Ocean View cheerleader. Has a crush on Zeke.
- BARNACLE BETTY:** A crusty old woman; owner of the pirate-themed restaurant, Barnacle Betty's Surf Club. Misses her long lost beau, the Skipper.
- ZEKE LaROCK:** Ocean View quarterback. Perfect hair, dream date of every girl on Santa Muerto Beach.
- MOOSE:** Large, burger-loving offensive lineman of the Ocean View football team. Zeke's bodyguard.
- PANDORA SPOCKS:** Beatnik leader, poet and dancer.
- WANDA SMALL, MEDIUM AT LARGE:** A beatnik with amazing (?) psychic powers.

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NEBRASKA: (Flexible part) A beatnik poet and bongo player.

PAISLEY: A beatnik poet.

MONROE: (Flexible part) A beatnik poet.

IVANA RATNIK: Evil and greedy owner of the Santa Muerto Nuclear Power plant. A tap-dancing villain.

PROTON: (Flexible part) Ivana's incompetent assistant.

NEUTRON: (Flexible part) Even more incompetent assistant.

SKIPPER: Very brief walk-on part at end of show.

EXTRAS: Chorus of Hopeless High and No Name High cheerleaders. Optional chorus of additional Nerds, Beatniks, Barracudas, Ocean View High cheerleaders and football players.

TIME: Circa 1960.

PLACE: Santa Muerto Beach, Home of Ocean View High School, Barnacle Betty's Surf Club, and the Santa Mureto Nuclear Power Plant.

MUSICAL SELECTIONS

1. School's OutCompany
2. Cheer Anyway.....Cindy Sue and the Cheerleaders
3. Don't Touch the Hair.....Zeke and Company
4. It's Cool To Be a Nerd.....The Nerds
5. Power.....Ivana Ratnik
6. My Girlfriend's Dead.....Roger and Company
7. Voodoo.....Wanda and the Beatniks
8. What Do You Do When a Zombie is Chasing You?....
.....Spike and Company
9. The Rumble.....Company
10. Radiation.....Weenie, Melvin, and Nerds
11. Skipper.....Barnacle Betty with Roger, Zeke, and Moose
12. I Could Never Bite You.....Cindy Sue and Roger
13. Doin' the Zombie.....Pandora and Company

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SETTING

Outdoor eating area of Barnacle Betty's Surf Club, a pirate-themed hot dog stand with tables, chairs, etc. The stand itself should have a closed off area with a working door. The backdrop can be an ocean scene with the Santa Muerto Nuclear Power Plant visible in the distance.

PROPS

NO NAME CHEERLEADERS: Paper bags.

BETTY: Pirate costume, chef and pirate hats for staff, hot dog.

WALDO: Red and white striped cap.

PROTON and NEUTRON: Gallon containers of green goo, three surgical masks.

BEATNIK: Bongos.

PAISLEY: Artificial flower.

WEENIE: Order pad and pencil; tray of food (hamburger, hot dog with relish); "Zombie Zapper."

CINDY SUE: Boy's class ring, tray of food, green makeup, sheet.

PANDORA: Box.

IVANA: Container.

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ACT I

(AT RISE: WEENIE enters and speaks to the audience. As she speaks, the rest of CAST enters slowly singing the "Oo Oo" section of "Doin' the Zombie.")

WEENIE: It was a long time ago, the summer after my senior year. The summer I had to save the world. All because of Cindy Sue Murdock, the most popular girl in school, prom queen, head cheerleader...boy, she annoyed me! We were all sad the day she died, but after that Cindy Sue got even MORE annoying. But, I'm getting ahead of the story. It all started right after the last day of school. Everyone was going to hang out at Barnacle Betty's Surf Club.

SONG: SCHOOL'S OUT

ALL: *(Sing)*

SCHOOL'S OUT, SCHOOL'S OUT, BABY.
SCHOOL'S OUT, AND I THINK MAYBE
I'LL SIT IN THE SUN, HAVE ME SOME FUN
HANG OUT WITH MY STEADY
'CAUSE SUMMERTIME'S ALREADY HERE.

SCHOOL'S OUT, GOOD-BYE TEACHER
TIME FOR A DRIVE-IN DOUBLE FEATURE
ME AND MY PALS, THE GUYS AND THE GALS
DRIVIN' REAL FAST, I WISH SUMMERTIME
COULD LAST ALL YEAR.

WE'RE GONNA STAY AT THE BEACH
EVERY SUMMER DAY
CATCHIN' EVERY WAVE THAT COMES OUR WAY
HANGIN' OUT AND DANCING WITH EVERYONE
SCHOOL IS OVER. IT'S TIME FOR SOME FUN!

NO MORE PENCILS, NO MORE BOOKS
NO MORE TEACHERS' DIRTY LOOKS
NO MORE GYM OR STUDY HALL

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WE'RE JUST GONNA HAVE A BALL.

NO MORE BELLS OR HISTORY
NO MORE CLASSES, NOT FOR ME
NONE OF THAT ARITHMETIC
NO MORE LUNCH TO MAKE ME SICK.

TEACHER, TEACHER, GO AWAY
COME AGAIN SOME OTHER DAY
SCHOOL IS OVER, TIME TO PLAY
TEACHER, TEACHER, GO AWAY!

SCHOOL'S OUT, SCHOOL'S OUT, BABY
SCHOOL'S OUT, AND I THINK MAYBE
I'LL SIT IN THE SUN, HAVE ME SOME FUN
HANG OUT WITH MY STEADY
'CAUSE SUMMERTIME'S ALREADY HERE.
SCHOOL'S OUT, BABY,
I WISH SUMMERTIME COULD LAST ALL YEAR.

(ALL exit except CINDY SUE, LAVERNE and SHIRLEY.)

LAVERNE and SHIRLEY: Cindy Sue!

CINDY SUE: Laverne! Shirley! What's up?

LAVERNE: Like, we just saw Roger. He's got a brand new surfboard.

SHIRLEY: And he was talking to Zeke. Ooh, he's so dreamy.

LAVERNE: I think it's the first time in two years I haven't seen you and Roger together. Is everything OK?

CINDY SUE: Everything's fine. He's still my steady. See, here's his ring.

SHIRLEY: So what's going on?

CINDY SUE: I have a special summer project I am working on, and I need you to help me.

LAVERNE: Does it involve reading a book?

CINDY SUE: No.

LAVERNE: OK, I'm in.

SHIRLEY: Why don't you want to read?

LAVERNE: Why do you think we have summer vacation? The brain needs rest after working hard all school year long. I want

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