

ACT IT OUT!

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ABOUT THE CHARACTERS IN
THE STORY, READ THE
MONOLOGUE BELOW
OUT LOUD.***

***USE YOUR VOICE, BODY, AND
IMAGINATION TO TO EMBODY
THE CHARACTER AND IT TO
LIFE!***

ACT IT OUT!

JUNIE B:

**A BAD NOTE FROM YOUR
TEACHER FEELS LIKE YOU ARE
CARRYING A HUGE BIG HIPPO-
POT-OF-SOMETHING AND A HUGE
HIPPO-POT-OF-SOMETHING IS A
VERY HEAVY LOAD, I TELL YOU!!!**

**AND SPEAKING OF HEAVY
LOADS... WHEN DID BABY OLLIE
GET SO HUGE?**

**PARTNER UP, & ACT IT
OUT!**

**USING WHAT YOU KNOW
ABOUT THE CHARACTERS IN
THE STORY, PICK A SCENE AND
READ IT OUT LOUD WITH A
PARTNER(S).**

**USE YOUR VOICE, BODY, AND
IMAGINATION TO TO EMBODY
THE CHARACTERS AND BRING
THEM TO LIFE!**

SCENE 1:

CHARACTERS: JUNIE B, MAY

SETTING: SCHOOL HALLWAY

MOMENT BEFORE: JUNIE B TAKES A MOMENT TO WRITE A BIG IDEA INTO HER JOURNAL

START

JUNIE B
DEAR FIRST GRADE JOURNAL... TODAY I AM SO FULL OF THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS.
FIRST OF ALL. I FEEL A BIT JUMPISH AND SQUIRMISH. THAT IS FAIRLY NORMAL.PLUS, ALSO, I SMELL ADVENTURE IN THE AIR. I THINK
IT'S ADVENTURE.OR IT MIGHT BE RUBBER CEMENT. I WILL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER.

THE BELL RINGS. MAY ENTERS, HANDS FOLDED.

MAY
JUNIE JONES, AS HALL MONITOR IT IS MY JOY AND PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SECOND BELL

JUNIE B
THERE IS A B IN THERE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND BESIDES, MAY, DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING

MAY
LET ME THINK FOR A SECOND.
(THINKING)
NO. BESIDES, AREN'T YOU EXCITED ABOUT GOING TO CLASS, JUNIE JONES

JUNIE B
I AM MEDIUM
MAY
HOW CAN YOU BE MEDIUM WHEN TODAY'S ASSIGNMENT IS ANIMALS AT THE ZOO? YOU WILL BE HAPPY TO
KNOW MY MOTHER AND I HAVE BEEN DOING LOTS OF EXTRA RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET. I BET THERE ARE
LOTS OF ANIMALS YOU HAVE NEVER EVEN HEARD OF!!!

JUNIE B
LIKE GOONY BIRD?
MAY
(SHAKING HER HEAD, LAUGHING CONDESCENDINGLY)
OH, HA HA HA, JUNIE JONES, THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A GOONY BIRD.

JUNIE B
(LOOKING AFTER HER, SMILING SWEETLY)
I BEG TO DIFFER

FINISH

SCENE 2:

CHARACTERS: JUNIE B, MOTHER

SETTING: THE JONES BATHROOM / JUNIE B'S BEDROOM

MOMENT BEFORE: MOTHER IS READING JUNIE B'S BAD NOTE FROM SCHOOL

START

MOTHER

(SIGHS)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXPLAIN YOURSELF?

JUNIE B

WELL MRS. SUSAN JONES, IT SEEMS I HAVE GOTTEN IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

MOTHER

YOU SHOULD BE GLAD EVERYONE IS WORKING SO HARD ON THE BOOK. LOOK HOW MUCH YOU'VE INSPIRED YOUR CLASSMATES! THAT'S A GOOD THING...

JUNIE B

BUT WHO KNEW SHELDON WAS GOING TO COOK UP A WHOLE MULTI-MEDIA PRESENTATION AND EVERYTHING? IT JUST MADE ME FEEL FUNNY, THAT IS ALL.

MOTHER

THAT IS NOT ALL, JUNIE B. YOU CAN'T JUST SCREAM AND RUN IN CIRCLES WHEN YOU FEEL FRUSTRATED.

JUNIE B

(INCREDULOUS)

I KNOW! THAT IS THE CRAZIEST THING!!!!

(OFF MOTHER'S EXPRESSION)

THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU MEANT, IS IT?

MOTHER

NOT EXACTLY.

JUNIE B

BUT MY IDEAS ARE TAKING LONGER TO COOK THAN EVERYONE ELSE'S. AND THAT MAKES THE BULL INSIDE MY STOMACH VERY ANGRY.

MOTHER

THE WHAT?

JUNIE B

THE BULL WHO LIVES INSIDE MY STOMACH. I HAVE NAMED HER EL TORO FABULOSO.

MOTHER

EL TORO FABULOSO?

JUNIE B

SHE APPEARS TO BE SPANISH, SO THAT IS WHAT I WENT WITH.

MOTHER

I SEE.

FINISH

SCENE 3:

CHARACTERS: JUNIE B, MAY, HERB, SHELDON AND MR. SCARY

SETTING: SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MOMENT BEFORE: MAY ENTERS EXCITED ABOUT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

START

JUNIE B

WHAT ARE YOU DOING.... MAAAAAY.

MAY

SHELDON'S PARADE INSPIRED ME TO TRY MY OWN LIVE THEATRICAL ELEMENT FOR MY CHAPTER!

JUNIE B

GRRRRR... I MEAN, GREEEEAT NEWS!

MAY

THAT IS NICE OF YOU TO SAY JUNIE JONES. AND I'VE EVEN SAVED A SMALL PART FOR YOU. EVEN THOUGH EVERYONE ELSE REHEARSED IN MY BACKYARD LAST NIGHT AND YOU DID NOT BOTHER TO COME, YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE.

JUNIE B

NO THANK YOU.

MAY

(QUIZZICALLY PATTING HER ON THE HEAD.)

YOU ARE WELCOME. THERE YOU ARE, EVERYBODY! NOW HERE ARE SOME BOTTLECAPS YOU CAN ALL GLUE ON YOUR SHOES FOR THE DANCE BREAK!!!!

HERB

COOL!!!

LUCILLE

I LIKE IT!

JUNIE B

AND WE HAVE TO DO THIS IN THE AUDITORIUM? IN FRONT OF... PEOPLE?

MAY

DON'T WORRY, JUNIE - YOU CAN JUST FOLLOW ALONG.

JUNIE B

B!!! THERE IS A B IN THERE!!!

SHELDON

A BEE? AAAHHHHHH

JUNIE B

NOT THAT KIND OF BEE, SHELDON!

MAY

HERE COME THE SECOND GRADERS NOW! PLACES, EVERYONE!!

(ALL EXIT. DRUMROLL)

MR. SCARY

GOOD MORNING, CHILDREN! BEFORE WE START OUR FIRE-SAFETY ASSEMBLY, WE HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM OUR

VERY OWN ROOM ONE FIRST GRADERS! ARE YOU READY, ROOM ONE?

MAY

READY!!!

MR. SCARY

THEN WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, TAKE IT AWAY!!!

FINISH