

**Play: Dracula and the Teddy Bears' Picnic.**

**Scene One – In Count Dracula's place**

**Zombies** We are all the Zombies from Count Dracula's old place.  
We walk around from dusk till dawn with fright upon our face.  
All the humans scream and cry when we are in their view.  
We scare them with our horrid looks and eating grave-yard stew!

**Moomoo & Zug** Hi there! We're the monsters. The professor is our dad!  
He built us out of metal and the Lego blocks he had.  
Count Dracula employs us to do nasty things to folk.  
They think we're mean and nasty but to us it's one big joke!

**Professor** Thanks my lovely monsters, have a drink of gear box oil!  
I'm working on a chest now – I hope the frame won't spoil.  
This one has new wiring – it almost has a brain!  
It looks so smart and dapper – I think I'll call it Shane.

**Dracula** I'm very civil-minded and much like to give a peck  
To humans who are down there – especially on their neck!  
They say that giving blood is when you do yourselves quite proud,  
But I prefer donations - whenever I'm allowed!

**Dracula's Son** Dad is my big hero – and my real name is Bruce.

But I don't like what he drinks – I prefer tomato juice.

He's teaching me to sleep all day and stay awake at night,

Dad says I have to clean my teeth and keep them pearly white!

**Dracula** I'm having trouble sleeping, though, which makes me tired at night.

I try to hug my monsters who squeak and grunt and bite.

What I need is a soft toy to help me sleep just right.

Perhaps those rusty monsters could help me in my plight!

## Scene Two – at Jessica’s Place.

*(A coffee table is set up with phone, magazines and music player. Have microphones and remote control. Picnic things ready to pack and teddy bears. Jessica is reading a magazine. Penny waits in the wings and knocks on the door)*

**Jessica** Hi Penny!

**Penny** *(comes into the scene)* Hi Jessica! I thought I’d come over and hang out with you today. It’s Saturday and mum said it’s fine.

**Jessica** Sure – what will we do?

**Penny** Can we sing along with your Sing Star?

**Jessica** *(walks over and pushes a few buttons and picks up two microphones)*  
OK – let’s put on some songs. Here is the “Purple People Eater”

*They sing a part of: “Purple People Eater”.*

**Jessica** How about an Abba song. This is “Mama Mia”

*They sing a part of: “Mama Mia”,*

**Penny** This is fun, but I’d like to go outside today.

**Jessica** Sure. Let’s go on a picnic in the park.

**Penny** And invite some friends. I’ll call Cam and Mat.

**Jessica** Why don’t we make it a theme picnic?

**Penny** Sure. We’ll all bring teddy bears!

*Penny gets out her mobile and calls her friends.*

*Jessica packs basket.*

### Scene Three – in the park

*(Cam, Mat, Jessica and Penny walk to the park area. They bring the bears, lay out a picnic rug and cups and everyone sings while this is happening)*

Song:       **“Teddy Bears’ Picnic”**. *(Fade music when picnic set up)*

**Cam**        What about having an egg and spoon race?

**Mat**        That’s a great idea.

**Jessica**    A great idea but we don’t have any eggs!

**Cam**        A three legged race then!

**Mat**        And we can sing **“Jake the Peg”**

*(The kids pair off and act out a three legged race during the song)*

**Jessica**    Why don’t we play Hide and Seek?

**All**         Yeah!

**Mat**        You guys hide the bears and I’ll count to 10. Then I’ll try and find them. *(The kids carefully hide the bears. Put them off to sides of stage. Mat can be heard slowly counting to ten)*

**Zug**        *(Creeps in to some scary music. Then he steals one of the bears. He drops a couple of LEGO blocks. The children do not see him. Zug hurries off back to Dracula’s.)*

**Mat**        Ready or not here I come!

*(Mat searches and finds three bears. But he cannot find one bear.)*

**Mat**        Hey guys! I can’t find Little Bear!

**Cam**        No way – it must be here.

*(The children all go looking for the bear.)*

**Song:**        ***“Wishing You Were Here”.***

*(While the music is playing they look around to find Little Bear but then they all sit on the rug and cry.)*

*(Suddenly Jessica sparks up when music is stopped.)*

**Jessica**     I know! We’ll call Peter Gunn! *(She calls Peter Gunn the detective)*

**Jessica**     Hello Mr. Gunn. This is Jessica and we have a problem.

#### Scene Four – in Peter Gunn’s office.

*(Peter Gunn can be seated at a table or computer. Newspapers and a chart with Crime statistics could help set the scene. Peter Gunn Theme music going at the start while he is doing office work)*

**Peter**        *(answering phone)* Hello Miss Jessica ...What’s that? ..... Little Bear has been taken?.....Why that’s bad - .....really bad. ....I’ll get on the case right away. *(Hangs up)*

**Peter**        I think I’ll call my old mate, Crazy Frog. He can help me with the case – and he’s got wheels!

**Peter**        *(Calling Crazy)* Hi Crazy- - Are you busy?- - Eating toasted flies eh? --- Yeah – sounds delicious – no, I don’t want to try them. Anyway, Crazy, can you come round? We have to investigate the case of the missing bear. Bye. *(hangs up)*

**Crazy Frog**        *(He comes riding into the scene by making two laps of the stage then he parks his bike and goes up to see Peter in the office.)*

*Music:        “Crazy Frog”*

**Peter**        Hi Crazy. Thanks for coming over. We need to find a lost teddy bear.

**Crazy**        Where do we have to go Peter?

**Peter**        To the park.

**Crazy**        Jump on the back of my motor bike. Then we can get to the park very soon.

*(Peter and Crazy pretend to get on the bike. They can make two circuits of the stage and then exit stage left.)*

## Scene Five - in the park

*(Crazy and Peter ride in to more music, circle the picnic area and stop. Peter gets off and Crazy parks the bike. They walk over to the children on the rug.)*

**Jessica** Hi Peter and Crazy. Thanks for coming.

**Peter and Crazy** Hi Jessica and kids.

**Penny** We're so upset, we've lost Little Bear.

**Cam** We were playing hide and seek with the bears.

**Mat** But we just could not find him.

**Peter** Don't you worry kids. Crazy and I will go and look for some clues!

*(Crazy Frog follows Peter Gunn as they walk slowly, bending over with a magnifying glass looking for clues. Music: "**Peter Gunn Theme**")*

**Peter** *(He stops and picks up bits of Lego)* Aha! A clue! Looks like parts of a monster. Crazy, take us to Dracula's castle. I think he is up to his old tricks again!

*(Some more "**Crazy Frog**" music as they leave. Crazy and Peter get on the motor bike, do a couple of laps and then go to the castle. Exit stage right)*

*When they arrive they park the bike outside the castle and peep in the window.*

## Scene Six – in Dracula’s castle.

*(Professor working at a table building a monster. Zug is holding the teddy bear. One person, the monster being made, is lying in front of the table on the ‘slab’. Peter Gunn and Crazy Frog are in the wings)*

**Moomoo** Professor – Zug has brought us a new monster.

**Professor** (to Moomoo) Thank you Moomoo. (to Zug) You have done well Zug.  
*Zug gives the bear to Professor and beats his chest.*

**Zug** I took the teddy! I took the teddy!

*(The Zombies clap. Professor puts teddy down behind him)*

**Professor** Now all my monsters, let’s celebrate!

*Song: “**Monster Mash**”*

*(All the cast dance as their characters are introduced. Monster on slab takes the front centre stage and others come in behind.)*

*(While the song and dance is happening, Peter and Crazy creep in a take the bear. They can dance into and out of the scene once Dracula and Son are up dancing.)*

## Scene Seven – in the park

*(Crazy Frog and Peter Gunn arrive from stage left. Jaye, Kaye, Elmo and Emma are in wings, stage right, ready to come on)*

**Peter** Hi there Miss Jessica. Crazy and I have found your missing bear.

*Peter gives the bear to Jessica.*

**All 4 kids** Thank you so much Peter and Crazy.

*The four children are sitting on the rug with the bears. Then four new people “drive up” to the picnic in a pretend car. They are **Jaye, Kaye, Elmo and Emma.**)*

**Jaye** Hi guys! What are you doing?

**Kaye** Everyone looks happy!

**Elmo** Even the Teddy Bears!

**Emma** Especially the Teddy Bears!

**Jessica** Hello.

*Jessica introduces everyone:*

**Jessica** I’m Jessica and this is Penny, Cam and Mat. And these two guys are Peter Gunn and Crazy Frog.

**Jaye** I’m Jaye, this is Kaye, that’s Elmo and this is Emma. We’ve been driving all day up the number 19 road.

**Elmo** It would be good to have a rest for a while.

**Emma** We just needed a break from the city. We are all in a pop band.

**Jessica** Wow! That’s radical! Would you like to join the party. We are all happy because Little Bear has been found. We were having a picnic and playing Hide and Seek but he really got lost.

**Kaye** I guess that the picnic was “A LITTLE BARE” without him eh?

**Penny** It sure was. Why don’t we have a dance. *(Music: A quiet Teddy Bear Song; “The Bear Went Over the Mountain”. Children with bears make the bears dance and others dance around the set.*

**Kaye** We know a dance that we have been using as part of our show. It’s called “The Nutbush”.

**Elmo** And we would love to show you all how to do it.

*(Jaye stands up in front of the other children and shows them the steps to one sequence. Then the children all get up. The formation for the dance is: Jaye, Kaye, Elmo and Emma at front of rug; Peter Gunn and Crazy Frog at each side of rug and Cam, Mat, Jessica and Penny in a line along the back.—Then everyone dances to the music: “The Nutbush”.)*

*(Every one claps and sits down. They start chatting to each other)*

**Emma** *(To Peter)* Where are you from?

**Peter** I live in the city. I’m a detective who hunts for clues.

**Penny** And finds Teddy Bears for us!

**Crazy** I’m Crazy Frog and I live on a lily-pad in a nearby pond. I park my motor bike under the big rock.

**Jessica** We like visiting the city for shopping but living on a lily-pad in the bush has got to be the best.

**Penny** We love living in the bush among the gum trees.

*(Cast sits and faces the audience and all sing “Home Among the Gum Trees”)*

## Scene Eight – at Dracula’s place.

*The professor is angry. Dracula, the zombies and Dracula’s son are asleep.*

**Professor** Moomoo, where is the bear?

**Moomoo** I don’t know professor?

**Professor** Zug, do you know?

**Zug** No professor.

**Professor** Zombies!

*The zombies slowly wake up and stand. They face the professor and groan and moan.*

**Professor** Stop complaining. All you do is sleep all day and it’s time to do some work. Go down to the park and look for the bear!

*The zombies stop moaning, but slowly walk around to the front of the stage. They look far into the distance as if they can see the park. They occasionally bump into each other along the way.*

*Slowly one zombie points ahead and says:*

**Zombies** Look. There is the bear. We must tell the Professor.

*(Then the zombies turn around and slowly go back to Dracula’s, still bumping into each other from time to time.)*

**Zombies (or one zombie)** *(slowly)* Professor. The bear is back at the park.

**Professor** So those kids got it back again! I must tell Dracula. He won’t be happy.

*The zombies start moaning again, then go to lie down to get back to sleep.*

**Professor** Dracula! Dracula!

**Dracula** Why are you calling me now professor? I was trying to get some beauty sleep!

**Professor** Well it wasn't working, that's for sure! Those kids have got the bear back. How are we ever going to fix your problem Dracula?

**Dracula** How dare they! Leave it to me Professor. Now that I'm awake anyway, I will do something nasty!

*Dracula wraps his cape around him and pretends to turn into a flying bat. Exits stage right.*

***evil music.***

### Scene Nine: In the Park.

*(Dracula enters stage left. He is flapping his cloak and flies angrily around the picnic scene two or three times. More evil music.)*

**Dracula** Ahh Hah Hah! Now I've found you. I want my bear back!

**Cam** Keep your shirt on buddy – we don't want to see your bare back!

**Emma** Helps you against getting skin cancer too!

**Elmo** Wow! That's the second time we've used the 'bare/bear' gag in this play!

**Dracula** *(upset)* Does anyone want to know where I live?

**Kaye** Not really. Besides you don't look alive and you've got smelly breath.

**Jaye** All right Mister. Where do you live?

**Dracula** I live in an old castle on top of a high mountain with the professor, the zombies and my monsters.

**Penny** That must make shopping a head-ache!

**Dracula** No worries – I grow my own vegetables.

**Jessica** At least something useful happens up there!

**Dracula** We grow lots of tomatoes. We love tomatoes. They remind us of ...

**Mat** *(interrupting)* That's wonderful. But can we get on with our party?

**Peter** Anyway, who are you?

**Dracula** *(booming)* I am Count Dracula!

**Crazy**     *(cool and calm)* The last time I counted Draculas I fell asleep!

**Emma**     If this weird guy doesn't stop talking about his tomato patch we'll all fall asleep!

**Dracula**   *(Dracula is sad, upset and not scary.)* But you don't understand. That's the whole problem. I can't sleep! That's why my monster took a Teddy Bear – the monsters in my castle are cute but when you cuddle them they rattle and squeak then they dig into your ribs!

**Peter**     We know what your monsters are made of!

**Crazy**     *(holding up the Lego)* - or **were** made of!

**Jessica**    Why don't you just create soft monsters?

**Penny**     Fill them up with stuffing.

**Dracula**    What can I use for stuffing?

**Kaye**      Down.

**Dracula**    *(confused)* Down?

**Jaye**      Yeah. Fill them up with down!

**Dracula**    How can I fill them up with down? It's either up or down!

**Jaye**      Down is soft feathery stuff.

**Elmo**      Mister – just go back to your mountain and create a soft monster.

**Dracula**    If that means a good night's sleep I'm all for it!

**Emma** That's a good one! The **C**ount is all "FOUR" it, get it, all FOUR it.

**Penny** Enough of the one-liners Emma. What this guy needs is a life!

**Kaye** Hey Count, next time you're in the city, look up the YMCA.

**Cam** And you can bring along your monsters.

**Mat** A bit more exercise might help you sleep too.

**Elmo** As well as counting things, you can learn a dance about the alphabet!

**Dracula** What a great idea! I'll just call up my monsters.

*(Takes out mobile – calls the castle)*

**Dracula** (He is happy and excited) Hello Professor? This is the Count here. Stop what you're doing and come down to the park. Bring the zombies and the monsters. You'd better bring some oil too; the monsters will need it on their hinges. We are going to learn a dance about the alphabet.

## Scene Ten – Dracula’s Castle

**Professor** Zug – lead us to the park?

**Moomoo** Can Zug steal some more bears Professor?

**Professor** I don’t think so – the Count has some crazy idea of a dance about the alphabet.

**Dracula’s son** Wow! Does that mean we actually get to go out and have fun?

**Moomoo** Who knows. Let’s try it anyway.

**Zug** Follow me everyone! Bruce, can wake those Zombies up and tell them to follow us.

**Dracula’s son** Come on Zombies! We’ll see you at the park. Try and point in the right direction this time so you don’t all bump into each other.

**Professor** And remember – do NOT stop off at the grave yard this time. We have a dance to do – with living people!

*(All the cast from the castle come down stage, Zug leading, followed by Professor, Dracula’s son, the monsters and lastly the slow-moving zombies. Spooky music.)*

### **Scene Eleven – In the Park.**

*(The arrive from the wings at the picnic scene and join in. Emma, Jessica, Cam and Mat hold the bears and take the front row. Jaye, Kaye, Elmo and Emma stand either side of them. At each extreme end stands Peter and Crazy while the Count, Bruce, Professor, MOOMOO and Zug are at the sides of the rug and the rest of the monsters and zombies stand at back of rug)*

**Emma** Let's all join in with it. It's the YMCA.

*(All join in with the "YMCA")*

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