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Name of School : DELIA ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN
學校名稱 : 地利亞英文小學暨幼稚園
Name of Play 劇名 : The Witches
Script writer 劇作者 : Roald Dahl

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Synopsis 故事大綱:

At the annual meeting of the English witches, the Grand High Witch is angry at the witches' failure to destroy all the children in England, unveils a master plan wherein the English witches should purchase sweet shops and give away free chocolate laced with *Formula 86 Delayed Action Mouse Maker*, a mixture which will change anyone who eats it into a mouse at a specific time. The formula will activate at 9:00 a.m. the day after the children have eaten the chocolate, when they are at school. The teachers, she hopes, will panic and kill the mice, thereby doing the witches' work for them. By chance, Boy is hiding in the convention room at the time, he witnesses how the Grand High Witch turns a fat child named Bruno Jenkins into a mouse as a demonstration of her potion. Will Boy be found? Will he face the same fate of Bruno?

Script 劇本:

Scene 1 The Real World

Set: Preset

Standby SD cue & LX cues

LX: Spot light on Boy.

Boy : Hi, everyone. My name is Boy. Do you like them? (Show the box). They are William and Mary, my lovely pet mice. I love them very much. I even dream about them. (Look at audience) Do you want to know my dream? I had a terrible dream about my pet mice and witches, not 'riches', not 'which is', but 'witches', the scary ones! Real witches look like ordinary women, but are bald and wear wigs. They hate children. To witches, children smell of fresh dogs' droppings. Each year the

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English Witches hold a meeting attended by the Grand High Witch of all the World to this hotel, Hotel Magnificent. (exit)

Curtain up + SD (opening music) + LX (bright light) in

Scene 2

In the Dream

- Boy : (Enter, carrying a box) Wow, wow, William and Mary, do you like this place?
Would you like to come out and play?
- Head waiter : **(VO – Voice over mic)** This way.
- Boy (Shocked) Oh, somebody, we have to hide. [Boy hides behind a table]
- Head waiter This way, ladies. (A troupe of ladies enter)
- Witch (Twin 2) : Oh, Donna, I haven't seen you for ages, where have you been?
- Witch (Twin 1) : I've just toured around the whole world.
- Witch (Movie Star) : Oh, Agatha, how wonderful to see you!
- Witch (teacher) : Delia dear, have you had a good journey?
- Witch (Gown) : Oh, Susie, I haven't seen you since the last meeting.
- Witch (Pregnant) : Come and sit next to me Millie dear, you look glamorous.
- Witch (curly hair) : Oh, Beatrice, what an adorable dress.
- Witch (housewife) : Oh, thank you. I love your diamond.
[eventually the waiter calls for attention]
- Head waiter : Ladies of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, pray welcome your President. [Enthusiastic applause. The Grand High Witch enters in style. She mounts the platform. All ladies cheer for her.]
[Witch (Movie Star), bowing to the Grand High Witch, get the key and show to head waiter]
- Head waiter : Oh~[Head waiter exits]
[Witch (Movie Star) returns holding up the door key, to show she has locked the door]
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LX change to horrible atmosphere

- Grand High Witch You may rree-moof your vigs, and get some fresh air into your spotty scalps.
Witches Thank you, your Grandness. [With sighs of relief, the Witches reveal their bald Heads, placing their wigs in handbags or on the floor. Some scratch their heads]

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Grand High Witch Vitches of Inkland. Miserrable Vitches, Useless lazy vitches. You are a heap of idle good-for-nothing vurms!
 [A murmur of concern among the Witches]
As I am eating my lunch, I am looking out of the vindow at the beach. And vot am I seeing? I am seeing a rreevolting sight, which is putting me off my food.
Hundreds of rrrotten rreepulsive children. Playing on the sand. Vye haf you not got rrrid of them? Vye?
 [No response]
You vill do better.

Witches We will do better.

Grand High Witch My orders are that every single child in Inkland shall be rrrubbed out, sqvashed, sqvirmed, sqvittered and frittered before I come here again in vun year’s time.
 [The Witches gasp]

Witch (gown) All of them? We can’t possibly wipe out all of them.

Grand High Witch Who said that? Who dares to argue vith me? [She looks around. The Witches cower. She points dramatically at Witch 2] It vos you, vos it not?
 [Witch (gown) stands, gasping in fright]

Witch (gown) I didn’t mean it, your Grandness.

Grand High Witch Come here.

Witch (gown) I didn’t mean to argue, your Grandness. I was just talking to myself. I swear it. [All the Witches pushed Witch (gown) to the ground] What happened?

SD (Song 1) in

Witches Sing:
A vitch who dares to say, who dares to say I’m wrrrong
Vill not be vith us very long! Not so long...
A stupid vitch who, who always answers back.
Must burn until her bones, must burn until her bones, are black! Deep fried black!

Witch (gown) No! No! Spare me!
 [Staring at Witch (gown), the Grand High Witch gestures.]
Aaaaaaaaaaaaaah!

SD in

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[Witch (gown) fall down and dead]

Grand High Witch [The Witches utter an awestruck sigh.]
I hope nobody else is going to make me cross today. Now, we can ...get down to business.

Witch 1 Yes, our business, what's our mission?

Grand High Witch and Witches Down with children! Do them In!
Boil their bones and fry their skin!
Bish them, sqvish them, bash them, mash them!
Break them, shake them, slash them, smash them!

Grand High Witch I am having a plan. A giganticus plan!

Witches She is having a plan, A giganticus plan!

Grand High Witch You will buy sweetshops.

Witches We will buy sweetshops.

Grand High Witch You vill have a Great Gala Opening vith free sveets and chocs for every child!

Witches Free sweets and chocs for every child!
[Witch 1 stands, carried away with enthusiasm]

Witch (pregnant) I will poison the sweets and poison the chocs and wipe out the children like weasels.

Grand High Witch You vill do no such thing. You brainless bogvumper! Poison them and you vill be caught in five minutes flat. No. Vee vitches are vurrking only vith magic!

Witches [Building] Magic! Magic! Magic!

Grand High Witch You vill be filling every choc and every sveet vith my latest and grrreatest magic formula,
[A sigh of admiration as she produces a potion bottle]
Formula Eighty-six Delayed Action Mouse-Maker!
[Excited cheers and applause]
Take down the recipe.
[Witch (curly hair) reveals a scroll with the ingredients written on it]
You will notice some unusual ingredients:

Witches (In turn) A grrrruntle's egg; the claw of a crrrab-crrruncher; the beak of a blabbersnitch; the snout of a grrrobblesqvirt and the tongue of a catsprrringer, the left eye of an owl, the big toe of a giant, the skeleton of a crocodile, the liver of a donkey...

Witch (Twin 1) (excited) The bum of Grand High!

Grand High Excuse me.

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Witch (Twin 1) I mean...I mean my mother's French fries.
Grand High Witch Mix them with forty-five mouse's tails fired in hair-oil till they are crrrisp.
Witch (pregnant) What do we do with the mice who have had their tails chopped off, your Grandness?
Grand High Witch You simmer them in frog-juice for vun hour. Then you add two secret ingredients. The wrrrong end of a telescope boiled soft...
Witch (teacher) What's that for, O Brainy One?
Grand High Witch To make a child very small you look at him through the wrrrong end of a telescope, do you not?
Witch (curly hair) [To the others] She's a wonder. Who else would have thought of that?
Grand High Witch And finally, to cause the delayed action, rroast in the oven vun alarm clock set to go off at nine o'clock in the morning.
Witch (housewife) A strok of genius!
Grand High Witch Inject vun droplet of the formula in each sweet or choc
[Witches chants the following rhyme]

SD (Song 2) in

Witch (pregnant) A girl feels sick and goes all pale.
She yells, 'Hey look! I've grrrown a tail!'
Witch (Movie star) A boy who's standing next to her
Screams, 'Help! I think I'm grrrowing fur!'
Grand High Witch It's a Witches life.
Witch (Twin 1) Another shouts, 'Vee look like frrreaks!'
There's viskers growing on our cheeks!'
Witch (curly hair) A boy who vos extremely tall
Cries out, 'Vot's wrong? I'm grrrowing small!'
Grand High Witch It's a witches' life.
Witch (teacher) Four tiny legs begin to sprrrout
From everybody rrround about.
Witch (housewife) And all at vunce, all in a trrrrice,
There are no children! Only mice!
Grand High Witch It's a witches' life.
Witch (Twin 2) The teachers cry, 'Vot's going on?
Oh, where haf all the children's gone?'

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- Grand High Witch They sweep the dead mice all away
And all us vitches shout
- Witches Hooray!
It's the witches' night
Down with children! Do them in!
Boil their bones and fry their skin!
Bish them, squish them, bash them, mash them!
Oh, brrreak them, shake them, slash them, smash them!
[The Witches cheer wildly.]
- Witch (pregnant) Look! Look! Mice!
[The Witches scream wildly.]
- Grand High Witch Qviet!
These mice are nothing to do with me. These mice are pet mice, qvite obviously
belonging to some rreepellent little child in this hotel.
- Witch (teacher) [Menacingly] A child! A filthy child. We'll sniff him out.
[The Witches start sniffing and some move ominously towards the table.]
[Then, in the nick of time, there is a knock on the door. The Witches react, turning
away from the table]
- (VO - door knock)**
- Bruno [Outside the door] Hey! Let me in!
- (VO - more door knocks)**
- Grand High Witch Qvick, vitches. Vigs on!
[The Witches hurry to make themselves respectable]
- Bruno **(VO) Hurry up! Twenty-five past three you said. Where's my chocolate?**
- Grand High Witch Vitches. Vatch this demonstrrration. Earlier today I am giving a chocolate bar with
formula added to a smelly boy.
- Bruno **(VO) Where's them chocolate bars you promised? I'm here to collect!**
Dish'em out! Now!
- Grand High Witch Not only smelly but grrreedy. The formula is timed for half past three.
Let him in.

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[Witch (Movie Star) takes the key and exits upstage to unlock the door]
[Bruno enters and approaches with lollipop.]

Grand High Witch [Soft and gentle] Darling little man. I haf your chocolate all rready for you. Do come and say hello to all these lovely ladies.
[Bruno descends the platform, eyed eagerly by the witches]

Bruno OK, where’s my chocolate? Six bars you promised.

Grand High Witch Thirty seconds to go.

Bruno What the heck’s going on?

Grand High Witch Twenty seconds!

Bruno [Getting suspicious] Gimme the chocolate and let me out of here.

Grand High Witch Fifteen seconds!

Bruno [Looking at the Witches] Will one of you crazy punks kindly tell me what all this is about?

Grand High Witch Ten seconds!
[Surrounding Bruno menacingly, but also in delighted anticipation]

Witches Nine...eight...seven...six...five...four...three...two...
one...zero!

Grand High Witch This smelly brrrat, this filthy scum
This horrid little louse
Vill very soon become
A lovely little MOUSE!
[A flash. Bruno’s head darts about like a mouse; his hands, like paws, brush imaginary whiskers.]
[The Witches back away.]

Witches [Applauding] Bravo! She’s done it! It works! It’s fantastic!

Grand High Witch Vitches, I vill meet you all for dinner at eight. Before dinner, any ancient vuns who can no longer climb high trrees in search of grrruntles’ eggs for the formula may come to my rrrroom. I have prrrepared for you [She shows the potion bottle] a bottle each, containing a limited qvantity. Five hundred doses. [All witches excited]

Witches Thank you, thank you Grandness. How thoughtful.

Grand High Witch Room Four-Five-Four. Any qvestions?

Witch (teacher) One, O Brainy One. What happens if one of the chocolates we are giving away in our shops get eaten by a grown-up?

Grand High Witch That’s just too bad for the grown-up.[Evil laugh] This meeting is over.

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[The Witches start to go]

Witch (pregnant) [Shouting] Wait! Hold everything.
[she flares her nostrils, sniffing eagerly.]
Dog's droppings. I've got a whiff of fresh dogs' droppings. [All the Witches scare]

Grand High Witch Vot rubbish is this? There are no children in this rroom!

Witch (pregnant) It's getting stronger. Can't the rest of you smell it? Dogs' droppings.
[All the Witches sniff]

Witches Dogs' droppings! Yes! Yes! Dog's droppings! Dogs' droppings! Poo!
Poo-oo-oo-oo-oo! [They head towards table. Boy is terrified]
[Witch (pregnant) reveals the table cloth]
Boy! Boy! Boy! Boy! [All the witches are panic and yell]

Grand High Witch Grrab it, you idiots!
[The Witches all point at Boy] You!
[Boy runs anywhere and everywhere. The Witches chase him. He yells]
[Boy is caught by two witches]

Grand High Witch Spying little vurm! You stinking little carbuncle. You haf observed the most secret things. Now you must take your medicine!

Boy Help! Help! Grandmama!

Grand High Witch Open his mouth!
[The Witches do so. Dramatically the Grand High Witch opens the potion bottle and raises it aloft]

Grand High Witch Five hundred doses! So strrrong vee see instantaneous action!
[She pours the potion into Boy's mouth. Boy starts jerking his head. The witches surround him]
[Witch (pregnant) steps towards Boy and takes his tail out]

Boy (hold his tail) Ahhhhhhhh! **(SD in & Curtain off)**