

NIGHT OF THE ZOMBIE RACCOON

---- by Roger Gregg.

March 2020. YSU. Good Humour Radio Hour.

60 mins running time.

Venue: Playhouse. Youngstown.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

- DR. SPEARWRECKER [Phil Proctor]. Assistant, Nervous Mad Scientist with a conscience. He is madly in love with his senior, Dr. Dragovich.
- DR. DRAGOVICH – [Melinda Peterson]. Chief Mad Scientist with eastern European accent. Domineering, heartless. Uses her charms to lead Spearwrecker astray.
- REGGIE – A young, wholesome innocent intern working for the two mad scientists. He is unaware of the plot. He wants to be a singer in musical theatre. He is transformed into the creature by the experiment. Reggie as the CREATURE – [played by same actor as Reggie] Creature is like a large Werewolf except a Were-raccoon. Grunting, snarling, panting, roaring but also comical. He speaks in very simple language and also sings. It would be ideal if his ‘were-raccoon’ singing voice was gravelly.
- ALPHONSUS - a Lab raccoon whose DNA merges with Reginald’s. [one of the cast]
- LU ANN MANGINO - The Chief Animal Control Officer at the centre working to solve the mystery. Level-headed, intelligent, observant and experienced. She is like a hard-boiled Detective in a radio mystery. She is a calm ‘straight-man’ in a world of wacky larger-than-life characters. A Kathleen Turner, Sigourney Weaver good leader type.
- DANNY DITZLER - Novice Animal Control Officer, Lu Ann’s side kick. Eager and enthusiastic yet also gullible. He has the job thanks to his Uncle Dennis Ditzler. He is constantly looking at his phone apps. He becomes a useful investigator as the story unfolds. .
- NARRATOR - Narrator speaks over our original theme music. Two Options here: 1. Narrator could be classic radio adventure narrator like in

'Superman' Or. 2. Narrator could be a colourful old-timer voice like a story teller even perhaps with a country twang.

DENNIS DITZLER – the swaggering loud boss of Lu Ann - A senior Commissioner in City and County government. Big fish in a very small pond. He is big and bombastic around his underlings, yet kowtows to Horkenheimer who is his superior in Government bureaucracy. Ditzler is obsessively focused on staging 'Perogie Championships' as a means to invigorate local economy.

MRS. D'AMICO - - She is the old proprietor of D'Amico's Candy Store. Scatty, yet fiesty, she lives alone above the store. Ideally she is colourful character voice like the old woman who owns Tweety Bird and Sylvester the cat. She has missing dog called 'Sargent Anderson'. Her Candy store room has been ransacked by Creature.

DEBBIE – a teenager, High School Senior. She is intent on making out with boyfriend, Bobby.

BOBBY - a teenager, High School Senior. Boyfriend of Debbie.. He is an 'air-head', vague and unmotivated yet 'super handsome'.

RADIO NEWS ANNCR – Classic radio news person on the car radio as Debbie and Bobby park at 'make out point'. Small speaker fx.

BARNEY BEAN BARTBERGER - Eccentric old man who lives alone in fortified trailer in remote woods. Though old, he still has gumption and energy. He was once a highway patrolman who pursued a UFO in famous incident along 224 in 1966. He is convinced he was abducted by Aliens who will one day return for him. He is gnarly sounding like 'Rick' from Rick & Morty. He has high energy attack scene when he is besieged by Reggie and the raccoons.

ALARM VOICE – Could be male or female. Speaking alarm when perimeter is comprised by Creature's attack at Bartberger's fortified trailer. Like the ship computer on Star Trek.

HENRICH HORKENHEIMER, THE HEAD OF THE OHIO STATE TOURIST BOARD

[Could also possibly be a woman 'HELGA HORKENHEIMER']. – Each time the 'Ohio State Tourist Board' is mentioned there is an ominous threatening sound. In final scene we learn that Horkenheimer is actually the mysterious 'Leader' behind 'Project Rust Revival'. Gravitas or creepy voice, in any event he/she makes

us uneasy.

ZOMBIE RACCOONS –

a hoard of raccoons which follow Creature. They 'sing' as choir under Reggie's direction. We'll experiment with voices of the cast and maybe use squeaky toys as well.

STUDENTS –

played by the cast.