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## **Cast:**

Crew 1

Crew 2

Captain Flubberchops (ship's captain)

Watson the cat (ship's cat)

Shipmate Sid Sauce (ship's steward)

Doctor Queazy (ship's doctor)

Mrs Latrine (stressed businesswoman)

Louise Latrine (teenage daughter)

Lotty Latrine (teenage daughter)

Miss Timid (a shy lady with sugar addiction)

Mr Bumpkin (a jovial man from the country)

Billy Bumpkin (his uncommunicative teenage son)

Miss Mary Mee (an elderly lady)

Miss Deary Mee (her elderly sister)

Mrs Strange (a strange and mysterious passenger 'zombie')

Nurse/s (help in medical operation)

*(Crew 1 and 2 can be doubled up as nurses and also at the end of the play as additional zombies.)*

*(Sid, Dr Queazy, Mrs Latrine, Louise, Lotty, Miss Timid, Mr Bumpkin, Billy, Mary and Deary Mee all change into zombies during the play. Captain Flubberchops and Watson may also do a quick change into zombies at the end of the play)*

## **Synopsis:**

Captain Flubberchops and his crew greet a group of passengers on board the cruise ship 'Eerie', including the mysterious Mrs Strange. After a meal at the Captain's table, the passengers disappear one by one. The Captain and his cat, Watson, decide to look for them and row to a mysterious island in the ocean. On the island, they meet a group of scary zombies, but there is something familiar about them.

## **Scenes:**

Introduction – safety announcement - Crew 1 and 2

Scene 1 – boarding the ship - all cast

Scene 2 – after dinner - all cast

Scene 3 – on the island - all cast

## **INTRODUCTION - Safety announcement**

*(Enter crew 1 and 2 with props - rubber rings, snorkel and mask etc)*

**Crew 1:** Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome aboard our cruise ship 'Eerie' . Captain Flubberchops and his crew hope you have a very comfortable and enjoyable holiday. Before we set off on our cruise, we ask that you take a moment to listen to our safety procedure, even if you are a frequent cruiser.

**Crew 2:** In the unlikely event of a watery emergency, here is the position you must adopt when you hear the words: ' Help! Help!'  
*(Crew 1 and 2 flap their arms about in the air)*

**Crew 1:** Lifeboat Assembly points are located here, there and... there *(pointing haphazardly around)*.

**Crew 2:** When hearing the emergency alarm *(alarm sounds)*, you are requested to run calmly to the nearest lifeboat assembly point. Slow passengers may be pushed out the way if required. Please bear in mind that your nearest lifeboat may be behind you.

**Crew 1:** Life jackets can be found under your seats. They are worn like this *(they put on rubber ring each)*

**Crew 2:** You are requested not to whistle whilst wearing your life jacket as this may attract unwanted attention.

*(crew 1 dances around whilst whistling a short tune)*

**Crew 2:** See what I mean?

**Crew 1:** Oxygen masks will provided if necessary.

**Crew 2:** They are worn like this.

*(They both put on snorkel and mask set)*

**Crew 1:** Remember to put on your own mask first before laughing at anyone else.

*(They point and laugh at each other)*

**Crew 2:** Once aboard the lifeboats, anything can happen! Good Luck!

**Crew 1 and 2:** Thanks for listening.

*(exit Crew 1 and 2)*

## **SCENE 1 - boarding the ship**

*(Shipmate Sid, Captain Flubberchips and Watson are on stage – Watson is busy cleaning her fur)*

**Captain:** Well another voyage, same old routine. I used to enjoy all this, but now I'd rather hang up my sea legs and settle down on some remote island and get away from it all.

**Shipmate Sid:** Yes, sir, I know what you mean.

**Shipmate Sid:** *(holding up a clipboard)* Look, here come our lovely passengers!

*(The Mee sisters, Mrs Latrine, Lotty and Louise, Miss Timid, Mr Bumpkin and Billy enter from back of audience and come onto the stage in a line)*

**Shipmate Sid:** Welcome aboard everyone. Please come forward one at a time and give me your name and I will tell you your cabin number.

*(Mee sisters come forward,)*

**Mary:** I'm Mary Mee and this is my sister.

**Deary:** Deary

**Shipmate Sid:** Mary and Deary Mee?

**Mary/Deary:** Yes  
*(Captain shakes their hand)*

**Captain:** I'm Captain Flubberchops. Welcome aboard the 'Eerie', ladies. I hope you enjoy your stay.

**Deary:** What a nice boat you've got here Captain.

**Mary:** Much nicer than our mobile home isn't it Deary?

**Deary:** Yes it is Mary. Our nephew, Brian, paid for us to come. He said we were moaning too much and a holiday would do us good.

**Shipmate Sid:** You're in cabin number 30, facing the WCs.

**Mary:** Very convenient!

**Deary:** Oh yes, in case we need to make a quick visit!

**Mary:** See you later. Come on Deary.  
*(they link arms and walk off stage, waving)*

**Watson:** Miaow! Nice old dears!

*(Mrs Latrine and her daughters come forward, arguing)*

**Mrs Latrine:** Well, I'm so sorry I didn't have time to pack it. You know I was in a meeting right up to the last minute.

**Louise:** But I just can't do without it!

**Lotty:** She can't have mine.

**Louise:** I can't live without my hair straighteners, you know that.

**Lotty:** OMG, you're such a...

**Mrs Latrine:** Girls, please! You're forgetting where you are!

**Shipmate Sid:** Hello, can I take your names please?

**Mrs Latrine:** Mrs Lavinia Petunia Latrine

**Shipmate Sid:** And these young ladies are your 'sisters'?

**Mrs Latrine:** Nice one, but your flattery is wasted on me. These are my daughters, Lotty and Louise.

**Louise:** She's Lotty, like potty without the P!

**Lotty:** And she's Louise, but her friends just call her Loser!

**Watson:** Mia-owch!

**Captain:** Nice to meet you ladies.

**Mrs Latrine:** I must say, it's so good to get away from the office for a while. We can just relax here, can't we girls?

**Louise:** D'you have wifi on board?

**Shipmate Sid:** Well we do, but it's a bit unreliable.

**Lotty:** OMG!

**Louise:** Can we get stuff delivered here?

**Mrs Latrine:** Get over the hair straighteners for goodness sake!

**Shipmate Sid:** We do have an onboard shop with lots of the latest fashion items and gadgets.

**Lotty:** I bet they don't have the brand I use. OMG this is such a nightmare!

**Shipmate Sid:** You're in cabin number 34. The sea view might help cheer you up!

**Mrs Latrine:** I should hope so at that price!

**Captain:** Enjoy your trip!

**Watson:** Miaow! Spoilt brats!

*(Miss Timid shuffles forward)*

**Captain:** Welcome to Cruise Ship 'Eerie'.

**Miss Timid:** *(whispering)* Thank you.

**Shipmate Sid:** Your name please.

**Miss Timid:** *(whispering)* Miss, er, Miss...Timid.

**Captain:** Well, Miss Timid, you're very welcome on board.

**Miss Timid:** *(whispering)* Thank you. Um, do you know where I can buy some sweets?

**Shipmate Sid:** We have a very good shop on board. Your cabin number is 50, right next to the lounge bar.

**Miss Timid:** *(whispering)* Thank you.

**Watson:** Miaow! Like a frightened rabbit!

*(Mr Bumpkin and Billy come forward)*

**Captain:** Hello welcome aboard gentlemen.

**Mr Bumpkin:** *(shaking Captain's hand vigorously)* Yes, yes, yesss, lovely, lovely, lovely! Nice to get away from the old grind stone eh? *(chuckles)*

**Billy:** *(busy playing Nintendo DS)* Shut up!

**Shipmate Sid:** May I take your name please?

**Mr Bumpkin:** As long as you give it back! *(exaggerated chuckle)* Mr Bumpkin. This is my boy, Billy.

**Billy:** Shut up!

**Mr Bumpkin:** Happy old soul isn't he eh? *(chuckles)* Hoping to do a bit of father, son, bonding *(aside to shipmate and captain)* Might try and throw that bloomin' gadget overboard while I'm here!

**Billy:** Shut up!

**Shipmate Sid:** Cabin number 42. Next to the games room.

**Mr Bumpkin:** *(walking off and tripping)* Ha! dear oh dear..ha ha...cheerio!

**Billy:** *(walking off, to Mr Bumpkin)* Shut up!

**Watson:** Miaow! Shut up!

*(Captain and Sid and Watson remain on stage)*

**Captain:** So, is that everyone?

**Shipmate Sid:** It looks like there's one more name on the list.

**Captain:** One more passenger then?

**Shipmate Sid:** And Doctor Queazy of course.

**Captain:** Yes, where the devil is he?

**Watson:** Miaow! Old quack! Waste of space.

**Captain:** Watson!

*(Dr Queazy enters in a hurry looking flustered)*

**Dr Queazy:** Are my ears burning? Were you talking about me?

**Captain:** Yes Doctor, you're late!

**Dr Queazy:** I'm in a spot of bother at home Captain. The Loan Sharks are after me. I need us to set sail as soon as possible!

**Captain:** Yes real sharks are better than loan sharks, Doctor. We'll do our best. Unfortunately we're waiting for one more passenger.

**Dr Queazy:** I'd better go and hide somewhere, you know, lay low, just in case *(runs off stage)*

**Shipmate Sid:** So just waiting for...

*(Enter Mrs Strange)*

**Watson:** *(arches her back and hides behind Captain's legs)* Miaooooow! miaooooow!

**Captain:** Ah, hello you must be...

**Shipmate Sid:** Mrs Strange? Glad you made it.

**Mrs Strange:** Umm.

**Shipmate Sid:** Your cabin is number 20, near the life boats. Very handy for emergencies!

**Mrs Strange:** Um... *(walks off stage)*

**Watson:** Miaow! Beware! Miaow!

**Shipmate Sid:** Yes Captain, did you notice something strange about Mrs Strange?

**Captain:** I suppose she's not the most talkative passenger we've ever had on board our ship!

**Watson:** Watch out! Miaow  
(*all exit*)