AGENT 88

An ACTION! Adventure Play for the Family

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CHARACTERS

AGENT 88- The Hero (must be ready to move!)

THE VOICE- The Villain (the ultimate bad guy.)

THE INSTRUCTOR- *Reads Stage Directions (narrates the italicized ACTION! with gusto)*

*All characters can be any age or gender

SETTING
The Voice’s Underground Evil Lair.

MUSIC
Please prepare some Secret Agent music. The “Mission Impossible Theme” will work perfectly. Other music like “Secret Agent Man” by Johnny Rivers, the “James Bond Theme”, The Get Smart Soundtrack, etc. works well for variety.

NOTES
1. Please make sure to perform this play with plenty of space. Be safe.
2. Only The Voice and Stage Directions need to read off the script.
3. Music cues are suggested but please play at will.
4. The Instructor should feel free to improvise some ACTION (i.e. “Agent 88 has to pick up her toys and put them away”, or “Agent 88 eats a little bit of spinach for a power boost!”) You’re welcome.
5. Have Fun!
The play starts! AGENT 88 lies on the floor. Sleeping. They are having a bad dream. In the dream AGENT 88 is getting tickled. At first, it’s funny but soon the tickling is terrible. Out of the horrible tickling dream, AGENT 88 wakes up! From an imaginary intercom in the ceiling we hear:

THE VOICE
Good morning Agent 88. It’s me, The Voice, your arch nemesis. I was wondering when you would wake up and find yourself in this room with nowhere to go! It took 7 of my best men to put you in there. But now I’ve trapped you! Hahahahahahahahaha!

AGENT 88 stands up to listen.

THE VOICE
I’m sure you are wondering where you are. You, Agent 88, are in my state-of-the-art Underground Evil Lair. I built this Lair when you defeated me the first eight times but I promise you Agent 88 you won’t defeat me a ninth! I will not allow it! HAHAHAHA!

AGENT 88 wonders what is so funny?

THE VOICE
You’re also wondering what my plan is right? Right?

AGENT 88 nods yes.

THE VOICE
Of course you are. My plan is to see you fail. The world has seen you succeed and best me too many times and I need a win! I need to not cry myself to sleep every night!! Are you afraid?

AGENT 88 nods no!

THE VOICE
No?! You’re telling me you don’t have a single ounce of fear in you?!

AGENT 88 nods no defiantly.

THE VOICE
Well we’ll see if that changes ONCE I DROP YOU IN MY SHARK TANK!

-PLAY MUSIC HERE-

The floor drops underneath AGENT 88’s feet. They fall into a huge tank of water. At first AGENT 88 is disoriented and struggles to swim. But then manages to swim to the top for air and takes a big gasp before diving back into the water. AGENT 88 sees a big great white shark swimming around in the water. “Oh No!” they think to themselves.
The shark starts swimming towards AGENT 88 but AGENT 88 is too quick and dodges all the bite attacks. 
Left/ Right/ Left Again!
The shark has big nasty teeth! The shark swims and comes back for another attack when suddenly AGENT 88 sticks his hand out like “stop!”.
The Shark stops in front of AGENT 88 and then AGENT 88 hugs the shark.
The shark is confused but accepts the hug and..... LOVES IT?
Then AGENT 88 gets on the shark’s back and AGENT 88 rides the shark to a platform out of the water. AGENT 88 gets off and pats the shark on the nose.
They wave “Thank you shark!” The shark swims away.
AGENT 88 is safe on land again.

-MUSIC STOPS HERE-

THE VOICE
Noooooooo! How did you know to hug my shark?

AGENT 88 shrugs.

THE VOICE
It’s like you knew how neglected my shark was. He’s been swimming around that tank for years now with no friends. Blast!! You made my depressed angry shark happy! You’ve ruined my attack shark with your love!!

AGENT 88 is out of breath and is panting.

THE VOICE
Ahh, but I see I have weakened you. Yes, you are not the super human everyone insists you are! Well now you’ve got nowhere to go but to your next challenge in the next room. Hahahahaaha!

AGENT 88 walks into the next room only to find themself surrounded by snakes.
SSSSSSssssssssss!! Snakes everywhere! Rattlesnakes and Vipers and Cobras.
AGENT 88 hates snakes!

THE VOICE
I know how much you hate snakes which is why this makes me so happy! What will you do Agent 88? How will you make it through my snake pit??

-PLAY MUSIC HERE-

AGENT 88 sees the snakes inching towards them, hissing. SSSSSSSssssssssss!
The snakes start cornering AGENT 88 so AGENT 88 starts jumping to avoid any snake bites.
Venom from a snake bite is very poisonous and very dangerous.
AGENT 88 gets the idea to make up a SNAKE WIGGLE DANCE and blend into the surroundings!
Agent 88 gets on the floor and wiggles and swiggles and the snakes all start doing the same. AGENT 88 is so good at camouflage that the snakes think AGENT 88 is also a snake! AGENT 88 starts doing “the worm” dance and the snakes all join AGENT 88 leading to a huge snake dance party. AGENT 88 manages to wiggle dance across the room and makes it to safe place on the other side of the room.

AGENT 88 stands up and dusts off in the coolest fashion!
The snakes hiss. SSSSSssssss!

-MUSIC STOPS HERE-

THE VOICE
Blast!! I forgot how good you were at dancing! Those moves could move mountains! And my snakes are so susceptible to a good workout that they can’t help themselves! No wonder you are in great shape.

AGENT 88 flexes their biceps! They are huge!

THE VOICE
Alright, alright no need to show off!! You were able to escape my snake pit Agent 88 but will you be able to fulfill the next challenge? Curious as to what it is?

AGENT 88 nods like, “of course.”

THE VOICE
In the next room you will find a tightrope. “Ooohhhh a tightrope!” you might be saying to yourself! “How fun!” Sure, sounds fun until I tell you that if you lose your balance the drop from the tightrope is two miles into a dark abyss and no one has made it across!! No way you’ll make it. HAHAHA!

-PLAY MUSIC HERE-

AGENT 88 steps onto the TIGHTROPE with their arms out for balance, and as straight as possible begins to slowly walk on the rope suspended over an enormous black abyss! AGENT 88 focuses on their feet, one foot in front of the other. AGENT 88 does not look down into darkness because the idea of falling two miles down seems too scary! Slow and steady AGENT 88 is almost at the halfway point. AGENT 88 starts to get really sweaty. Like very sweaty!

Will AGENT 88 be able to hold on and keep their balance until they get to the other side? Who knows?! We’ll see.

Halfway point!

All of a sudden, the rope begins to start splitting.
The rope is beginning to break under AGENT 88’s feet!
AGENT 88 starts walking slightly faster, maintaining their focus.
It’s amazing!! How is Agent 88 doing this?
It is a feat only a superhuman super-secret agent can achieve!
Only a mind of superior caliber!!
AGENT 88 is almost at the end of the line!
AGENT 88 is so close to making it to the other side. It is sheer will and mental strength that allows AGENT 88 to hold on.
And then...
AGENT 88 jumps...
And the Rope breaks!!
But AGENT 88 makes it to the other side just in time!

-MUSIC STOPS HERE-

AGENT 88 is on land again.
AGENT 88 is tired and is about to let out a sigh of relief when...

THE VOICE
Ah ah! Shhhhhhhhh! (whispered) Well, you survived the tightrope but look around you.

AGENT 88 looks around and realizes that the tightrope led to a room filled with twelve sleeping Tigers!

THE VOICE
Shhhhh! (whispered) Any sudden movements or loud noises and you’ll wake up the Tigers.

The Tigers surrounding AGENT 88 are all snoring. (Make a tiger snore sound)

THE VOICE
(whispered) You hear that? They are dreaming of food. They always wake up hungry. Are you afraid now?

AGENT 88 nods no but actually might be a little scared. AGENT 88 starts tip-toeing around the Tigers to try not to wake them up. The Tigers continue to snore. (Make another tiger snore sound)

THE VOICE
Alright, enough of this! Tigers! WAKE UP!!

All of a sudden, all the Tigers wake up and begin growling. (Make a tiger growl sound)
“Oh no!” AGENT 88 thinks to themselves. “How do I get out of this one?”
The Tigers begin jumping on AGENT 88 but AGENT 88 uses their strength to throw them off. He battles 4 or 5 different Tigers when AGENT 88 gets a great idea. AGENT 88 begins to sing a lullaby to try to put the Tigers back to sleep.
AGENT 88 SINGS (choice of: Rock-a-bye Baby, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, Hush Little Baby, or any other song AGENT 88 knows that 12 sleeping Tigers might enjoy!)

It’s working! The Tigers eyes are growing heavy and they all lay down to fall asleep! AGENT 88 is once again victorious!

THE VOICE
What? How did you- No one has ever- I can’t believe this!!

AGENT 88 leaves The Tiger cave and walks into the next room. THE VOICE appears for the first time.
They both look at each other.

THE VOICE
Well, well, well - if it isn’t the great Agent 88. I can’t believe you made it through my Lair. It’s unfortunate. Building this whole thing was incredibly expensive. What am I going to do with 12 sleepy Tigers, a lovesick Shark, a lazy room-full of snakes and dark two mile-long hole?

AGENT 88 shrugs.

THE VOICE
...why am I so evil?

AGENT 88 thinks about it and hugs THE VOICE, thinking that perhaps, like the shark, THE VOICE might need love too. And it helps!

THE VOICE
Wow. Thank you Agent 88! That is totally not what I expected. But I feel a lot better.

AGENT 88 gives THE VOICE a thumbs up.

THE VOICE
Thanks Agent 88. Let’s not fight anymore. But one last thing before you go back to your live of saving the world, will you please teach me the Snake Wiggle Dance??

AGENT 88 agrees.

-PLAY MUSIC HERE-

EVERYONE does the SNAKE WIGGLE DANCE!

END OF PLAY.