

# The Astounding Broccoli Boy

Cast (7):

- Persuader
- Rory
- Grim
- Narrator
- Security Guards 1 and 2
- DJ

- **First, the persuader introduces the book, using persuasive language to convince the audience to read it. Then, on with the play...**

**Narrator:** No one is born super (except Superman of course). The Incredible Hulk was Bruce Banner until he was blown up by Gamma bomb, Spiderman was Peter Parker until he was bitten by a radioactive spider. It was the same for Rory and the school bully Grim... until they turned green! Here they are having just escaped from hospital...

**Grim:** What's going on? Where are we? Are you trying to dump me in a wheelie bin?

**Rory:** No Grim, I'm not.

**Grim:** What are we doing here? How did we get here?

**Rory:** We jumped. From up there. [POINTS UP HIGH]

**Grim:** You laughing at me Rory Rooney? [PULLS FIST BACK, READY TO HIT HIM]

**Rory:** No.

**Grim:** We can't have jumped. We'd be dead.

**Rory:** But jump we did. And we're not dead. What does that mean? Think about it.

**[GRIM REPEATEDLY HITS HIMSELF ON THE HEAD, TRYING TO THINK]**

**Grim:** No. No good. Nothing's coming.

**Rory:** Well Grim, they put us in this hospital because they thought we were sick. But what if we're not sick. What if what we are is... superheroes?

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- Grim:** Hey, that's perfect.
- Rory:** What is?
- Grim:** That. [POINTS] A 24-hour bank! Lets rob it!
- Rory:** What?! Why?!
- Grim:** For money. Why else would you rob a bank? If the Green Goblin saw a bank, he'd rob it, wouldn't he?
- Rory:** That's because the Green Goblin isn't a superhero, He's a supervillain. Think about the Superman, Iron Man, the Green Hornet. Think about being good. Being heroes. Foiling bank robberies, not doing bank robberies.
- Narrator:** But Rory had made a mistake. It wasn't actually a bank but a nightclub 'The Bank'.
- Security guard 1:** No kids. Over 21s only.
- Security guard 2:** These kids are green!
- Security guard 1:** Oh yeah. Excellent. How did you do that? They look like... what are they called?
- Security guard 2:** Munchkins!
- Security guard 1:** Nah, Munchkins are yellow. They look like Oompa Lumpas!
- Security guard 2:** Umpa Lumpas are orange, idiot! They look like Santa's helpers! Is it for charity?
- Rory:** Errr, yeah, for charity, sure.
- Security guard 1:** Well why didn't you say! In you go!
- Rory:** [LOOKING AROUND] Wow! I've never been in a bank before.
- DJ:** This one goes out to Wendy on her special night.
- Grim:** Aha! A microphone! [SNATCHES IT OFF THE DJ] Obey and you will not get hurt. Know that we are... Know that we are... here to rob the bank! Now hand over your money to my henchman.
- Persuader:** Will Rory and Grim rob the bank? (Sorry, nightclub) Will they be green forever? Will they become real superheroes... or supervillains? Find out by reading 'The Astounding Broccoli Boy'!