

NEVER CRY DOG

Mud Lake Elementary

Characters:

Mr. Best - Michael Best
Mike - Jamie Rose
Amy - Amy Rose
Vicky - Tracy Rose
Bev - Robin Broomfield
Renee - Denise Rumbolt
Marjorie - Glenys Best
Evelyn - Tracy Rose
Hooker - Jeffrey winters
Duffy - Joe Winters
Joey - Edward Winters
Donna - Denise Rumbolt

SCENE I

Classroom

Mike: I hope I get 100% on my test today. (walks to chair, picks up book). Guess I'll study til the others get here. Language - l-a-n-g-u-a-g-e; addition - a-d-d-i-t-i-o-n.

Amy: Hi, Mike.

Mike: Hi, Amy.

Amy: What are you doing in school so early?

Mike: I was anxious to get this test over. I thought I'd study.

Amy: Didn't you study last night?

Mike: Just for a little bit. Did you study?

Amy: No.

Mike: I guess you don't need to. You always get 100's anyway.

(Enters Joey)

Amy & Mike: Hi, Joey.

Joey: Hi.

Amy: Did you watch the hockey game last night?

Mike: Yah, sure was good hey - Montreal and Toronto.

Joey: Who won?

Mike: Montreal, of course. That's my team. didn't you watch it?

Joey: Just for a little while - I was too tired. Chicago Black Hawks are my team.

Mike: Chicago - that's as bad as Toronto.

(Two girls come running in)

Vicky: Beat you again, Bev.

Bev: Yeah, so what? It's not like we're trying out for the Olympics.

Vicky: That's four times in a row.

Bev: So What?

Vicky: Four times Bev. 1-2-3-4

Mike: Yah! She knows how to count - give her a hand everybody.
(Vicky mocks bowing as others clap!)

Bev: Did anyone see my dog, Killer, last night?

Mike: What? You haven't got him tied on again?

Bev: Don't worry. I wasn't talking to you. Vicky? Did you see my dog, Killer?

Vicky: Hm-m! Let me see. Yah. He followed me up the lake yesterday when I went up to the store.

Bev: Did he follow you back?

Vicky: No. I never saw him after. Must have stayed up, I guess.

Bev: That dog never comes home.

(Enter Renee)

Renee: Hi, everybody!

Others: Hi, Renee.

Renee: Guess what happened last night?

Others: What?

Bev: I guess you finally got a date.

Renee: Hey, you guys. Stop fooling around and listen.

Amy: What happened then?

Renee: Something killed one of our chickens last night.

Others: What was it?

Renee: I don't know but when mom went out to check the chicken coop there was a hole in it. Feathers were everywhere and one of the chickens was there dead.

Vicky: Probably a weasel.

Amy: Or a wolf.

Mike: Or a dog.

Vicky: Yah - speaking of dogs - I bet it was Killer.

Bev: Nah, it's not Killer. He don't do things like that.

Vicky: There's a first time for everything.

Mike: Yah, and old Killer is always snarling at me.

Bev: No wonder - you always tease him.

Mike: Going to school - is that teasing him?

Renee: Well, Dad said if he sees anything up around the coops he's going to kill it - so if Killer is up there again he'll kill him.

Bev: He better not kill my dog.

Vicky: Why not Bev - he can, you know.

Bev: It wasn't my dog! You got no proof.

Renee: Face it, Bev. It was your dog.

Bev: No, it's not!

(Enter teacher)

Mr. Best: What's going on in here?

Others: Sir! Sir! Mr. Best!

Mr. Best: Michael, what's going on?

Mike: Sir, Vicky and Renee said Bev's dog killed Renee's chicken.

Mr. Best: What have you got to say, Bev?

Bev: It wasn't my dog, sir. They're just saying that because Killer is the biggest dog in Mud Lake.

Mr. Best: Vicky, can you get my telephone numbers, please?

Vicky: Yes, sir.

Mr. Best: Now, Renee, what happened?

Renee: When Mom went out this morning to check the chicken coop, she found one of the chickens dead. We don't know what killed it but Killer was on the loose last night so there's a good chance it was him.

Mike: What do you think it was, sir?

Mr. Best: We shouldn't assume anything Mike until we get all the facts. I'll phone your parents when Vicky gets back with my phone numbers. We'll have to do something about this - we can't have a dog running around the community. It could lead to trouble!

Now settle down and get out your Math books. I'll handle this problem, tonight.

SCENE 2

WOODS

Marjorie: My, it's some dark out tonight!

Evelyn: Yes, it's almost too dark to have a meeting.

Marjorie: I wonder why the principal is having a meeting.

Evelyn: I don't know - he phoned all the parents this afternoon.

Marjorie: Did you hear what happened in school today? Maybe it's because of that.

Evelyn: What happened?

Marjorie: Renee and Vicky were saying that Killer killed one of Renee's chickens. And Bev came home all upset.

Evelyn: Oh, no!

Marjorie: Yes, and Renee said if Hooker saw our dog up there anymore he's going to shoot him.

Evelyn: He wouldn't do that - you're not allowed to shoot dogs in Mud lake.

Marjorie: No, I guess not. Well, let's go on to that meeting.

(Flashlight goes out)

Marjorie: Oh, no! My light went out!

Evelyn: Let's see - is it the bulb?

Marjorie: No, it's probably the batteries - the kids were playing with my flashlight yesterday.

Evelyn: Well, let's get going!

(Howl in background)

Marjorie: What was that?

Evelyn: I don't know.

Marjorie: Probably a wolf.

Evelyn: There's no wolves around here. It's probably just a dog. Is Killer home yet?

Marjorie: He wasn't when I lifet.

Evelyn: Well, that's probably him - call to him.

Marjorie: Here Killer, Killer! Here, boy!

(Animal growls)

Evelyn: That can't be Killer.

Marjorie: No, he never growls at me like that and he always comes when I call.

Evelyn: We better get out of here!

SCENE 3

1ST PUBLIC MEETING (People start to enter)

Mr. Best: Hello, Hooker.

Hooker: Sir.

Mr. Best: Could everyone please take their seats. (Everyone sits down) As principal of the school I thought I'd better call this meeting tonight. Some people in Mud Lake think Marjorie's dog killed Donna and Hooker's chicken. We can't have a dog running loose in the community. It can lead to trouble. Does anyone have any comments?

Donna: Well, all I know is that when I went to check the chicken coop this morning there was feathers all over the place and one of my chickens was dead.

Marjorie: I don't know why you people are blaming me and my dog. Killer is not the only dog in Mud Lake. And Jordan Hope did tell my brother Randy that he saw a wolf up Whitefish.

Duffy: When I went up Hooker's store last night to buy some cigarettes, I saw Killer out by the chicken coop. He could have killed the chicken.

Hooker: We can't have a dog killing our chickens. Chickens cost a lot of money - not to mention all the time it takes to take care of them - Right, Donna?

Evelyn: I know chickens are expensive Hooker. But you're not the only one to consider here. Think about Marjorie. Everyone's accusing her dog and we don't know for sure if was Killer or not.

Duffy: Well, I've got children, and I don't want any dog or wolf attacking them. Whatever it is, dog or wolf, we should kill it!

Evelyn: You're forgetting something. You're not allowed to shoot dogs in Mud Lake - you'll get in trouble with the R.C.M.P.

Hooker: I already checked into that. I phone the R.C.M.P. and they gave me the authority to kill anything that's up around my chickens.

Marjorie: My three kids think of Killer as one of the family, and I'm sure they'll be disappointed if they find out our dog is going to be killed just because someone thinks it's our dog that killed Donna and Hooker's chickens.

Evelyn: I know what you mean, Marjorie. I've got 5 children myself and I don't want them walking around being scared of a wolf or dog. But we still don't know if it is the dog. Why not tie it on and see what happens.

Mr. Best: That sounds like a good idea to me. Why don't we try that for a while. Marjorie, you'll be responsible for tying your dog on. If he gets loose and causes any more trouble we'll deal with that later.

SCENE 4

CLASSROOM _ Wake-a-thon

(As scene opens, Mr. Best is reading book. Students stand around)

Bev: I'm sure glad sir let us have this wake-a-thon tonight.

Amy: Yah, me too. It's the first time I ever stayed at the school all night. If I stay awake all night, I'll get \$20.00.

Robin: If I stay awake I'll get \$17.52

Joey: Big Whoop!

Mike: Yeah, but we've got to stay awake first, cause I can remember the last time I got sick!

Mr. Best: That's a night I'll never forget. Let's not see a repeat of that Michael.

Michael: No, sir!

Amy: I'd get sick too if I ate that many hot dogs.

Mike: Don't worry about it - I ate them not you!

Bev: Hey, guys, want to listen to some music?

Others: Yeah!

(Bev goes to turn on tape)

Joey: Come on sir, let's boogie!

Mike: Let's get the rhythm of the music, sir.

(Students dance around room, mock, singing, etc.)

Amy: (bumps herself) Ouch!

Bev: Did you hurt yourself? (stops dancing) Look at the guys!
(points) (Goes and turns down tape)

Amy: You guys are getting crazier every minute.

Bev: Come on, Amy. Let's split this scene and go get some air.

Mr. Best: Where do you two think you're going?

Amy: We need some air.

Bev: And the boys are driving me crazy! (covers ears)

Mr. Best: Go on then but don't be long!

Mike: You're cruising for a bruising.

(Girls return screaming)

Mr. Best: What is it?

Bev: There's something out there!

Amy: It was after us.

Bev: It's a wolf!

Amy: It's a dog!

Bev: Wolf!

Amy: Dog!

Mr. Best: Calm down! Okay boys, let's go check it out.

(All exit)

SCENE 5

2ND PUBLIC MEETING (People enter and talk among themselves)

Marjorie: The one I'm made at is Bob! There he is!

(Everyone rushes to teacher)

Evelyn: I want to have a word with you!

Donna: Me, too.

Mr. Best: I know you're all angry but I think we can settle this matter together. Please have a seat. (Everyone sits) We will try to come up with a peaceful settlement.

(Hooker enters)

Hooker: This is the only way to settle it - with a gun!

Donna: Calm down, now Hooker dear!

Marjorie: I don't know why you want to kill my dog. Killer is innocent!

Donna: Your dog had our children terrorized at the school wake-a-thon last night.

Evelyn: Yes! Bob you were chaperoning our kids last night. Why don't you tell us what happened?

Marjorie: Yes, please do - I've heard a dozen different stories about what happened last night and you know how kids exaggerate.

Mr. Best: Well, two of the children went outside for some fresh air - they came running in all frightened. I calmed them down and went out to check the situation.

Duffy: What did you find?

Mr. Best: There was a large animal out there - it looked like Marjorie's dog. I threw a boot at it but it got away. I did notice that it had shiny greenish eyes.

Evelyn: That settles it - it was a wolf! Marjorie had her dog tied on last night.

Donna: Tied on, my foot. I saw Killer on the loose last night!

Marjorie: I must admit, Killer did break his chain last night. But I still don't think it was him that caused all the trouble. Why Evelyn, didn't you say your mother saw a wolf last night?

Evelyn: Yes, my mother is 72 years old and has trouble sleeping. She got up last night to get a drink of water and saw what she thought was a wolf out by the door!

Hooker: Your mother certainly doesn't have 100% eyesight anymore.

Duffy: When I went out this morning my garbage was all over the place. I should have known Killer was loose again.

Donna: And Hooker there left the shed door open and something got at our winter supply of dried fish. It was torn out all over the place - there's no doubt it's some kind of animal.

Duffy: We can't have the dog going around like that - we'll have to kill it.

Mr. Best: How many of you think the dog should be killed?

Marjorie: I can't believe it! You wouldn't kill my dog without proof.

Mr. Best: We'll have to vote on it. Those who think the dog should be killed, please raise your hands.

(Everyone raises their hand)

Marjorie: I can't believe you people are doing this! (Runs out).

SCENE 6

WOODS

Hooker: I'm sure glad Marjorie told you where she had her dog tied on.

Evelyn: Yes, but she still thinks it's a wolf.

Hooker: There was no trouble in Mud Lake until that dog got loose.

Evelyn: I guess you're right. (Points) There's the dog.

(Hooker aims gun)

Evelyn: Oh, I can't believe we're doing this. (Covers her eyes).

Hooker: Well, in just a moment it will be good-bye Killer.

(Wolf howls)

Evelyn & Hooker: Oh, my God! Marjorie was right!

THE END