

Act I:

Muscle-powered Pest Patrols

Scene: Your backyard, early summer

Actors:

- 2 dandelion diggers
- 2 bucket finders,
- 2 bat house makers

Actions:

- The **dandelion diggers** are using hand tools to dig out dandelions. As they dig, they comment on seeing earthworms and also honey bees. They see two friends/siblings and ask them to go find a bucket for the dandelions.
- The **bucket finders** find a bucket in the window well. The bucket has standing water in it and they comment that they'd better dump out the water because it could be a breeding place and contain mosquito larvae. A crack in the foundation is revealed when they move the bucket. They say they will get their parent to repair the crack.
- The **bat house makers** are nailing up a bat house and comment that they hope bats will come to live there and eat mosquitoes in the yard.

Act II: Chemical Pest Patrols

Scene I: Neighbor's backyard
early summer

Actors:

- 2 workers from Pest B-Gone, a chemical lawn care company
- 2 ball players
- 3 tag players
- 1 crawling baby
- 1 little sister

Scene II: Coming indoors
after playing

Actions: Scene I:

- The **Critter Ridders from Bugpesters Company** put on protective garb, spray the whole yard, and put a "Caution: Pesticides" sign on the sprayed grass.
- The **Ball Players** come out and practice. The sign tips over when the ball hits it.
- The **3 tag players** come out in the grass to play tag. One comments on a robin in the lawn, digging worms. The three start a game of tag and end up falling down in grass and rolling and giggling.

Actions: Scene II: They're coming in from playing.

- Two **ball players** put balls/bats away in garage. They wipe feet on doormat and remove shoes at door of the home, go inside, wash hands after playing outside, get apples and wash them carefully before eating them.
- **Tag players** rush into house, drop jackets or sweaters on the floor, get apples out of refrigerator and start eating them.
- One tag player kicks shoes off and **little sister** quickly puts them on for dress-up.
- **Baby** crawls in and crawls on the jacket and puts fingers in mouth.