

Booktalk!

Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot Script

For this Book Talk you will need:

- 5 actors: Ricky Ricotta, Dr. Stinky McNasty, Robot, 2 Boys
- For Ricky: striped red t-shirt, grey cargo shorts, black shoes, eyeglasses, mouse ears, backpack
- For Dr. McNasty: black pants, black shoes, white lab coat, black eye patch (over right eye), dark rubber gloves, remote control, mouse ears
- For Robot: red shirt, grey pants, knee pads, elbow pads, gloves, white sunglasses, mouse ears
- For boys: jeans, t-shirts, mouse ears
- Additional props: basketball, several closed cardboard boxes, copy of *Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot*



Ricky: *(slumped over and walking across the stage with a backpack on his back and a basketball in his hand)*

2 Boys: *(together, in a friendly voice)* Hey, Ricky. Wanna shoot some hoops?

Ricky: *(smiling brightly)* Sure, guys! *(tossing the ball to one of them)*

2 Boys: *(throwing the ball only to each other and snickering; Ricky between them, trying to join in the fun, then realizing they're just teasing him)*

Ricky: *(sounding frustrated)* Hey, let ME play. Stop that! *(Boys laughing as they continue passing the ball between them, then running offstage)*

Ricky: *(calling after them)* Hey, guys – my ball! *(the ball rolls back onstage at Ricky)*

Ricky: *(turning to audience, sounding defeated)* I wish I wouldn't get picked on every day. *(bouncing ball once for emphasis)* I wish I weren't so lonely. *(bouncing ball twice)* I wish I had a friend *(taking ball and ducking down off to the side of stage when he hears voices approaching)*

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(Robot and Dr. McNasty enter at the front of the stage; Dr. McNasty has a remote in his hand; Robot is picking up cardboard boxes and throwing them around)

Dr. McNasty: *(commanding Robot) DESTROY SQUEAKYVILLE! Mwa-ha-ha! (laughing like a mad scientist)*

(Ricky standing up slowly, still hiding somewhat but catching the Robot's eye)

Robot: *(stopping his rampage with cardboard box in mid-air as he spies Ricky; slowly setting box down and shaking head and frowning while staring down Dr. McNasty)*

Dr. McNasty: *(angrily, to Robot) You WILL destroy Squeakyville!*

Robot: *(still frozen in place, shaking his head again)*

Dr. McNasty: *(smugly) Defy my instructions, will you? Well I'LL have to teach YOU a lesson! (aiming the remote control at Robot and pushing a button)*

Robot: *(beginning to shake as if being zapped by the remote control that Dr. McNasty is aiming at him)*

Ricky: *(suddenly jumping out from the shadows and shouting) NO!*

Dr. McNasty: *(startling and dropping remote, then bending down, picking up the 'broken' remote and yelling) Rats, rats, RATS! (pointing a threatening, gloved finger at Ricky) How DARE you interfere with my plan! Just you wait! You haven't seen the last of Dr. Stinky McNasty; I SHALL return! (exiting the stage)*

Robot: *(walking over to Ricky and patting him on the head)*

Ricky: *(smiling sadly at Robot) Looks like you and I both have bully problems. (brightening as he comes up with an idea) Hey...we should team up! (Ricky showing Robot how to fist bump) That evil Dr. McNasty may have a plan, but you and I are going to come up with a plan of our own! Come on...*



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(Ricky and Robot fist bump, again, then exit the stage; enter Dr. McNasty)

Dr. McNasty: *(Turning to audience and laughing maniacally) Mwahahaha! A plan?! THEY have a plan? (Frowning then continuing in a serious tone) Can Ricky and MY obviously USELESS Robot, actually save the people of Squeakyville from the likes of ME? The only way you'll find out is by getting your hands (holding up a copy of Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot) on a copy of Ricky Ricotta's Mighty Robot – available at your Scholastic Book Fair. (laughing maniacally, again, while exiting the stage) Mwahahaha!*

