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COASTERBOY!

-THE MUSICAL-

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There is a large gate on the centre of the stage, with a large sign saying "due to malicious behavior, this park will not be opening today". As the houselights fade, and the overture starts, park staff and guests appear at the gate and look annoyed.

SCENE 1: THE ENTRANCE GATES OF CEDAR POINT, OHIO.

ENSEMBLE:

COASTERBOY!
COASTERBOY!
HE'S THE ONE WHO DOES ANNOY!
COASTERBOY!
COASTERBOY!
HE'S THE ONE WHO DOES DECOY!
HE'S THE ROLLER-GHOST AT OUR
ROLLERCOAST!

The CEO of Cedar Point enters and makes an announcement.

CEO:

I'M THE PARK'S CEO.
AND THERE'S ONE THING YOU
SEE WE KNOW,
IS THAT COASTERBOY IS ON THE
LOOSE!
SO THERE REALLY IS NO USE
IN OPENING THE PARK TODAY!

One of the park's guests steps up to complain.

PARK GUEST #1:

Aww, come on, man! You gotta open
the park!

CEO:

IT'S NOT A RISK I'M WILLING TO TAKE!
I REALLY THINK IT'S A GRAVE MISTAKE
IF WE OPEN THE DOORS TODAY!

(to himself)

Even if I do have that broadcast
happening today...

The sign on the locked and bolted gates fizzles away, and the gates swing open by themselves. A ghostly, but lisping, voice echoes around the park. This is the voice of COASTERBOY - a teenage nerd who haunts the park and causes accidents to guests who don't know stat's and figures of rollercoasters.

COASTERBOY:

Cedar Point is open for your
enjoyment. Commence the running
of the bulls!

The gates glide off the stage; rollercoasters, food stalls and flat rides come into view and the punters run up and get in line.

ENSEMBLE:

"MILLENNIUM FORCE"
FIRST OF COURSE!
THEN TRANSFER TO
"TOP THRILL DRAGSTER".
THEN RIGHT THROUGH TO
"CORKSCREW".
CAN'T MISS THE
"WICKED TWISTER".
THEN THE
"RAPTOR".
THEN IT'S
"MANTIS".
THEN SHRIEK ON
"MEAN STREAK".
LOOK AT THAT
"WILD CAT"!

SIT IN THE
"CEDAR CREEK MINE"
IN A COASTER WAGON!
UP SEVENTY-SIX FEET YOU CLIMB
WHILST ON
"IRON DRAGON"

YOU'VE GOT "GEMINI" AND IT'S JUNIOR.
IN FACT THERE ARE MORE COASTERS HERE
THAN ANY OTHER PLACE IN THE WORLD.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE AT THIS JOINT;
IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE AT
CEDAR POINT!
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA, WHOA!
OH YEAH!

COASTERBOY enters. He is dressed in a Six Flags hat and Disneyworld T. Shirt and uses a Cedar Point Poncho as a cape.

COASTERBOY:
 RIDE ONCE AGAIN WITH ME
 ONE MORE COASTER.
 COAST FROM COAST WITH ME
 AND LET ME BOAST THE
 AMOUNT OF RIDES I HAVE BEEN ON!
 THE LIST, IT SUBSIDES ON AND ON,
 FOR I AM COASTERBOY!

I KNOW ALL THE STAT'S AND FIGURES
 OF ALL THE RIDES IN THE WORLD.
 I'M THE NERD YOU'VE HEARD SAY
 EV'RY TECHNICAL WORD
 WHEN TRIVIA IS UNHURLED!

COASTER NAMES AND LENGTHS
 I PROCLAIM TO BE MY STRENGTHS.
 WHEN IT COMES TO A SHOWDOWN
 YOU KNOW I'VE GOT THE LOWDOWN!
 YOUR BRAIN SHALL BE TWIRLED!

THERE WERE SO MANY FOOLS HERE
 IN THIS PARK,
 WHO WALKED AROUND
 IN THE DARK;
 NOT KNOWING WHERE THEY'RE GOING
 AND I PROVIDED A SPARK!

Two park guests enter and look up into the sky.

PARK GUEST #2:
 Wow, man, look at Millennium
 Force! That thing must
 be...like...two hundred feet
 high!

COASTERBOY:
 YOU LIE!
 YOU LIE!
 IT'S THREE HUNDRED FEET HIGH!
 DON'T YOU DO YOUR RESEARCH?!

PARK GUEST #2:
 DUDE!
 DON'T GET IN A LURCH!

COASTERBOY:
 ANYONE WITH HALF A BRAIN
 CAN SEE IT'S THREE TRAINS
 WITH NINE CARS PER TRAIN!

 WITH A TOP SPEED OF NINETY-THREE;
 MADE BY "INATMIN-AG".
 THE DROP IS EIGHTY DEGREES!
 NEED I SAY MORE?!

PARK GUEST #3:

No...please. Dude - get a life!
Shut up!

COASTERBOY:

AND THAT WAS THE RESPECT I WOULD GET.
BUT THAT WAS THEN,
AND THIS IS NOW;

AND NOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED.
I'M STUCK IN THE PARK, AND I'M
STUCK IN THE DARK AND I MAY HAVE
BECOME DERANGED.

MY KNOWLEDGE OF MECHANICS
OF THESE ATTRACTIONS
DON'T HOLD ME RESPONSIBLE
FOR THESE RIDE'S ACTIONS,

FOR EVERY TIME THEY BREAK DOWN,
AND THE "OPEN" SIGN THEY TAKE DOWN
THEY SIMPLY BLAME ME.

COASTERBOY sits at the edge of the stage. The rest of the park is shrouded in darkness, and silence haunts the park once more.

COASTERBOY:

All that happened was, I was so
obsessed with Cedar Point, I
started to live here - in the
underground tunnels that bury
underneath the park; it's not
just Disney that have
them...no...and in time, I became
more obsessed and more obsessed
with theme parks. I originally
had an idea for a podcast -
called "CoasterBoy Radio" until
my "friends" stole it from me.

At this point, a small light fades up on the right hand side of the stage, where a table with a tent over it has been set up. The logo "CoasterRadio.com" is across the top of the tent, and we see five guys (MIKE, GREG K, FLAVA, E.B AND MARIO) sitting at the table - setting up to do a podcast.

There are episodes of
CoasterRadio you've never heard -
because I featured in them. I
was, and still am, the smartest
one of them all - and would
always give stat's and figures
and the important facts!

(MORE)

COASTERBOY: (cont'd)
 Now all they talk about is
 theming and stuff. Once I left
 the show, and they started again,
 it grew in popularity - and they
 continuously made fun of me on
 it. I stopped listening to it in
 the end; I couldn't stand the
 heartache. So, from that day on -
 I've been living here waiting for
 them. My life's mission is clear,
 and that is to...

PRE RECORDED JINGLE:
 PODCASTING LIVE FROM CEDAR POINT,
 OHIO...THIS IS COASTERRADIO.COM!

MIKE:
 IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE
 AT CEDAR POINT,
 BECAUSE YOU SEE THE POINT OF
 COASTERRADIO,
 YOU KNOW
 IS TO BROADCAST FROM THE BEST...

FLAVA:
 (interrupting)
 AND THE REST...

MIKE:
 OF THE PARKS IN THE WORLD!

GREG:
 LOOKIN' DOWN THE MIDWAY,
 IT'S GREAT TO SAY
 THIS PARK HAS A REAL ATMOSPHERE!

MARIO:
 THE WEATHER'S COOL!
 THE RIDES SIMPLY RULE!

MIKE:
 AND EVERYONE IS HERE!

E.B:
 KIDS! WITH THEIR FAMILIES,
 AND THE TEENS WE DETEST!

MIKE:
 SINGLE RIDERS AND O.A.P'S
 JUST HAVING FUN...

FLAVA AND MARIO:
 ...AND ENJOYING THE SUN.

MIKE AND GREG:
 THIS IS WHAT WE LIKE TO SEE!

FLAVA, MARIO, MIKE, GREG AND E.B:
 DOO-BEE-DOO-WAH
 DOO-BEE-DOO-WAH, etc.

MIKE:
 We're broadcasting live from
 right under "The Corkscrew",
 ladies and gentlemen.

COASTERBOY has been watching from his spot. He hides to avoid catching the Coaster Radio crew. The lights black out on the Coaster Radio crew - and light up on Coasterboy.

COASTERBOY:
 (menacingly)
 I know they've talked about the movies "Rollercoaster" and "Final Destination Three" - now they're about to witness a rollercoaster crash for real! Right over their heads!

Pause

Wait...what am I thinking? In my madness I've forgotten that a rollercoaster cannot de-rail whilst upside down! Crap! Oh well. I shall employ Plan B.

Lights fade out on Coasterboy - and fade up on the Coaster Radio Crew.

MIKE:
 Yeah...so what do you guys think of Cedar Point?

FLAVA:
 (apprehensively)
 It's okay.

E.B:
 Hey...can you imagine if Coasterboy were here right now - he'd be like: "Thith ith the betht park in the entire univertth!"

FLAVA:
 Definitely!

COASTERBOY creeps up behind the crew and pops up.

COASTERBOY:
 This is the best park in the universe!

COASTERBOY grabs a microphone and knocks all the Coaster Radio crew on the head with it - knocking them all unconscious.

Aww - they've been knocked out by "mic". Oh - I crack myself up sometimes!

THE TIME HAS COME AT LAST
TO HAVE MY OWN PODCAST.
DOWN TO THE LAYER WE'LL DESCEND,
SHALL WE MY FRIENDS?

TO CONTINUE WITH THE SHOW;
TO CROWN ONCE AGAIN:
COASTERRADIO!

SCENE 2: THE UNDERGROUND LAYER OF COASTERBOY.

The dark catacombs of Coasterboy are revealed - as the lights on stage fade up - to be donned with photos of rollercoasters, and other various theme park memorabilia items.

There is a river parting down the middle of the catacomb, and on this river - COASTERBOY and his unconscious captives are sailing. COASTERBOY is singing

COASTERBOY:
YO-HO! YO-HO! A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR
ME!
...NO-ONE KNOWS THE REST OF THE
SONG!
A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME! HEY!

Welcome, foolish mortals, to my
humble abode!

COASTERBOY removes his captives from the boat and places them at his own mixing desk. There is a CoasterBoy Radio logo underneath the desk, and on "On Air-Time" light on the wall behind the desk. His captives soon begin to awake - one by one.

GREG:
(slowly)
What are we doing here?

COASTERBOY:
I thought I'd get back my show
you stole from me - and get the
glory and worldwide recognition I
deserve.

They try to move their arms - but they're stuck.

Oh yes - you're tied from behind;
don't try to move. Just sit and
let me present the show!

PRE RECORDED JINGLE:
PODCASTING LIVE FROM UNDERGROUND C-P
THIS IS COASTERRAD...

COASTERBOY:
Pardon?

PRE RECORDED JINGLE:
Sorry...

He adjusts his throat - and tries again.

PODCASTING LIVE FROM UNDERGROUND C-P
THIS IS COASTEBOY.COM!

COASTERBOY:
Thank you!

ALL MY LIFE
I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT,
CONTEMPLATED THIS MOMENT,
CREATED THIS MOMENT IN MY MIND.
AND NOW I'VE MATED THIS MOMENT,
I'M ELATED THIS MOMENT
HAS FINALLY ARRIVED.

I AM THE TRUE COASTERBOY!
THE TRUE PIONEER; THE REAL McCOY!
THE ONE YOU'LL HEAR AND ENJOY
MORE, THAN THE GUYS YOU'VE HEARD
BEFORE.

A telephone rings.

Oh - look! Coasterboy.com has
it's first caller!

COASTERBOY answers the telephone.

Hello?

On the phone is COASTERMOM - a frequent and devoted
listener of Coaster Radio.

COASTERMOM:
HI COASTER RADIO DOT COM
THIS IS COASTERMOM!
Mike - the gang - are you there?
We saw you get hurt!
(MORE)

COASTERMOM: (cont'd)
 Is everything okay?
 WE SAW YOU WERE KNOCKED OUT COLD!

COASTERBOY:
 HE'S FINE! PLEASE HOLD!
 TELL HER MIKE! THAT YOU'RE FINE!
 THERE'S NOTHING SHE CAN DO...
 YOU'RE JUST GIVING ME SOME AIR-TIME
 THAT'S - WELL - LONG OVERDUE!

MIKE is handed the phone.

MIKE:
 I'M NOT ONE TO SCREAM AND YELP!
 BUT PLEASE - HELP!

COASTERBOY grabs the phone again and speaks into it.

COASTERBOY:
 IGNORE HIS WIMPY WAILS!
 FOR SOON YOU'LL BE DEAD,
 AND IT WAS ONCE FAMOUSLY SAID
 THAT "DEAD MEN TELL NO TALES".

COASTERBOY hangs the phone up.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE
 TO CHANGE YOUR FATE.
 AN ULTIMATUM I'LL CREATE...
 Ladies and Gentlemen it's time for...
 "The Great Debate"

If you impress me with your knowledge
 - I will set you free. If you don't -
 you die! Like your precious
 "Rollercoaster" movie - there is a
 bomb planted on Millennium Force -
 which I will happily put you on and
 see you meet your maker.

The Coaster Radio crew look at each other, nervously.

FLAVA & MARIO:
 HOW CAN WE WIN AGAINST HIM?
 HE'S A GEEK OF THE HIGHEST
 DEGREE.

MIKE:
 I KNOW I'M KNOWLEDGEABLE
 BUT I'M HARDLY ABLE
 TO LIVE UP TO HIS SUPERIORITY!

E.B & GREG:
 WE NEED SOMEONE OF
 HIGHER AUTHORITY!

COASTERMOM and - her partner - KEVIN suddenly break into the scene. They are both proudly donning their ACER's T. Shirts.

COASTERMOM AND KEVIN:
 WE'RE MEMBERS OF ACE!
 AND WE SURELY ARE THAT!
 WHEN IT COMES TO TALKIN' COASTERS
 WE NAME EVERY STAT
 AT THE DROP OF A HAT!
 IN FACT - WE'RE THE FORUM'S
 MOST FREQUENT POSTERS!

COASTERMOM and KEVIN untie the Coaster Radio Crew.

COASTERMOM:
 We will test our wits against
 yours, Coasterboy. If we win,
 Mike and the gang stay alive. If
 you win - well, we don't need to
 say what'll happen because you're
 not going to win.

KEVIN:
 We will ask you one question and
 one question only about theme
 parks. Are you up to the
 challenge?

COASTERBOY:
 (slightly nervously)
 Yes.

KEVIN:
 We can ask you anything about
 coasters?

COASTERMOM:
 And you will know the answer?

COASTERBOY:
 I AM THE TRUE
 COASTERBOY!
 THE TRUE PIONEER
 THE REAL...

KEVIN:
 Yes, yes, okay - you've sung that
 bit already.

COASTERMOM:
 If you get this question right -
 you can keep the Coaster Radio
 brand - and everything that goes
 with it - including the old
 presenters.

FLAVA:
 (in dismay)
 What are you doing, Beth?

COASTERMOM:
 (whispering to FLAVA)
 We know what we're doing.

COASTERBOY:
 The anticipation is worse than
 waiting at the launch fins of a
 hydraulic launch coaster.

KEVIN:
 The question is: "What state have
 the Coaster Radio gang just
 returned from - after spending a
 month there?"

There is a long silence.

COASTERBOY:
 Oh - no! I stopped listening to
 Coaster Radio! I don't know the
 answer!.

COASTERMOM:
 Ha! We'll be off now!

COASTERMOM AND KEVIN:
 Never mess with ACER's!

They all - excluding COASTERBOY - leave the stage, leaving
 COASTERBOY alone to consider his actions.

COASTERBOY:
 BEATEN!
 BEATEN BY SOMEONE.
 HOW COULD IT BE THAT
 COASTERMON WON?

 I LOOK BACK AT THE PAST.
 AND QUESTIONS ARE ASKED;
 AND THE ANSWERS I NOW SEE.

 IF ONLY I'D LET THEM SPEAK
 INSTEAD OF ME
 MAKING THE MIXER LEVELS PEAK!

 MY WHINING VOICE
 STEAMING ON AND ON;
 IT'S NOT RIGHT WHEN IN A TEAM
 YOU BELONG!

 LET OTHER PEOPLE
 EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.
 (MORE)

COASTERBOY: (cont'd)
 AND YOU'LL BE VIEWED
 AS SOMEONE LESS CRUDE!

AS...

The ENSEMBLE appear holding candles.

COASTERBOY & ENS.:
 COASTERBOY!
 COASTERBOY!
 THE ONE WHO DID ANNOY!
 COASTERBOY!
 COASTERBOY!
 THE ONE WHO DID DECOY!

COASTERBOY:
 I'LL CHANGE MY WAYS
 IN A MATTER OF DAYS!
 YOU'LL HEAR ME BE PART OF A GROUP.
 I'VE GOT TO GET BACK
 INTO THE HOOP...

I know...

I'LL JOIN
 IN THE LOOP!

B L A C K O U T

SCENE 3: BOWS

MIKE:
 HE'S THE COASTERBOY!
 AND HE KNOWS MORE THAN YOU!

FLAVA:
 HE'S ON THE MESSAGE BOARDS,
 AND HE NEVER DOES GET BOARD
 BEING NASTY AND RUDE!

COASTERMOM:
 NO TIME FOR GIRLS.

KEVIN AND GREG:
 THEY GET IN THE WAY.

E.B AND MARIO:
 HE'S ONLINE EVERY NIGHT
 SO IT'S NOT BIG SURPRISE
 THE GUY'S NEVER GOT LAID!

ENSEMBLE:

WELL HE'S THE COASTERBOY!
AND HE'S THE BEST THAT THERE WAS!
SO LET'S CUT HIM SLACK,
SO HE CAN GET ON BACK
TO POSTIN' ON COASTERBUZZ!

ALL (APART FROM C.B AND
ENS.):

SO LET'S CUT HIM SLACK,
SO HE CAN GET ON BACK
TO POSTIN' ON COASTERBUZZ!

COASTERBOY:

I'M TRULY NOW PART OF A GROUP
I'VE GOT TO GET BACK
TO POSTIN' ON COASTERBUZZ!