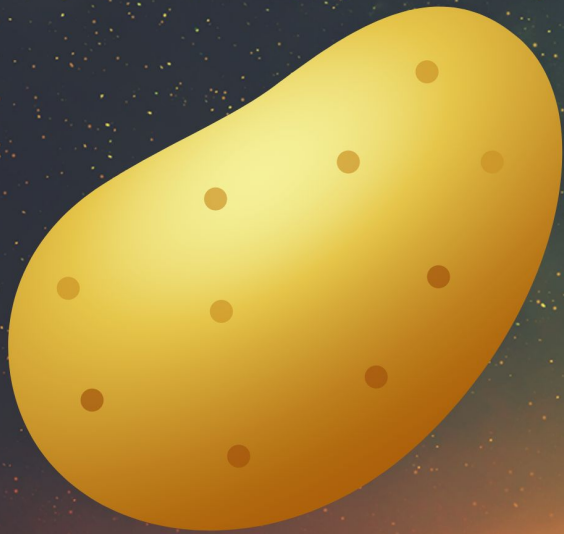


HOT SPUD



a play by Arnaud Cramoisan



Student roles

Student 1 (scene 6)

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The six student actors slowly get up to join the tourist, dressed like villagers.

S1: **We've never seen anything like this in Rock Hill!**

S2: We've never seen anything like this... **EVER!** *group reacts*

A1/Tourist: a simple description of SPUD (*depending on the costume*)

S3: What on earth is she talking about!

S2: She's sober, right? *Group reacts*

A1/Tourist: a simple description of SPUD (*depending on the costume*)

S1: **We don't want it around here!** *Group reacts*

S2: There goes our peace and quiet!

A1/Tourist: a simple description of SPUD (*depending on the costume*)

S1: **I bet it's those Americans again.** *Group reaction*

S3: They're going to invade!

S1: **The Americans?**

S2: No, the extra-terrestrials! They are going to eat our brains!

Group reaction

S3: Like on television! *Group reacts*

A1/Tourist: a simple description of SPUD (*depending on the costume*)
During this time, A2/Black Weirdo has come on stage. She rips the photo away from the tourist

The group moves away to let her pass and starts complaining about her behind her back. A2 has already started to compare the alien photo with the people in the audience, she does this for a bit then disappears.

Group reacts

S1: **She's not right in the head, that one!**

S2: Who does she think she is?

S3: She must be one of them! It's a conspiracy! Everyone get to safety! *Group reacts*

A3/Police comes on to calm everyone down and declares:

A3/Police: Come now, come now. Let us all calm down.

Student 2 (scene 6)

A1/Tourist: The whole room was trembling, from the floor to the ceiling. I was at the Potato Museum and... there was a bright light, smoke and then I saw it. Right in front of my very eyes. I saw it. It had a big head. A really big head, I am telling you! It's an Alien!

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A1/Tourist: a simple description of SPUD *(depending on the costume)*

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S2: She's sober, right? *Group reacts*

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Student 4 (scene 8)

A1/Commando: Kff... perfecto.

S4: **Where is the medical assistant?**

A2/Support worker comes on stage

A2/Support worker: I'm here Mr Johnson. What is it?

S4: **Where are we going?**

A2/Support worker: What day is it today, Mr Johnson?

S4: **That depends. What time is it?**

A2/Support worker: Today is Thursday, Mr Johnson. And Thursday is when we have our day out!

S4: **Ah yes, but when are we going to eat?**

A2/Support worker: We've just eaten Mr Johnson. Now it's time to sing!

S4: **Sing?**

A1/Commando: What? What did he say?

Student 4 (scene 9)

A2/Pub Landlord: The Alien!! It's the Alien!! In my pub. Police, there's an Alien!!

Student 4: **The Alien!!**

All Students: It's the Alien!!

A1/Commando: It's ok, he's... he's a friend!

A1/Commando: Thank you for a lovely afternoon, but we really must be going.

A1/Commando: Err... ok. It's all ok. Honestly!

Student 4: **The Alien... trans... form old people in to young people!**

Students: Eternal youth!

Student 5: Me too! I want to be young again!

Students: Me too!

They throw themselves on Spud shouting: I want to be young! I want to be young! except one who shouts I want to run because he hasn't understood what is going on

A1/Commando: Stop! Stop right now!

Commando being smart decides to play their game. She overacts being transformed in to a young person.

A1/Commando: Yes yes... the Alien has the power to give you eternal youth... it's true!

Students: Aaaah

A1/Commando: But, one after the other!

Students: Oooh

Student 5 (scene 9)

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Student 4: The Alien!!

All Students: It's the Alien!!

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Student 5 (scene 10)

A1/Commando: Ladies and gentlemen, SP... the... the Alien can't transform everyone at the same time.

Student 5: Me first!

A2/BW: I want ALIEN

A1/Commando: Yeah, like everyone else!

Student 5: One at a time!

A2/BW: You move out of my way.

A1/Commando: Hey! ... calm down, there is enough for everyone

A2/BW: I am Army. I am on mission

Student 5: What about me? I served in the 3rd Parachute Regiment, MADAME!

A2/BW: But...

Student 5: I was a General. A little bit of respect, young lady!

A2/BW: He...

Student 5: Stand to attention!

A2/BW: I...

Student 5: And that's an order!

Commando and Spud take this moment to get out.

All Students: The Alien! He has gone!!

A2/BW: WHERE IS ALIEN!!

Student 6 (epilogue)

A2: Thursdays are our favourite.

A3/Policeman: Good kids.

Student 6 gets up

S6: Hello, are you the Sheriff of Rock Hill?

A3/Policeman: Affirmative my boy/girl.

S6: Is it really true that there was an extraterrestrial here, a few months ago?

A3/Policeman: Maybe yes and maybe no...

S6: I have come all the way from France/Belgium/Italy
(depending on region) to find out the truth.

A3/Policeman: The truth is out there young man/lady.

S6: What do you mean?

A3/Policeman: If you want my opinion, all that was just a fantasy made up by the wrinklies... I mean, the old people and some tourists.

S6: But how do you explain the photo that was seen around the world?

A3/Policeman: Just an internet fuzz, isn't that what you young people say?

A1/Commando: Buzz.

A3/Policeman: That's it, fuzz. And believe me, it's a lot calmer around here without all that rubbish going on. Isn't that right, kids?

A1/Commando: Affirmative. We don't need anymore buzz in Rock Hill, we've got all that we need.

A2/Square: Rock Hill is a peaceful village in the middle of Ireland, nothing more, nothing less.

A1/Commando: You must visit the Spu... Potato museum.

A3/Policeman: Yeah... even if half of the collection was destroyed by... naughty little rascals.

S6: Ok... great... thanks for your advice.

A3/Policeman: Now then, if you don't mind, I have to take these two to the retirement home. They have work to do.

S6: Have a good day.

Before sitting down, S7 does a secret hand signal to both kids (the "Star Trek" sign for Square and a "my lips are sealed" sign for Commando)

A3/Policeman: Alright...