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Nine short plays  
by  
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*Student Plays* has comedies, dramas, “creepy” plays, and also Latino-themed plays. These are scripts that focus on Latino youth and the Latino experience. Any school can perform a Latino-themed play: it just requires a general introduction and basic exposure to the Spanish language, something that most schools and students already have.

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☞ In each play, the names of the characters may be changed, giving flexibility to the gender of each character. *Any* gender can play *any* of the characters. ☞

# The Witch Makes Five



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## Characters of the Play

<b>JOYCE</b>	High school student. Distraught. Agitated.
<b>ROD</b>	High school student. Nervous.
<b>STACIE</b>	High school student. Nervous.
<b>WORKER 1</b>	Either gender. Small role at the play's end.
<b>WORKER 2</b>	Either gender. Small role at the play's end.

The setting is a patient's room in a mental treatment center for the youth. JOYCE is a patient and is being visited by ROD and STACIE. She is wearing a hospital/facility gown or shirt. There are a few chairs, a small table with a telephone, and if possible, a bed or cot. Everyone is shaken and somewhat uncomfortable.

The time is the present, October, and there are several Halloween decorations hanging about. A witch face should be one of the decorations, prominently displayed.

This ten-minute spooky play is best suited for **middle school** or **high school**. The few allusions to “high school student” and so forth can easily be altered.

*ROD and JOYCE are seated, in the middle of discussion.*

**ROD:** Well, I'll tell you one thing.

**JOYCE:** What?

**ROD:** I'm never going camping again.

**JOYCE:** Man. No kidding!

**ROD:** And I'm also never going to go looking for *anything* in the middle of the woods. Stupid *StoneHouse*  
...

**JOYCE:** Well, let's be honest: something tells me the StoneHouse found *us*.

**ROD:** Tell me about it (*Beat.*) But you know what was really cool?

**JOYCE:** What?

**ROD:** Those wicked-looking pine trees! In the moonlight!

**JOYCE:** Don't start with the pine trees!

**ROD:** Seriously, Joyce. I wasn't going to mention it. But the way those needles silhouetted against the moon! Wow . . .

**JOYCE:** You are such a writer.

**ROD:** Come on, it was beautiful. We've got to find something positive out of all this. Right?

**JOYCE:** Um, I guess.

**ROD:** It was exotic.

**JOYCE:** Look. I don't want us to keep ignoring this. You know what we saw. Don't you?

**ROD:** Well . . . (*Uncomfortably*) I know what I *think* I saw.

**JOYCE:** You mean, you *know* what you saw.

**ROD:** Hmmph.

**JOYCE:** Come on, Stacie saw her too. Let's not pretend. Okay?

**ROD:** (*Quietly.*) Yeah. I know.

**JOYCE:** We all saw her. (*Beat. She is very distraught.*) But . . . Rod?

**ROD:** What?

**JOYCE:** You know what I absolutely *can't* pretend about that camping trip? I know we agreed to drop this for now. But Rod . . . there were four of us out there. *Four* of us!

**ROD:** Look, Joyce—

*(Enter STACIE, carrying a small bottle/can of juice. She sets it down.)*

**JOYCE:** *(Grabbing him by the arm.)* I know, I know. You guys think I lost it out in those woods. Both of you do!

**ROD:** I didn't say that!

**STACIE:** *(Groaning, at hearing the discussion)* Ughh!

**JOYCE:** But it was you, me, Stacie . . . and *Scottie!* Scottie was the one that organized the whole camping trip!

**ROD:** Joyce—

**JOYCE:** You guys have known him since that film class our freshman year! And I've known him for almost that long!

**STACIE:** Joyce? We know that you—

**JOYCE:** Oh, don't start, Stacie. I know what you're thinking! You've already said that I belong in here. That this place might be good for me for a little while.

**STACIE:** You know that I didn't mean it like that! Come on!

**JOYCE:** Whatever.

**ROD:** Joyce, it's just that we've already told you. We don't know a *Scottie!* We never have! It was you, Stacie and me! Three college idiots in the middle of the woods!

**STACIE:** Searching for something we never should have been looking for.

**ROD:** *(Slowly.)* Something . . . *happened* out there, Joyce. Something really bizarre.

**STACIE:** Right.

**ROD:** Something that affected you.

**JOYCE:** Stacie, you believe that we saw something. Don't you?

*(Pause. STACIE sits, and speaks slowly.)*

**STACIE:** Oh, yeah. Absolutely. I told you that I did. That face . . . I can't get it out of my brain.

**JOYCE:** Okay. So if you remember that, don't you remember how Scottie walked right up to that window? Holding that flashlight?? Scottie was the first one to see her!!

**STACIE:** Joyce, that didn't happen! *Rod* was holding the flashlight! There *was* no Scottie! There were only *three* of us out there, Joyce.

**JOYCE:** There were FOUR OF US!! Us three, and *Scottie!*

*(Pause.)*

And that . . . that *witch*. The witch makes five.

*(Off their look.)*

Don't look at me like that!

**ROD:** Joyce, take your medication.

**JOYCE:** Ughhh.

**STACIE:** Yeah, here's the juice.

**JOYCE:** I don't have the pills yet. The nurse should be bringing them in a minute.

**ROD:** Okay. Well . . . relax. You're okay.

**JOYCE:** And anyway, I need water. The doctor said not to take medication with juice.

**ROD:** I'll go get some water.

**STACIE:** Sorry, I'll get it.

**ROD:** No, it's fine, I got it. There's a fountain down the hall.

**JOYCE:** There are cups in the nurse's office.

**ROD:** Be right back.

**JOYCE:** Thanks, Rod.

*(Pause as he exits. JOYCE attempts to collect herself.)*

**JOYCE:** I'm sorry, Stacie.

**STACIE:** It's okay. Just try and stay calm.

**JOYCE:** I know. I know.

**STACIE:** You'll be out of this place in no time.

**JOYCE:** I hope . . . *(Pause. She sighs, looks around the room.)* Damn. Do they have to have these stupid Halloween decorations in here?

**STACIE:** Well, it *is* October.

**JOYCE:** I know . . . but sheesh. I'm already freaked out as it is.

*(Beat. Still distraught.)*

I apologize, Stacie. I'm just a wreck.

**STACIE:** It's fine.

**JOYCE:** No, I'm really a wreck. I'm eighteen years old and I had a nervous breakdown. What teenager does that?

*(Beat.)*

And my parents, wow, they're all upset. I had to practically beg them to leave this afternoon, to get away for a few hours. To go grab some dinner.

**STACIE:** I talked to your teachers. They all know you'll be out of school for a bit.

**JOYCE:** Aggh! My classes!

**STACIE:** It's fine. They understood. You'll be out of here soon. Your teachers don't know *exactly* what you're going through but they know that it's serious.

**JOYCE:** Well, what we went through *was* serious.

**STACIE:** Gosh . . . don't remind me. It's . . . the *explaining* part that's eventually going to be tough. For *all* of us.

*(Pause as they reflect.)*

**JOYCE:** I can still see her. Her face. Uggh. Those wrinkled, bony hands, holding that candle. So vicious and dark.

**STACIE:** *(Slowly.)* Nobody knows, Joyce. Nobody.

**JOYCE:** What??

**STACIE:** I didn't tell anyone. About her.

**JOYCE:** Are you serious? No one??

**STACIE:** I mean . . . how can I? My parents don't know, or anyone else. I don't know if I'll ever tell a single person. *(Slowly.)* I just don't want to . . .

**JOYCE:** . . . end up in here like I did?

**STACIE:** No. I didn't say that.

**JOYCE:** Well. You don't *have* to. It's all over your face.

**STACIE:** I'm sorry. I—

**JOYCE:** ( *Holding a hand up.*) Don't. It's fine. I understand.

*(Pause. They gather themselves, uncomfortably.)*

**STACIE:** Okay. Well. Yeah. Stupid StoneHouse.

**JOYCE:** I know . . .

**STACIE:** Stupid witch.

*(Beat. JOYCE attempts to lighten things up.)*

**JOYCE:** And Rod! Ha! Rod screamed like a little girl!

*(Pause as she laughs. STACIE stares at her in confusion.)*

**STACIE:** Who . . . ?

**JOYCE:** *Rod*, Stacie. Our friend.

**STACIE:** Who the heck are you talking about?

**JOYCE:** ROD!! (*She jumps up and paces in anger.*)  
Oh, what is HAPPENING here?? First Scottie, and now Rod??

**STACIE:** Joyce—

**JOYCE:** He's our *friend*, Stacie! He's down the hall, getting water for my medication!

**STACIE:** Who are you talking about?? Nobody came to visit you but me!!

**JOYCE:** You came with Rod!! Our goofball writer friend!! *Rod*, Stacie! We went camping with him this weekend!!

**STACIE:** Joyce, I don't know a *Rod!* Or a *Scottie!* You and me went camping, and you and me *only*.

**JOYCE:** No!

**STACIE:** Joyce, get a grip of yourself!

**JOYCE:** I've *got* a grip of myself! It's everybody else I'm worried about!! (*Tears down the witch decoration.*) I should have taken that down a long time ago!

**STACIE:** Look, I'm going to call one of the nurses.  
(*Moves to pick up the phone.*)

**JOYCE:** (*Calling down the hallway.*) ROD?? Rod, get in here! Rod!!

**STACIE:** *(On phone)* Hello . . ? Hello! I need help in Room 8!

**JOYCE:** ROD!

*(She exits, calling his name.)*

**STACIE:** Joyce, come back! *(Back on phone.)* Hello? Is anyone there?? Hello??

*(Pause.)*

Oh, yes, I am in room 8, and I really need your help! The patient here just ran out!

*(Pause.)*

What?? What do you mean, *there's no patient in this room??* Joyce Carol is in this room! Room 8!

*(Pause. She repeats herself.)*

Her name is Joyce Carol! I'm here visiting her! Hello? Did you hear me?? HELLO??

*(Slams the phone down. She turns to the hall way, and begins to exit.)*

JOYCE?? JOYCE!!

*(She runs out, calling her name. Long pause. Enter two workers from the other side of the stage. They are carrying a broom, cleaning materials, and a clipboard with papers.)*

**WORKER ONE:** You brought the dustpan, didn't you?

**WORKER TWO:** Yep. Right here.

**WORKER ONE:** Okay. Nobody's been in here for a few days so it's probably a little dusty.

**WORKER TWO:** Can't believe how quiet it's been all day.

**WORKER ONE:** I know. It's like a ghost town.

**WORKER TWO:** I wish it were always this quiet.

*(Pause.)*

How many do we have left to clean?

**WORKER ONE:** Two more. But they want this room ready by the morning, for a new patient.

**WORKER TWO:** Yeah.

**WORKER ONE:** *(Picking up the witch decoration.)*  
Looks like one of the decorations fell off the wall.

**WORKER TWO:** Ugghh. I've never liked witches.

**WORKER ONE:** Ha. I've always liked them. This needs to go back on the wall.

**WORKER TWO:** Mmmm. If you say so . . .

*(They continue working in silence. Lights fade.  
End of play.)*

# Raiders of the Lost Rakasa



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## Characters

<b>HUNTER</b>	Male. Adventurer. Leader of the group.
<b>CHRISTINE</b>	Female. Adventurer.
<b>MILTON</b>	Male. Adventurer.
<b>JENNY</b>	Female. Adventurer.
<b>LAMONICA</b>	Female. Easily scared.
<b>JOHN</b>	Male. Easily scared.
<b>SALLY</b>	Female. Easily scared.

The time is the present, the setting a large cave, somewhere far away. On the far side of the stage should be a simple pedestal or small altar, perhaps two or three feet high, with the “Rakasa” on top. The Rakasa is simply a book, wrapped in gold or silver paper; it, however, should *look* like a sacred idol.

Once it is wrapped, the shape should not resemble a book.

On the other side of the stage is an entry-way into the “cave.” The entry-way can be an easy arrangement of aluminum/plastic or pvc-tubing, four to five feet wide, draped in cobwebs or old torn sheets.

All of the characters are dressed in adventurer/explorer clothing, such as safari khakis, boots, straw fedoras, satchels, etc. CHRISTINE should have a small bag of sand.

An assortment of toy rubber snakes are needed for this play.

*The group is just outside the entry to the cave, about to enter.*

**HUNTER:** Okay. This is it! The entrance to the great Rakasa!

**LAMONICA:** Yeah! This is where the other guys cashed in.

**JOHN:** Huh? Who?

**MILTON:** You know, the other guys. The great explorers.

**CHRISTINE:** Pierre Pancake! José Javalina! Lana the Lasso!

**SALLY:** Oh yeah. Those dudes. But are we *all* going to go in there?

**HUNTER:** Of course. Come on.

**LAMONICA:** Uh . . . I'll stay here.

**MILTON:** What? Are you serious?

**LAMONICA:** Yep. I'll stand guard.

**JENNY:** Why??

**LAMONICA:** You know. In case someone comes.

**JOHN:** Me too.

**CHRISTINE:** You guys are scared!

**SALLY:** Yep. Hey, guilty as charged. I *know* I'm scared. I'm staying here too.

**HUNTER:** But come on! This is the Rakasa we're talking about!

**SALLY:** I don't care if it's all the lemon pie on the planet. It looks creepy in there.

**JOHN:** Very creepy!

**LAMONICA:** Yep.

**MILTON:** Okay. Whatever. (*To the others.*) You guys ready?

**HUNTER:** Yes!

**JENNY:** Let's do this. Come on!

**HUNTER:** Okay . . . here we go.

**LAMONICA:** I'll say a prayer!

**JOHN:** I'll say two!

**SALLY:** I'll say three!

**CHRISTINE:** Oh, hush!!

*(They enter the cave slowly. LAMONICA, JOHN, and SALLY all quietly exit.)*

**JENNY:** Wow. It's dark.

**MILTON:** No kidding.

**HUNTER:** Okay . . . go slow. Easy.

**CHRISTINE:** I can't believe I traveled 4000 miles for *this*.

**MILTON:** I know. Mosquito bites. Mud and sweat!

**JENNY:** No hot baths. No television!

**CHRISTINE:** No "Desperate Housewives"!

**HUNTER:** Stop! Come on, look. *(Pointing ahead.)*  
Do you guys see it?

**CHRISTINE:** Yep. Is that it?

**HUNTER:** That's it! The great Rasaka! Come on. Be careful where you walk. Don't step in the red areas.

**JENNY:** Why not?

**HUNTER:** Because if you do, poison darts will fly out of the walls!

**MILTON:** What??

**HUNTER:** Come on, didn't you see the movie??

**CHRISTINE:** Oh, yeah! The poison darts.

**HUNTER:** Come on, keep moving.

**JENNY:** This is not what I bargained for!!

**MILTON:** No kidding!

*(Beat. He notices something on the floor.)*

Wait . . . what is that?

**JENNY:** It's . . . oh no.

**MILTON:** It's . . .

**HUNTER:** *(With great anguish.)* Snakes. Why did it have to be snakes??

**CHRISTINE:** Ohh!!

**MILTON:** Uggh!

**HUNTER:** Wisconsin vipers. Very dangerous.

**JENNY:** Go around them!

*(They begin to do so.)*

**MILTON:** That one is huge!!

**HUNTER:** Careful!

**CHRISTINE:** Ugghhh!

**HUNTER:** Okay . . . boy, those things are ugly.

**MILTON:** Yes they are!

**JENNY:** *(Focusing on the Rakasa.)* Look: there it is!  
The great Rakasa!

**HUNTER:** Okay, we have to grab it carefully . . . do  
you have that bag, Christine?

**CHRISTINE:** *(Hands him the bag of sand)* Yep. Right  
here.

**HUNTER:** Okay. Wow . . . here we go.

**MILTON:** Yes! We are finally doing this!

**JENNY:** I know!

**HUNTER:** *(Preparing to swap the Rakasa with the bag of sand)* Okay . . . one . . two . . three . .

*(Pause as he swaps the two. Everybody breathes a sigh of relief.)*

**CHRISTINE:** That's it!

**MILTON:** Yeah! You did it!

**JENNY:** I can't believe it was that easy!

**HUNTER:** I know! Wow!

*(A low rumbling noise is suddenly heard. The sound quickly becomes louder.)*

**HUNTER:** Wait . . maybe it *wasn't* that easy!

**CHRISTINE:** What is that noise? What's happening?

**JENNY:** The temple is coming down!

**MILTON:** No!!

**HUNTER:** Go! Run!

**CHRISTINE:** Aghh!

*(They all run back to the entrance, screaming, dodging the snakes, diving and tumbling through the entry to the cave. LAMONICA, JOHN, and SALLY run over to meet them.)*

**MILTON:** Agghhhh!!!

**CHRISTINE:** Ohhh!!

**HUNTER:** Boy, they don't come any closer than that.

**JENNY:** Amen to that!!

**JOHN:** Guys! What happened??

**JENNY:** The temple came crashing down!

**MILTON:** Yeah, it was epic!

**SALLY:** You guys got the Rakasa?

**HUNTER:** Yep. Right here.

**SALLY:** Sweet!

**LAMONICA:** Wow, there it is.

**JOHN:** Man! The Rakasa!

(*HUNTER begins to remove the paper/  
wrapping.*)

**SALLY:** What are you doing?

**HUNTER:** I'm opening it! What do you think I'm doing??

**JENNY:** That, uh, comes off . . . ?

**HUNTER:** Yep.

**LAMONICA:** Whaa . . . ?

**JOHN:** Okay, this does *not* look good.

**MILTON:** What is that? It's . . . *español*?

**JENNY:** Huh?

**SALLY:** A Spanish book?

**HUNTER:** Si! The great Rakasa! Aquí está! A Spanish book! Mira . . .

(*Opening it, reading the inside.*)

"Ándeale. Buenas tardes. Por favor!!"

**CHRISTINE:** We came 4000 miles for *this*?

**MILTON:** A Spanish book?

**HUNTER:** Not *just* a Spanish book! The Rakasa!!

**JOHN:** I can't believe this!

**SALLY:** Does anybody else want to strangle him besides me??

**LAMONICA:** *(Suddenly sees something in the distance.)* Guys, look!

**CHRISTINE:** What?

**JOHN:** *(Also looking off in the distance.)* Who is that?

**HUNTER:** The Indians!

**JENNY:** Who??

**HUNTER:** The Indians!! This is the part where they chase us!!

**LAMONICA:** Oh yeah! Come on, let's get out of here! Back to the plane!

**HUNTER:** Run!

*(Everyone except for JOHN begins to flee in the same direction.)*

**JENNY & SALLY:** Agghhh!!

**CHRISTINE:** Go! Go!

**MILTON:** To the airplane!

**JOHN:** Guys?? Wait!!

*(They all stop and turn to face JOHN.)*

**CHRISTINE:** What?

**SALLY:** What is it??

**HUNTER:** Come on!! Hurry!

**JOHN:** *(Pointing in the other direction.)* The plane is  
THAT WAY!!

**ALL except for JOHN:** AGGHHH!!

*(They begin to run in the other direction,  
stumbling and screaming. End of play.)*