

(UNDERDRAWERS goes.)

(As the lights shift or curtains open, STUDENTS, URSA, and SHAPE [but not ED] fill up the classroom scene. DAVE and HARMONICA rush on.)

DAVE. Hurry up, Sally, or we'll be late for Professor Shape's class in Witches' Brews.

(The three of them dash into the classroom set.)

Start → SHAPE. So, once again, the Tremendous Trio from Goodydrops feels no obligation to be on time to my class. I'm deducting five points from Goodydrops House, taking away one of your gold stars, and moving you from the Blue Birds group back down to Sparrows.

HARMONICA. Now you're just being vindictive and venomous.

SHAPE. Oh, thank you for reminding me. I need to pick up more vindictiveness venom from the apothecary. Now, shall we begin? Today we shall brew a substance so magical that, when applied to the hair, will cleanse it of all dirt and built-up oils. Truly a miraculous creation. Monkeysunkles would give their right arms for it.

SALLY. Um, but Monkeysunkles do have that. It's called shampoo.

SHAPE. Oh, well do they have brews that will make your skin soft and supple, or protect it from the sun's rays? How about this brew that magically freshens breath, or this one that has the amazing power to suppress a cough?

SALLY. Yes, you can buy all those things at your local Walgreens!

SHAPE. Thirty points away from Goodydrops! And I'm taking away that scratch and sniff sticker that says "Grape Job" and replacing it with a banana-scented one that says "You Slipped Up!" Now, who can tell me the active ingredient in the Partada Solution?

(HARMONICA thrusts her hand in the air.)

~~SHAPE. (Ignoring her, she points elsewhere:) You!~~

~~STUDENT 2. Um...eye of newt?~~

~~SHAPE. Wrong! You?~~



**STUDENT 3.** Wing of bat?

**SHAPE.** Wrong! You?

**STUDENT 4.** Honeysuckle knuckle?

**SHAPE.** Don't make me laugh. Ursa...do you have any ideas?

**URSA.** Well, I wasn't able to study last night, professor, because I was too busy feeling superior to everyone else.

**SHAPE.** Excellent use of your time. Ten points, two gold stars, and a little peppermint candy to Slymything House.

**DAVE.** Well this is just barmy and daft!

(CENSOR enters.)

**CENSOR.** Ah, ah, Dave, what did we say about using too much British slang?

**DAVE.** I mean...this, like, totally stinks, dude.

**CENSOR.** Much better.

**SHAPE.** You there! What are you doing interrupting my class?

**CENSOR.** I was just passing through.

**SHAPE.** Surely if it's so important for you to interrupt my lesson, then you should stay and try to learn something.

**CENSOR.** ...All right.

(CENSOR sits.)

**SHAPE.** Active ingredient in Partada Solution. Anyone? Well, if nobody knows the answer...

**HARMONICA.** I do! I do! I've had my hand up for ages! Validate me! Validate me!

**SHAPE.** Fine. Harmonica, what is the active ingredient in the Partada Solution?

**HARMONICA.** The root of the bubblebutt bulb plant.



~~HARMONICA. Forty minutes over a medium flame, or until the foam starts to look like the cast of "Everybody Loves Raymond."~~

SHAPE. And why do you call it Partada Solution?

HARMONICA. Because if you're not Partada Solution, you're Partada Problem.

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SHAPE. *(Under duress:)* ...Very well...five points awarded to Goodydrops...and Harmonica can be the milk monitor for snack time all next month. Is there anything you don't know?