



The Three B's

Characters: Emily, Alysha, Miss Ho Daisy, Anita, Iris Big Dollar, Hammer Billy, Bart, Bax

Synopsis: Bitty, Bart and Bax are triplets. It is their first day at school. Miss Ho welcomes them. But out in the playground Big Dollar and Hammer are waiting for them. At first the three boys think Big Dollar and Hammer are being friendly. Big Dollar warns the brothers that there are bad boys in the playground. He offers to protect the boys at a special price, only a hundred dollars a week for the three of them. The boys pay after Hammer has demonstrated his strength. Daisy asks Big Dollar for the money. He does not want to give it to her but she insists. Daisy walks off with the money to go and buy some make up leaving Big Dollar and Hammer to go and extort some more money from some other schoolboys.

Scene 1

(SFX: Students chattering)

Alysha: I wonder who those three boys are?

Emily: Those boys over there?

Alysha: Yes.

Emily: I don't know... maybe they've come to the wrong class by mistake,

(SFX: Students chattering)

Daisy: Hey Iris, Anita, who are they?

I & A: Who Daisy?

Daisy: Those three boys sitting over there.

I & A: We don't know Daisy.

Daisy: Go and ask.

I & A: Ask? But we're shy Daisy.

Daisy: Hey, do as I say... Go and ask.... NOW.

I & A: Okay Daisy.

(SFX: More classroom chattering)

I & A: (They clear their throats together and at the same time) Excuse me...

B & B & B: Yes.

I & A: Um... our friend Daisy wants to know who you are.

B & B & B: We're new... Who are you?

I & A: Iris and Daisy.

B & B & B: Which one's Iris and which one is Anita?

Iris: She's Anita.

Anita: And she's Iris.

I & A: What are your names?

B & B & B: Our names? Well...

Billy: I'm Billy.

Bart: I'm Bart.

Bax: And I'm Bax.

B & B & B: Billy Bart and Bax.

I & A: (Giggling) Billy, Bart and Bax! (giggling) How funny... all your names begin with B.

B & B & B: That's right.

I & A: (Giggling) Let's go and tell Daisy.

B & B & B: Bye girls.

I & A: Bye. (They giggle)

B & B & B: Why do those girls always talk at the same time... (slight pause) Beats me.

(SFX: Classroom chatter)

Daisy: So who are they?

I & A: Billy, Bart and Bax.

Daisy: What?

I & A: Billy Bart and Bax,

Daisy: Are you trying to have a little joke with me? Because if you are, I warn you... I'm not in the mood.

I & A: We're not joking Daisy... that's their names... they told us.

Daisy: Stupid names.

I & A: They're cute.

Daisy: Rubbish, they're stupid and they've got stupid names. Now stop saying their cute.

I & A: Yes Daisy... sorry Daisy.

Daisy: And stop saying everything at the same time.

I & A: Yes Daisy.

Daisy: But you just did it again!

I & A: What Daisy?

Daisy: You spoke at the same time.

I & A: Did we?! Sorry Daisy.

Daisy: I might as well tie you up together so you can go everywhere together... you can even go to the toilet together!

I & A: Whatever you say Daisy. Oh look... here comes Miss Ho.

(SFX: Students chattering)

Miss Ho: Good morning class.

I & A: Good morning Miss Ho, Now before we begin our class to-day I'd like to introduce you to three new members of our class... this is their first day to-day so I want you to give them a warm welcome.

Daisy: (Under her breath) It's those three stupid boys.

Miss Ho: Could you come out to the front boys.

Daisy: (To herself) Hmm... three more customers for Big Dollar's protection..

Miss Ho: Now then... names... First Bax.

Billy: I'm Billy Miss.

Miss Ho: Sorry... Billy... So this is Billy...

Billy: Hello.

Miss Ho: And THIS is Bax,

Bart: No, I'm Bart Miss.

Miss Ho: Bart, right. So this is Billy and this is Bart and so... this must be Bax!

Bax: Yes Miss.

Miss Ho: Billy, Bart and Bax.

B & B & B: Yes Miss.

Daisy: (To herself) What stupid names.

I & A: (Giggle)

Miss Ho: Boys. Welcome to our school.

B & B & B: Thank you Miss.

Alysha: The three B' s... that1 s what I'll call them... the three B' s.

Emily: Good idea.

Miss Ho: And did you know class... Billy, Bart and Bax are brothers.
Daisy: Stupid brothers,
I & A: (Giggle)
Miss Ho: Do you know what we call three children born at the same time?
Alysha: (Holding up her hand eagerly) Miss.. Miss!
Miss Ho: Yes Alysha,
Alysha: Triplets.
Miss Ho: Triplets, that's right,
Daisy: (Under her breath) Huh, how can they all come out at the same time...
their mother would burst.
I & A: (Giggle)
Miss Ho: Now I want you all to be very nice to your new classmates... show
them what a nice friendly school we are.
All: Yes Miss Ho.

Scene 2

Daisy: There they are.
Big Dollar: Mmm... three new boys.... everyone will be wanting their money.
Hammer... we should offer them our protection.
Hammer: Yes Boss,
Daisy: Don't they look stupid.
Big Dollar: Yeah... three dummy boys,
Hammer. (Laughing) Yeah, dummy boys.
I & A: We think they're cute!
Daisy: Shut up Iris, shut up Anita, who cares what you two think anyway. And
stop speaking at the same time!
I & A: Yes Daisy.
Daisy: So what are you waiting for Big Dollar... go and welcome the new
boys to our school.
Big Dollar: Come on Hammer... let's go,

(Pause, SFX: Playground noises)

Scene 3

Billy: This is a nice school isn't it.
Bart: Yes, really friendly.
Bax: Nice people.

Big Dollar: Hello boys.
B & B & B: Hello.
Bax: Wow... everyone just keeps coming up and talking to us.
Bart: Just so friendly.
Billy: Cool school.
Big Dollar: Sure... we're all nice and friendly here... aren't we Hammer.
Hammer: Yes Boss, anything you say Boss.
Big Dollar: By the way, this is my mate Hammer
B & B & B: Hi Hammer.
Hammer: What shall I say Boss?
Big Dollar: Say Hi back.
Hammer: Hi.
B & B & B: Hi.
Bart: Wow, you're a big guy Hammer,
Bax: Yeah, how did you get to be so tall?
Billy: What's the air like up there?
Hammer: What shall I say Boss?
Big Dollar: Whatever.
Hamm: Okay... 'whatever.'
B & B & B: (Laughing) Hey, that's funny.
Hammer: What they laughing at Boss?
Big Dollar: You Hammer.
Bart: Yeah, you're funny.
Billy: Hilarious.
Bax: You should be on the stage.
Hammer: Boss I don't like this... can I hit them.
B & B & B: (All laugh)
Hammer: (Hurt) They're doing it again Boss.
Bart: (Laughing) Stop, stop... I can't take anymore.
Bax: (Laughing) You're so funny!
Billy: (Laughing) Where did you learn to be so funny?
Bax: (Laughing) And his name....
B & B & B: Hammer, (all laugh)
Bax: (Laughing) How d'you get a name like that?!
Hamm: Because I like hitting people with Hammers.
B & B & B: (Lll laugh uproariously)
Bax: (Through his laughter) he likes hitting people with hammers.
Bart: (Through his laughter) That's so funny.

Billy: (Through his laughter) I love this new school, it's a blast!
Hammer: (Hurt) Do something Boss I They keep laughing at me.
Big Dollar: Okay, okay, okay.... now settle down a bit boys and listen to me.
B & B & B: Sure.
Bax: Hey.... you haven't told us what YOUR name is yet.
Big Dollar: Haven't I?
B & B & B: No.
Hammer: His name's Big Dollar.
B & B & B: (They all start laughing again) Big Dollar! That's so funny!
Bart: (Laughing) Big Dollar!
Bax: (Laughing) Sounds like a triad name.
Billy: (laughing) That's so funny!
B & B & B: (Laugh)
Hammer: They're laughing at YOU now Boss.
Big Dollar: So.... we've told you OUR names... now what are YOUR names?
Billy: I'm Billy.
Bart: I'm Bart.
Bax: And I'm Bax.
B & B & B: We're brothers.
Big D & H: (laughing)
Big Dollar: Here that Hammer?
Hammer: (Laughing) Billy, Bart and Bax what stupid names,
Big Dollar: (Laughing) These guys are real jokers,
Hammer: (Laughing) Yeah, with really dumb names.
Bax: But those are our REAL names.
Big D & H: (Laughing even more)
Big Dollar: (Laughing) Here that Hammer.
Hammer: (Laughing) Yeah, these guys are really funny.
Big Dollar: (Laughing) They know how to give themselves real dumb names.
Bax: (Serious) We'd better be going.
Bart: We got things to do.
Billy: Bye guys.

Interval

Scene 4

Bax: Okay guys, we'd better be going.

Bart: We got things to do.
Billy: See you.
Big Dollar: Hey... not so fast.
B & B & B: What?
Big Dollar: I got something to tell you.
B & B & B: What?
Hammer: Something important
B & B & B: What is it?
Big Dollar: We came here to warn you.
B & B & B: Warn us?
Bax: Warn us about what?
Big Dollar: Bad guys.
Hammer: Bully boys.
Big Dollar: Guys that will beat you up.
Hammer: And take your money.
Big Dollar: Big guys.
Hammer: Bad guys.
Big Dollar: Guys in gangs.
Hammer: Guys with now hearts.
Bart: Okay, thanks for the warning.
Bax: Over.
Billy: And out.
Big Dollar: Hey, hey... wait a minute.
B & B & B: What?
Big Dollar: I haven't finished.
Bax: So there's bad guys in this school.
Bart: And we gotta be careful.
Billy: Gotta watch out.
Big Dollar: Yes, but you can't...
B & B & B: Can't? Why not?
Big Dollar: Cos you haven't got protection.
B & B & B: Protection.
Big Dollar: You gotta buy yourself some protection.
B & B & B: BUY?
Big Dollar: It's not too expensive... we offer very reasonable rates.
B & B & B: YOU do?!
Big Dollar: Hey guys... don't look at us like that... we're trying to help.
Hammer: Yeah, we wanna help you little guy... make sure no one hurts you,

Big Dollar: Make sure no one busts your arms.
Hammer: Or breaks your legs.
Big Dollar: Or dips you head first in the toilets.
Bax: Who would do a nasty thing like that?!
Big Dollar: Okay... you've met us... we're good boys... but believe me guys... there are plenty of bad boys in this school,
Hammer: Trust him.
Big Dollar: Yeah, trust me... I can help you.
Bax: Hmm... I sure don't want to get my arms broken.
Bart: Or my legs.
Billy: Or have my head dipped in a toilet.
BigD: Don't worry, don't worry about it... Hammer and I will protect you, won't we Hammer.
Hammer: Yes Boss.
B & B & B: Really?
Bax: How?
Big Dollar: Show them your muscles Hammer,
Hammer: How Boss?
Big Dollar: Roll up your sleeve and flex Hammer.
Hammer: Okay Boss, (slight pause) Right... here goes, (Hammer grunts as he flexes his muscle)
Bax: Wow, look at that muscle.
Bart: It's huge.
Billy: Sooper man.
Big Dollar: And that's not all... Hammer's stomach is like a stone.
B & B & B: A stone?
Big Dollar: Sure, it's rock hard. Punch it,
B & B & B: What?
Big Dollar: Punch Hammer's stomach... as hard as you like.
Bax: But we'll hurt him.
Big Dollar: Will you? (laughing) I don't think so... you're more likely to you're your hand.
Bax: Really?
Big Dollar: Go ahead and try. Go on... punch Hammer in the stomach as hard as you like.
Bax: You're not joking?
Big Dollar: Am I joking Hammer?
Hammer: No Boss, you're not.

Big Dollar: Go ahead Baxter boy.
Bax. Okay... here goes then... one two three.

(SFX: A dull thud as Bax punches Hammer)

Bax: Ouch! Ouch! My fingers!
Bart: You alright Bax?
Bax: No, I think I've broken my fingers.
Big Dollar: I told you. Hammer's stomach is built of bricks.
Bart: Hey, how do we know he hasn't got something tucked into his trousers?
Billy: Yeah, like a piece of metal.
Big Dollar: Show them Hammer... lift up your shirt.
Hammer: Okay Boss.
B & B & B: Wow!
Big Dollar: See, nothing there except pure stomach muscle.
Hammer: Can I pull my shirt down now Boss... I'm cold.
Big Dollar: Sure Hammer.... So you see guys... what you're paying for is a quality product.
Bax: So we pay you and you protect us?
Big Dollar: Yes, and you're lucky because this month, and for one month only, there's a special offer.
B & B & B: Special offer?
Big Dollar: Yes... instead of paying fifty dollars each a week... we'll give you protection for only a HUNDRED dollars a week.
Bax: Each?!!
Big Dollar: No man, that's for all three of you... a hundred dollars for all three! It's a once in a lifetime chance to get protection at knock down prices.
Hammer: Best value you'll find anywhere in any playground in the whole of Kowloon.
Big Dollar: A hundred dollars the three of you.
Hammer: That's good value,
Big Dollar: And for that you get Hammer to look after you.
Bax: Hmmm... sounds tempting I must say. What do you think brothers.
Bart & Billy: Hmmm
Big Dollar: It's worth it believe me... any one of those bad kids tries anything on you and just call and Hammer will be there.., You can see how tall Hammer is and how powerful his muscles are... no one will DARE

touch you once they know HAMMER'S looking after you.

Bax: Can we think about it?

Big Dollar: Think about it? While you're thinking about it one of those bad guys could come up and beat the daylights out of you. Hammer, show Baxy boy here what one of those bad guys might do to them.

Hammer: Okay Boss... Hey you.

Bax: Me?

Hammer: Come here.

Bax: (Nervous) Um... Okay. (SFX: Hammer gets Bax in a strangle hold)
Urghhhh... Help, I can't breathe. (Bax gasps through the following)

Bart & Billy: Hey!

Big Dollar: Don't worry, Big Dollar's only demonstrating what might happen to you if you didn't purchase our protection. Let him go Hammer.

Bax: (Breathing heavily) Gasps.

Billy: You okay Bax?

Bax: My throat, I couldn't breath!

Bart: Hey guys, maybe we SHOULD buy this protection.

Billy: Yeah, could be a good idea.

Big Dollar: Wise guys,

Hammer: It's good at the price

Bax: Okay then... a hundred dollars did you say.

Big Dollar: A week...

Hammer: But for all three of you.

Bax: Here... here's a hundred,

Big Dollar: Smart move, But remember, this is an unrepeatable offer... for one month only... after that... it goes up to fifty dollars EACH a week.

Bax: We'll discuss that later.

Big Dollar: You won't be disappointed... none of Hammer's clients have EVER been disappointed have they Hammer.

Hammer: Whatever you say Boss.

Big Dollar: Okay then... bye guys and remember... if anyone picks on you tries to get money from you or tries to hurt you in any way.... call me and Hammer.

B & B & B: Okay then.... bye.

Big Dollar: Just one last thing... say nothing about this to anyone... NOTHING AT ALL... especially not the teachers... we're giving you a special deal and if it gets out... EVERYONE will want the same thing.

B & B & B: Okay. Bye Big Dollar, Bye Hammer.,

Big Dollar: (To himself) Bye suckers.

Big D & H: (Laughing)

(Pause)

Daisy: What are those two laughing about?

I & A: We don't know Daisy.

Daisy: Come on girls, let's go and find out.

Scene 5: Playground

Big D & H: (Laughing)

Daisy: What are you two laughing about?

Big Dollar: Nothing Daisy.

Hammer: Nothing at all.

Daisy: Really? Hm... How much did those three new little brothers give you?

Big Dollar: Um, who Daisy?

Daisy: Come along Big Dollar... don't try and fool me... I saw you... those three new boys gave you some money... now tell me, how much?

Iris: Yes Hammer... how much did those three boys give you?

Hammer: What boys Iris?

Iris: Stop pretending Hammer.

Daisy: Stop pretending Big Dollar.

Big Dollar: Um, they didn't give us anything Daisy dear.

I & A: They did, we saw them, we were watching.

Daisy: Hand it over Big Dollar.

Big Dollar: Oh do I have to Daisy?

Daisy: Yes you do, NOW!

Hammer: Oh no, don't give it to her Boss.

Daisy: Shut up Hammer.

Iris: Yes, shut up Hammer.

Big Dollar: Okay, here you are Daisy.

Daisy: A hundred dollars! is that all?!

Hammer: It's a special offer.

Daisy: Special offer, what special offer?

Hammer: Hundred dollars a week for all three of them.

Daisy: Huh! Why so cheap?! You idiots, you give protection to THREE boys for only one hundred dollars?!

I & A: Dumb.
Big Dollar: Um Daisy... can I have my hundred dollar note back now please?
Daisy: No way, I need that to buy some make up.
Big Dollar: Make up?... but Daisy you're pretty enough as it is, you don't need make up.
Daisy: Huh, I know I'm pretty, but I'll be even prettier WITH make up and with this hundred dollars I can buy some face powder I saw in a shop in Tsim Sha Tsui. Come on girls, let's go shopping,
I & A: Okay Daisy.
Big Dollar: But Daisy... please... I need some money to.
Daisy: Go and get some then... there are plenty more kids in the playground... go on... go and give THEM a special offer.
Big Dollar: Daisy, please, come back.
Hammer: Hey Boss... she's walking off with our money.
Big Dollar: I know, but what can I do Hammer?
Hammer: Tell her Big Dollar.... tell her to give it back.
Big Dollar: Come on Hammer,, let's go and find some other kids.
Hammer: So all that for nothing! Big Dollar... you know... I think you should find another girl friend.

(SFX: As Big Dollar cracks Hammer around the head)

Hammer: Ouch! That hurt Boss,
Big Dollar: Good. Now come along... we've got work to do.
Hammer: Okay Boss.... okay.

Scene 6

Miss Ho: Oh hello boys.
B & B & B: Hello Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: I hope you're enjoying your first day with us.
B & B & B: (Shifty) Yes Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: Any problems? Questions? Anyway I can help?
B & B & B: (Shifty) No Miss Ho.
Miss Ho: Good, but if you do have any problems or questions, don't hesitate to come and ask me.
Billy: There is one thing.
Bax: (Under his breath) Shut up Billy,

Miss Ho: Yes?

Billy: Um, nothing, sorry.

Miss Ho: Are you sure?

Bax: Yes, he's sure Miss.

Miss Ho: Okay then boys, I mustn't keep you from your classes. Good bye for now.

B & B & B: Good bye Miss Ho.

(Pause)

Bax: You mustn't tell her Billy, you mustn't tell anybody or Hammer will get us.

The End