

Super Shredder's Neighborhood

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Gather a group of players. Maybe 5-10. One of you is SUPER SHREDDER. The rest are NEIGHBORS.

SUPER SHREDDER walks erect, intimidates people, and speaks short sentences in a deep voice. He wants to *look cool and be feared*, but he also doesn't want people to know he's an *evil cartoon villain*.

NEIGHBORS have lawns, maybe back problems, and their own lives, generally speaking. They are curious, *ask questions* and *make small talk*. When others aren't looking, they like to *gossip*.

The game begins with NEIGHBORS circulating in the neighborhood as if it were real, making small talk and gossiping. Notably, SUPER SHREDDER has not pruned his trees or watered his lawn, and surly ninjas visit him on occasion. But that's his business, really. SUPER SHREDDER is meanwhile alone in his house, thinking.

SUPER SHREDDER then *makes the rounds*, in which he emerges from his house and talks with *each* NEIGHBOR about something. Anything. NEIGHBORS not talking are staring from their property or quietly gossiping with each other. If a fight starts for any reason, SUPER SHREDDER with his fearsome blades will always win. A dead NEIGHBOR curls up into a ball on the floor for the rest of the game. Other NEIGHBORS try not to talk about it. After *the rounds*, SUPER SHREDDER returns to his house.

Someone then puts an EMPTY CUP into the play area. This is the OOZE CUP. Any NEIGHBOR can pick it up and loudly say "What's this strange ooze!? AARGH!" They contort themselves, make horrible noises, and are now a MUTANT HENCHMAN. They join SUPER SHREDDER in his house, and he can now freely talk with them over in his corner. They *make the rounds* together. Any number of neighbors can become oozed.

The game ends once all NEIGHBORS are dead, HENCHMEN, or choose to move out of the neighborhood. A NEIGHBOR moves out by loudly declaring "I'm gonna move!" and mimes packing up a truck for two minutes, then leaves. The end of the game is announced by four players dropping their character, forming combat poses in front of SUPER SHREDDER and shouting "We found you Shredhead! Cowabunga!"

Safety: Be careful. Don't hurt people physically or psychologically. If you do by mistake, say "I'm sorry" and talk about it later.