



Circuit Sabotage

Cast of Characters:

Dixie Doomsday
Hank the Horrible

Scene: Dixie Doomsday's secret lab

*DIXIE and HANK tinker with a strange machine
made of many different parts.*

Dixie: After many failed attempts, world domination will be mine!

Hank: They don't call you Dixie Doomsday for nothing.

Dixie: And you, Hank the Horrible, will have finally earned your name.

Hank (*to himself*): I just want to keep earning my paycheck.

Dixie: With one keystroke, electricity will begin to flow, and my machine will unleash havoc. Pets around the world will begin destroying their oppressive masters.

Hank: A complete pet-pocalypse, oh destructive one.

Dixie: Just picture their precious balls of fluff scratching, goldfish slapping faces, birds messing up everyone's hair. It shall be glorious!

DIXIE presses a button. Nothing happens.

Dixie: Hank?

Hank: I must inspect the wiring, your evilness. Your mindless underlings likely misunderstood directions since, well, they're mindless.



Dixie: We adjusted their mental capacity to understand closed circuits after the last failure, yes?

Hank: We did, and now they walk in circles in their pens. The problem may be the negative terminal. Underlings are against connecting to something “negative.” They may have connected both ends of the wires to the positive terminal.

Dixie: And that doesn’t work?

Hank: No, great destroyer. For electricity to flow, a circuit must be a complete loop, and a wire must connect the machine to both the positive and negative terminals of the power source. This is why plugs have two prongs.

Dixie: You are wise and trustworthy. Do your work while I practice my evil laugh.

HANK leans over the machine and pretends to work.

Hank (to himself): Most of these “wires” are insulators. Here are some rubber tubes, and over here we have wooden drumsticks. Underlings connected this part with plastic dental floss! I hope she never figures out that a complete circuit also needs conductors, like copper or other metals. Until then, this is the easiest and best-paying job I’ve ever had!

Dixie: How goes it?

Hank: We are ready, your evilness.

Dixie: Do I need to do my “evil villain” speech again?



Hank: Only if you wish.

DIXIE presses the button. Nothing happens.

Dixie: Blast those useless, mindless underlings!

Hank: I may have to take the machine apart to find the problem, oh destructive one.

Dixie: But that will take years!

Hank (to himself): I’m counting on it. I want to buy a house.

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