

The FIRST RAINDROP

(A movie adapted from the book)

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ELIJAH'S parents are amiling as he ask many a questions. 1

Cut: ELIJAH is walking to school, just as it starts to rain, Elijah catches a raindrop and gazes at this miracle of nature: 2

ELIJAH

(Thinking aloud.)

I wonder what the first raindrop must have thought when it fell to Earth and saw it was deserted; I mean there was nothing there. Well, I was the first raindrop little Elijah thought and it was spooky the boy cringed.

CUT: The RAINDROP looking at a deserted Earth. 3

RAINDROP

What is this place and what will happen to me and what am I supposed to do here? Boy, it's so quiet and where are all the other raindrops? Whenever I fall anywhere, like Mars or that planet around Alpha Centuri there are always millions of us. Where is everybody? HELLO, is anybody here? Now that I have arms, I wish I had legs, and then maybe I would find someone to talk to and play with? What about music? I feel like dancing, but how can I dance without music? Wait a second, could this be some kind of trick? I bet all those raindrops will show up in a minute like they always do and plop all over. I love to plop with them, its fun. Whew, am I glad I figured that out. Hey, what's happening, they're supposed to be here already. Hey, what's going on, what is this thing that's pulling me down? Hey,

let go of me, where are you taking me? Let
go of me! HELP!

WE see the RAINDROP being pulled under the soil. 4

For some dumb reason I was pulled into the
soil where it's real dark, I mean pitch black.

RAINDROP and it dark: 5

Oh, I never felt like this before. Gee, it
really doesn't feel that bad, in fact it feels

The RAINDROP becomes a rose: 6

good. What shall I call this beautiful
feeling? I know a flower. Gee, I like the
way flower sounds. I can't believe it,
suddenly I'm a flower. I guess
miracles do happen to little old raindrops
like me. Wow, I never looked so beautiful
in my life. This flower business is sure
better than being just a silly raindrop. Ya

Lots of rain: 7

see there are millions of silly raindrops but
just one beautiful flower, me. I was once a
raindrop, but now I'm a beautiful flower,
can't you see? With an inflated ego, but,
Shhh, don't tell anyone. Somehow I have
this strange craving for that lazy old sun. I
sure wish he would hurry up and come out;
what does he think I have all day? That's
funny, that lazy old sun only comes out
during the day. Wonder what he does at
night? Seems I'm always waiting and this
time it's for that lazy old sun. Sure doesn't
make sense to be so lazy when I'm in such a
hurry for that lazy old sun to warm and
touch me. Funny how I've changed. Now,
all of a sudden I want him to touch me all
over. I always thought I knew everything.
Well, I guess you live and learn. But you
see, even a raindrop, not any old raindrop,
but the very first drop that ever fell can
learn. Sure seems kind of dumb just
standing here. Wait a minute, I think I see
someone? I do see someone; it's that lazy

WE see the sun: 8

old sun. Welcome you old lazy bones, I've
been waiting for you. It's sure good seeing

you Mr. Sun and thanks for your warm rays, they sure feel good. I never thought I would need or want anything. I guess we all need something sometimes, especially each other, don't we? But, who do you need Mr. Sun?

SUN

I need a beautiful flower like you to need me,. For I found if you are not needed you have no reason to live and I want to thank you for giving me such an important reason to live.

The ROSE and the SUN smile: 9

**ROSE and SUN
(BOTH smiling and happy.)**

See you tomorrow.

CUT: ELIJAH smiles as he talks to himself: 10

ELIJAH

I'm sure glad that that lazy old sun and the rose need each other but I need my mother even more. And I sure love the name Rose because that's my mother's name who I love more than anything in the whole wide world. And that's the reason why you're named

ELIJAH laughs and tickles the raindrop in his hand as he enters school. 11

CUT: The RAINDROP talking aloud as it hears a bee buzzing: 12

RAINDROP

Hey, it was so quiet and peaceful and now, what's all that bzzz I hear? I hear bzzz again and again. Who's making all that bzzz? Will you cut it out; will you cut that bzzz out please? It's annoying and it's getting louder and louder! And, I don't believe it, that bzzz has some nerve, 'cause

A bee lands on the rose: 13

he just landed right on me without even saying may I? and its poking its nose in me

and its pointy, that bzzz's nose is real pointy, and it doesn't hurt, in fact I think I like it, yeah, I like it, 'cause it feels good, real good. Hey, maybe I should ask that lazy lucky old sun when I see him what this bzzz is doing, poking his nose in me? I will,

BEE pokes RAINDROP: 14

just as soon as it stops poking me... Oh, my gosh, I don't believe it, the bzzz just flew away and didn't even say thanks or goodbye and that's not very nice... Hey, what's that I

WE see lots of roses: 15

see, it looks like more flowers are popping up all over the place just like me. Where did all these flowers come from? That's not fair, I'm supposed to be the only beautiful flower in the world, remember? And there's another bzzz, I don't believe it. Uh oh,

Hundreds of flowers all over: 16

there's another flower and another flower, I don't believe it, they're all over the place, there's millions of flowers, all kinds and

Lots of bees: 17

millions of those bzzz. I'm going to ask that old sun just what is going on, soon as I see him again.

The SUN appears: 18

Oh, there you are Mr. Sun. Will you please tell me what that nosey bzzz was doing poking around in me, without asking for permission, is that fair? The nerve, some bzzzs have such nerve.

SUN

Why that bzzz as you call him is a bee and bees are known to be quite inquisitive, in other words, most bees are nosey bzzzy bees.

ROSE

Are you saying they're all nosey bzzzy bees?

SUN

A bee is an insect that helps pollinate you and the rest of the flowers, and takes your nectar and makes the most delicious honey that the world and many animals will soon enjoy.

ROSE

Who cares about the world and how delicious honey is, I don't and who wants to be pollinated? I don't.

SUN

A bee is quite necessary according to Mother Nature.

ROSE

Mother Nature, will you please tell who is Mother Nature?

SUN

Mother Nature is our leader. She sets the rules and we must follow them.

ROSE

Tell you the truth I'm a little jealous of all
(Whines.)
those other flowers.

SUN

There is no need to be jealous, Rose.

ROSE

Did you just call me Rose?

SUN

You are a rose, a beautiful rose.

ROSE

If I'm so beautiful, how come your Mother Nature wasn't satisfied with just me, why did she make more flowers?

SUN

Mother Nature, feels there is beauty in all her creations: You are a beautiful rose, and she's made beautiful lilacs, petunias, marigolds, daisies, She feels all her creations are beautiful...

ROSE

Please, stop, I can't take it. I thought I was special, but I'm not.

SUN

Do not cry, Rose, you are special, to Mother Nature all her flowers and children are special.

ROSE

Don't tell me besides all these flowers she has children too? Where does she find the time?

SUN

Mother Nature has time and loves all of her creatures, especially you, Rose.

ROSE

Oh yeah, how special can I be if she made so many more flowers, animals and honey.

SUN

Your mother told me you are her favorite flower Rose.

ROSE

Thanks for saying that Mr. Sun; sure hope Mother Nature thinks I'm special. I'm sure glad those nosey bzzzy bees are gone, they were giving me a headache. And now, for a little peace and quiet. I hope I'll hear some music for a change. I wish that lazy old sun would tell Mother Nature that besides plopping all over the place, a raindrop, and not any old raindrop, but the first raindrop

Hears chomp chomp chomp:

Who became a rose likes to dance once in-
 awhile. Chomp, chomp, chomp, clomp!
 What is that horrible noise and that clomp I
 hear? I think I'm going deaf and it feels as
 if the whole world is shaking and I'm
 getting nauseous. Whoever you are, will you
 please stop making that racket and shaking
 the ground?

There is a cow:

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I can't stand it! What's that I see? It's an,
 just what do you call yourself? And does it
 smell, whew, it stinks, who are you, smelly?

COW

I believe my mother calls me a cow. Please
 do likewise and I don't smell, She calls it
 body odor, we all have it and She loves it,
 that's why She gave it to each of us.

ROSE

A cow, what kind of dumb name is a cow?
 And you call that stink, body odor?

COW

I don't think cow is such a dumb name, in
 fact I sort of like it, and all of Her
 children as you say smell? And I think She
 gave us our own smell, like She gave us our
 own name to identify us. That's why when
 one of my friends sniffs and smells me, they
 know exactly who I am.

A goat appears:

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GOAT

That's telling him, Elsie, and I don't think
 you smell, in fact I sort of like it lady.
 I bet she'll say I smell too, won't you, and
 you're the one that really smells, right Elsie?

ROSE

Hey, who are you? I just found out that big
 boy over here is called Elsie, who

are you and what's your name?

COW

Allow me to introduce one of my best friends, Billy the Kid, and Billy is a goat and Billy says, baa, baa, which I sometimes find annoying. I mean how many baas can a girl take? Enough with the baas, will you please, Billy?

GOAT

And what about all your moos? Do you have any idea how annoying moo is, Elsie? Trust me, it's a thousand times

Butts his horns into Elsie's side:

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worse than baa. Take that moo face..

With that, big Elsie charged Billy and rammed her huge body into Billy and the fight was on. 22

ROSE

Hey hey, there's no fighting, will you please? And you're Elsie the cow, that moos and this goat that you call Billy the kid that baas are supposed to be friends? You don't seem like friends. This is all too much for me to take; I mean, just a couple of minutes ago I was all alone and suddenly you two guys pop up complaining about moos and bass and start fighting. I can't take all this complaining, I'm getting a headache. How did this happen and where did you come from?

COW

Would you please do the honors, Billy?

GOAT

For a girl that doesn't stop chewing her cud and doesn't shut up all day long, I mean Elsie gives me a headache, why don't you tell him wise guy? And leave me out of it.

GOAT

Mother Nature love all her living things and
calls us by our name, and there must be

(Baaing.)

thousands of us.

ROSE

Did you say thousands of you? I don't
know if I can take thousands of you?

GOAT

Maybe more? Uh oh, there's Trigger
chewing on some grass.

ROSE

Who is Trigger and what is grass?

GOAT

Would you please tell her that you and
Trigger eat grass, Elsie? This girl is dense.

TRIGGER

Before I go any further, what's your name

(Whinnies.)

cutie?

ROSE

My name is Rose, and I'm a beautiful flower
in case you haven't noticed?

TRIGGER

Rose? Talk about dumb names, Rose has got
to be the most ridiculous name I ever heard,
isn't that right, Billy? And do you know
how bad you smell, Rose? Revolting. And
you have the nerve to say Elsie and Billy are

(Prances around.)

dumb names and smell? Rose sounds like
the most ridiculous name I ever heard. But
after all, what's in a name fellas? I guess, a
Rose by any name is still a Rose.

GOAT

For a dumb horse, that's quite profound,
(Bumps Trigger with horns.) 23
Trigger."

TRIGGER

Don't you bump me, you little pip squeak,
(Rearing back on hind legs.) 24
Or I'll pulverize you!"

While all the attention was focused on Trigger and Billy, a lone wolf slowly inched up and got ready to pounce on Billy the kid. Rose noticed the lone wolf inching up and was frightened by its snarling fangs and screams. 25

ROSE

There is something sneaking up
and I think it wants to eat you, Billy. RUN!

Seeing the ferocious wolf about to attack, Trigger whinnied and raised its legs and Elsie stood her ground, and the lone wolf sensing Billy was well protected, ran away. 26

ROSE

You know, if we stick together, sort of like a
family, we'll be able to last forever.

ALL agree: As the lone wolf scampered away, suddenly the roar of a lion fills the air and all trembled except for Rose, who didn't know how dangerous wild lions were. Elsie the cow, Billy the kid and Trigger started to run away. 27

ROSE

Wait, where are you going? Please don't
leave me all alone. I hate being alone.

As they all run away, Rose hears a monkey, sitting up in a tree, laughing. Having never seen or heard a monkey laugh, Rose starts laughing too. 27

Mr. CHIMP

What are you laughing at? It better not be
me, or I'll...

MISS CHIMP

Or you'll what, Mr. Scaredy cat?

SHE laughs:

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Don't be afraid of Mr. Cheetah, Miss, he's afraid of everything even his shadow.

Mr. CHIMP

I am not, Miss Cheetah, I'm not afraid of anybody in the jungle!

MISS CHIMP

If you're not afraid of the big loud mouth lion, why do you hide in trees whenever you hear or see him? Because

(Chants.)

you're afraid, Mr. Cheetah is afraid!
Mr. Cheetah is afraid Mr. Cheetah is afraid!

Mr. CHIMP

Do you think I'm afraid of that loud-mouth lion, Miss?

ROSE

I've never met Mr. Lion. So I don't know why Elsie, Billy and Trigger were so afraid that they ran away? I'm not afraid Maybe his bark is worst than his bite?

With that, the king of the jungle slowly waddled up to the tree, growled and roared as it looked up at the Chimps.. 30

MR. CHIMP

What are you looking at, ugly?

LION

I'm looking at you, why don't you come down and lets talk about it.

MR. CHIMP

Leo the Lion wants me to come down because he wants to eat me, don't you, Leo?

MR. CHIMP

He wants to eat everything, Rose.

LION

Not everything, you loud-mouth chimp, just you!

ROSE

Why do you want to eat the Chimps, Mr. Lion? Isn't there something else you can eat?

LION

I am the King of the jungle and I can eat
(Roars.)
anything I want!

ROSE

(Frightened.)

Anything, would you even eat me?

LION

Billy the kid, that delicious Elsie the fat cow
and Trigger eat garbage, and I'm glad,
because that garbage fattens them up for me.

(Roars looking up at the Chimps.)

I only eat meat. And nothing tastes quite as
(Roars.)
good as a delicious piece of rare chimp

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MR. CHIMP

You big pussy cat. Why don't you come up
and eat me, Mr. Big shot.

LION

If I could climb up there I would eat the both
of you in a second.

MISS CHIMP

Oh, you would, would you?

With that, Miss Chimp picks a coconut, threw it with all her strength and hit the lion right on the head.

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LION**(Roars.)**

Ow!.

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MISS CHIMP**(To Mr. Chimp.)**

What are you looking at dummy? Grab some coconuts and throw them!

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Both Mr. Chimp and Miss Chimp grabbed as many coconuts as they could and threw them at the lion. Finding the biggest coconut imaginable, Mr. Chimp raised it high above his head and flung it as hard as he could. The giant coconut struck the hungry lion right between its eyes and the lion roared in pain. Being almost pulverized to death, the hungry and embarrassed lion roared in pain, shouting,

LION

I'll be back and have the both of you for

(Runs away.)

desert!"

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MISS CHIMP

Don't you think you should say thank you?

MR. CHIMP

For what?

MISS CHIMP

For saving your life, you ungrateful loud mouth.

MR. CHIMP

You hear that Rose? Miss Chimp says she saved my life, when it was I that picked up the biggest coconut there ever was and smashed that rotten lion right between his eyes and she says I should say thank you. Can you believe it?

MISS CHIMP

But whose idea was it to throw the coconuts in the first place?

MR. CHIMP

Ideas aren't worth anything; It's the execution that counts, right Rose?

ROSE

Please leave me out of this. I never get involved in family squabbles.

MR. CHIMP

Well, I have to admit it was your idea, honey. How's about a little kiss and lets make up."

MISS CHIMP

I wouldn't kiss you if you were the last monkey in the jungle.

MR. CHIMP

Why not? You used to like kissing me, don't you remember?

MISS CHIMP

That was before you got all that ugly hair. I hate ugly hair.

MR. CHIMP

You have the same ugly hair. In fact our whole family has ugly hair. What do you want me to do about it?

MISS CHIMP

Why don't you try shaving for a change?"

MR. CHIMP

(Loud.)

What's shaving, what's shaving? Will you please tell me what's shaving and what am I supposed to shave with?

MISS CHIMP

Get two stones, put them together, put your disgusting hair in between two stone, close them real tight and pull out that disgusting hair! And if the stones don't

work, use two clam shells.

With the lion nowhere in sight, the Chimps scampered down the tree. Mr. Chimp picks two small stones, looks up at his beloved Miss Cheetah, put a couple of hairs between the rocks and pulls. 37

MR. CHIMP

OUCH! How do I look?

MISS CHIMP

Keep plucking!

In no time, determined to kiss his beloved Miss Chimp, he plucks all the hair from his face and was almost bald. 38

MR. CHIMP

There, I think I got it all. How do I look?

MISS CHIMP

Disgusting. Put it back.

With the lion gone, Elsie, Billy and Trigger returned to the scene of the crime and spotted a bald Chimp. 39

TRIGGER

He doesn't look like Mr. Chimp but he sure

(Whinnies.)

smells like him, rotten.

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Elsie and Billy sniffed Cheetah and both almost throw up.

COW

Its definitely that revolting, Mr. Chimp.

GOAT

You're right, nothing smells as bad as a bald Chimp.

MISS CHIMP

Well thanks a lot, fellas. That bald Chimp

Throws cocnuts and bops the cow and goat on the head.

used to be my boy friend.

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GOAT

You know, come to think of it, I don't think
Rose smells too bad, do you Elsie?

COW

I'll learn to live with it. Except Rose, what a
dumb name.

ROSE

If I'm so dumb, can any of you tell me
where we all came from?

MR. CHIMP

I supposed Rose with the dumb name's
gonna tell us, aren't you?

ROSE

Ever hear of the first raindrop?

Entering his school, Johnny smiled:

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ELIJAH

I love the name Rose, that's my mother's
name.

The End

