

ELINOR'S TOWN

"The Town Picnic" EP 101

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1	EXT. A CLEARING IN THE FOREST - DAY, DAY 1	1
	Title Card: "The Town Picnic"	
	It's the day of the Annual Animal Town Picnic! Everyone is gathered at a clearing in the forest. There are vegetable stands and different activities. ELINOR and her friend HAZEL are walking around the picnic grounds.	
1	ELINOR I just love the Town Picnic! What should we do first, Hazel?	1
2	HAZEL I don't know, Elinor. Let's see... (She unfolds a picnic brochure) Ooh, we can do wood-carving with Mrs. Beaver.	2
	We look over to Mrs. Beaver, who is speedily carving an elaborate statue from a stump of wood using her teeth.	
3	ELINOR (Excited) Ooh, yeah!	3
4	HAZEL Or... Mr. Horse is giving everyone hayrides.	4
	We look over to Mr. Horse straining to pull a hay cart with the entire Hippo family on it.	
5	ELINOR (Ready to dash in that direction) Awesome!	5
6	HAZEL Or... We could watch Mr. Cat at the dunking booth.	6
	We see Mr. Cat, looking at the water tank nervously as little Suzie Aardvark prepares to throw a ball.	
7	ELINOR (Still excited) Woo hoo!	7
	Suddenly, their friend ARI calls out to them.	
8	ARI Elinor! Hazel!	8
9	ELINOR Look, it's Ari!	9

Elinor scampers over to Ari, with Hazel trailing. Ari is in a long line with other animals. He's holding a sandwich.

10 ELINOR (CONT'D) 10
Whatcha doing, Ari?

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11                                ARI                                11
                                I am waiting in line for the best
                                part of the picnic: Mrs. Gorilla's
                                super special, World Famous,
                                awesome ketchup!
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12	HAZEL	12
	Ketchup?	

13 ARI 13

Yeah, it's everyone's favorite.
That's why you have to get in line
early.

14 Oooh... ELINOR 14

15 HAZEL 15
Sounds yummy. Can we join you?

16 ARI 16
Of course!

Elinor and Hazel join the line with Ari. After a few beats, it becomes clear that the line is not moving.

17 HAZEL 17
Uh... we're not moving.

18 ARI 18

I know! I've been here forever!

Even that snail is moving faster
than us!

We zoom out to see a snail inching its way across a nearby log.

Ari puts his hands on his hips and looks down the line. Hazel shrugs and pulls her Nature book out of her backpack. Elinor sighs a deep sigh.

Sigh...

ELINOR

Suddenly, a bee passes by, which catches Elinor's attention. She watches as the bee stops at a flower to drink its nectar and then flies off. Elinor looks interested.

Ari's stomach grumbles.

20 ARI 20

Oh, I hope the line moves soon, I'm getting hungry!

(To Hazel)

I heard that Mrs. Gorilla has a *new* recipe this year. It's supposed to be even better than last year's!

21 HAZEL 21
 (Without looking up from her book)
 Well, I hope it's worth all this
 waiting... Right, Elinor?

We pan to reveal Elinor is no longer there.

22 HAZEL (CONT'D) 22

Elinor?

CUT TO:

2 EXT. SOME DISTANCE AWAY, NEAR THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING -- 2
DAY, CONTINUOUS

Elinor is curiously following the bee from a distance as it hops from flower to flower. After the bee leaves a flower, Elinor looks closely and sees the watery nectar the bee was drinking. The bee moves on and Elinor follows it over a narrow stream, skipping over some stones to cross. Finally, the bee reaches a tree, where a high branch holds a beehive. Elinor sees something cool.

CUT TO:

3 EXT. THE NARROW STREAM NEAR THE EDGE OF THE CLEARING -- DAY, CONTINUOUS 3

We see Ari and Hazel cross the stream and walk into the forest looking for Elinor.

23 HAZEL 23
Elinor! Where are you?

Suddenly, Elinor calls out to them.

24 ELINOR 24
Hazel! Ari! Stop!!!

Ari and Hazel freeze.

25	ELINOR (CONT'D)	25
	Don't. Move. You are about to get honeyed.	
	Ari and Hazel look up to where Elinor is pointing. High above them is the bee hive, buzzing with a couple of bees. Some of the honey from the hive has dripped down from branch to branch and there's a big glop of it on a branch right over Hazel and Ari's head that's about to drop.	
26	ARI	26
	Aah!	
	There's a dramatic moment.	
27	HAZEL	27
	Aaaah!	
	Nothing happens.	
	The honey is really gooey and the drop just stretches in slow motion but doesn't droop down just yet. The friends are surprised.	
	Elinor looks puzzled.	
28	ELINOR	28
	Hmm?	
	She jumps up and down to get a closer look at the glop of honey.	
29	ELINOR (CONT'D)	29
	(In between jumps) That's... SO... Interesting! I've never seen something so goopy before!	
	Ari flies up to see it.	
30	ARI	30
	It moves so slowly...	
	Hazel stands on her tippy-toes trying to get a look.	
31	HAZEL	31
	I can't see!	
	Back on the ground, Elinor looks puzzled.	
32	ELINOR	32
	I wonder why honey is sooo goopy!	
33	ARI	33
	Yeah...	

34 ELINOR 34
I saw the bee get the juice from
the flower, but that juice was
really watery! How do the bees turn
something so watery into something
so goopy?

35 ARI 35
Hmmm... Maybe they cook it! (He
mimics a stirring motion)

36 ELINOR 36
Yeah! Or, maybe they add some kind
of powder!

Suddenly, Hazel remembers something.

37 HAZEL 37
Wait, I just saw this in my Nature
book!

She takes out her Nature book again and opens it. We see the
book from behind her, and we see the illustrations come to
life as Hazel narrates.

38 HAZEL (CONT'D) 38
It says here that bees get the
nectar (that's the juice from the
flower) and then they bring it back
to the bee hive.

The illustrations show a bee collecting nectar, then flying
back to the hive, where it spits the nectar out into a
honeycomb.

39 ARI 39
Eeww!

40 HAZEL 40
Then the bees use their wings to
fan it, and that takes out some of
the water that's inside of the
flower juice.

We see the bees flapping their wings at the nectar. Little
water droplet icons flutter away from it until the nectar
turns into golden honey.

41 ELINOR 41
Ohhh... so taking the water out
makes the honey goopier!

42 ARI 42
That's so cool!

Ari flaps his wings at Elinor and Hazel, blowing them with a gust of wind. The kids laugh.

When the dust settles, Elinor looks up at the bee hive.

43 ELINOR 43
 Hmm, we need MORE OBSERVATIONS!

With that, we hear the beginning of a ditty:

44 ELINOR (CONT'D) 44

(Singing)

Some things are really goopy,
And others runny and soupy!
The goopy things move very slow,
The runny things really go!

But something that's really runny,
Can turn goopy just like honey.
You can make it drip slow or fast,
Just change how much water it has!

As they sing, the kids revisit the flower and its nectar, and also revisit the beehive and the slow-flowing honey glop. The song ends with the kids in the same spot where the song started and they are laughing again.

Suddenly, we pick up the drama again, and we see the honey drop is actually about to drop this time. Elinor notices it.

45 ELINOR (CONT'D) 45
Hazel, watch out!

It looks like it's about to fall on Hazel.

46	HAZEL	46
	(Shielding her head) Oh no!	

Right as the drop is about to fall on her, Ari jumps up and intercepts the glop. He lands back down and is now covered in honey.

47 ELINOR 47

Ari!

48 HAZEL
Are you ok!? You saved me!

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49 ARI 49
 (Wiping honey off his eyes)
My mom always says I'm really
 (licking the honey) sweet.

The kids giggle.

50 HAZEL 50
How are we going to get all this
goopy honey off you?

Elinor pokes at the honey with her finger.

51 ELINOR 51
It's so gooey.

She has an idea.

52 ELINOR (CONT'D) 52
 Hmm, if taking the water OUT makes
 the honey goopy... then maybe
 putting water back IN will make
 it... less goopy?

Hazel catches on.

53	HAZEL	53
	We need water!	

Hazel runs back to the stream and sucks up a trunk-full of water. She runs back and douses Ari. Ari, now soaked, is able to clear his eyes.

Elinor watches as the honey turns more liquidy by the water and starts to run off Ari.

54 ELINOR 54
Taking water OUT made the honey
goopy, and adding water back IN
made it runnier!

Ari beats his wings to dry off, sending water droplets in the direction of Elinor and Hazel.

55 Ah! / Hey! ELINOR AND HAZEL 55

56 Sorry! ARI 56

They giggle. At that moment, Ari's stomach growls again.

57 ARI (CONT'D) 57
I'm glad we figured that out, but
can we go back to my sandwich,
please?

His stomach growls again.

FADE OUT.

FADE IN:

4 **EXT. THE TOWN PICNIC LINE FOR KETCHUP -- DAY, SHORTLY AFTER** 4

Elinor and her friends come back to the same spot they were before, and one of the kids waiting in line hands Ari back his sandwich.

58 HAZEL 58
The line hasn't moved!

59 ARI 59
No one has gotten their ketchup??

The animals in line shrug. We hear some of their stomachs grumbling.

Elinor looks curious again.

60 ELINOR 60
Hmmm... I wonder why?

We need more observations!

Elinor walks towards the head of the line in search of answers.

CUT TO:

5 **EXT. THE TOWN PICNIC, MRS. GORILLA'S KETCHUP STAND -- DAY, CONTINUOUS** 5

Elinor and her friends arrive at the head of the line. We see there's a bit of a commotion.

RANGER RABBIT (Elinor's mom) seems to be mediating between an exasperated MRS. GORILLA and some hungry animals in line.

61 MRS. GORILLA 61
Nobody appreciates quality!

62 ALEJANDRO PIG 62
But I'm hungry!

63 ELINOR 63
Mom, what's going on?

64 RANGER RABBIT 64
Oh hi, Elinor. Well... Mrs. Gorilla has made her delicious ketchup, but it's SO goopy it takes a long time to come out of the bottle!

Elinor and her friends look closely at the bottle of ketchup that Alejandro Pig is holding over his sandwich. They see that the ketchup barely flows at all.

65 ALEJANDRO PIG 65
I've been here all day and my arm
is getting tired!

66 MRS. GORILLA 66
It's worth the wait! Fine eating
takes time! If it isn't goopy, it
isn't good!

The animals in line start to get restless.

67 RANGER RABBIT 67
Let's calm down, everyone...

68 ARI 68
 (Whispering to Hazel and Elinor)
 We have a saucy situation!

Ari grabs the bottle of ketchup from Alejandro Pig. He goes through several contortions with the bottle trying to get the sauce to flow faster. He fails. Hazel gives it a try and shakes the bottle with her trunk, but nothing happens.

Elinor, who's been watching her friends, sees the ketchup barely moving and seems to have a thought.

69 ELINOR 69
Ari, Hazel... I wonder if we can
solve the ketchup problem in the
same way we solved the honey
problem...

70 HAZEL 70
You mean...?

71	ARI	71
	Add water to it!	

72 ELINOR 72
(To Mrs. Gorilla)
May we try changing something in
your ketchup, Mrs. Gorilla?

73 MRS. GORILLA 73
But, I've been working on this
recipe for a whole year!

74 RANGER RABBIT 74
(Gently) Mrs. Gorilla... sometimes
to solve a problem, you have to be
willing to try something new.

Mrs. Gorilla begrudgingly moves aside. Elinor hops up a stool
and stands before the ingredients table. She grabs a bottle
of ketchup and a bottle of water.

75 ELINOR 75
Ok, let's try adding some water...

Mrs. Gorilla looks disapproving.

76 ELINOR (CONT'D) 76
Just a tiny bit of water to start!

Elinor adds a few drops of water. She mixes it, but when she
turns it over, nothing has changed. It's still super goopy.

77 ELINOR (CONT'D) 77
Ok, now let's try a little bit
more...

Mrs. Gorilla doesn't look happy but Elinor adds a medium
amount of water to the ketchup. She mixes it, and when she
turns the bottle over, she sees that it flows at a nice and
even speed.

78 HAZEL 78
Yes!

79 ARI 79
Now the ketchup can drip down
faster!

Ari takes the bottle and pours some over Alejandro Pig's
sandwich. With all the animals looking anxiously, Alejandro
takes a bite.

80 ALEJANDRO PIG 80
(After a pause, and still munching)
It's delicious!

All the animals cheer.

81 MRS. GORILLA 81
Hmmp, let me try that.

Mrs. Gorilla takes a bit of the sauce with her finger and
tastes it. Her expression changes from grumpy to surprised.

82 MRS. GORILLA (CONT'D) 82
It... it tastes even better now!

The animals cheer again.

83	RANGER RABBIT	83
	Phew!	

Elinor repeats some lines from the ditty.

84	ELINOR	84
	(Singing)	
	You can make it drip slow or fast,	
	Just change how much water it has!	

The line starts moving faster now, and everyone is enjoying Mrs. Gorilla's ketchup on their favorite picnic food. Mrs. Gorilla looks very happy to see everyone's positive reaction.

Ari takes a bite out of his sandwich with the sauce on it.

85 ARI 85
Mmm! Elinor, I'm glad you used your
powers of observation to do goop.

His stomach gurgles.

86 ARI (CONT'D) 86
Oops, I mean "good."

Everyone has a laugh.

END.