

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

135 INTERSTITIAL: SENOR TAPIR

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FOLLOWS: "A GARDEN FOR ALL"

CURRICULUM: Karen Washington followed her curiosity to figure out whether she could create gardens in New York City, starting with her own small garden in the backyard of her Bronx home.

LS3. Understand that all animals need food in order to live and grow, that they get their food from plants or from other animals, and that plants need water and light to live and grow: (c) Help care for living things at home or in the classroom

FIRST DRAFT: 03-25-20
SECOND DRAFT:

1. EXT MZ. LLAMA'S FRUIT STAND -- DAY

Open on a basket of ripe red tomatoes. MZ. LLAMA stands at her fruit stand and gives a tomato to ELINOR, HAZEL and SENOR TAPIR.

Senor Tapir inspects his tomato.

1	SENOR TAPIR	1
	This looks delicioso, Amiga. (to Mz. Llama) Did you grow these in town?	

2	ELINOR	2
	(looking proudly at Hazel) Hazel grew these tomatoes in her very own garden.	

3	HAZEL	3
	I have a garden on my balcony.	

4	MZ. LLAMA	4
	Hazel's tomatoes are mmmmm mmmmm goood.	

5	SENOR TAPIR	5	*
	Amazing. That reminds of Karen Washington, who wondered if she could grow fresh fruits and vegetables in the middle of New York City, an even bigger city than Animal Town.		

Senor Tapir starts to sing. After a line or two, we transition to a simpler style of animation that describes what he is singing.

6	SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)	6
	Karen Washington lived in New York City,	

2. EXT NEW YORK CITY -- DAY

We see a skyline of the New York Bronx borough, with lots of buildings.

Karen Washington, a hippo, stands with her two kids, looking at her backyard. (Watch this video <https://youtu.be/ogooeFjK3QY> to see her home and her home garden). The yard is just empty, mostly dirt. Karen looks around and then grabs a shovel.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

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In a neighborhood called the Bronx
with her family.
One day she wondered: What should I
do with the yard?
I wonder if growing a garden would
be hard.

Karen digs in the dirt with the shovel. ANGLE ON: Karen's
paws plant a seed in the dirt. Karen waters the seeds, and a
green sprout pops up out of the ground.

Karen's backyard now has a green, lush garden, including ripe
tomatoes and green beans. (We can still see the tall
buildings around her yard, to indicate the city is close by.)
Karen walks into her garden and picks a ripe, red tomato.
Karen takes a bite of her tomato and smiles.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

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With tall buildings and houses all
around,
She planted little seeds in the
ground,
She watered the seeds and what do
you know?
Her little city garden started to
grow.

(Yeah she grew)
Fruits and veggies,
In the middle of a neighborhood,
Fruits and veggies,
That tasted super good.

Karen takes a bite of a green bean and looks out her window
to see an empty lot across the street, with some trash strewn
around it. A male neighbor, a lion, stands in the lot with a
shovel and waves at her.

Karen joins the lion and they start to dig in the dirt in
that lot. Close up on Karen and the neighbor's paws planting
seeds in the ground.

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SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)

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Karen Washington started to wonder
whether
Her friends and her neighbors could
work together,
To grow fresh food to eat each day,
That didn't come from farms far
away.

Now the lot is lush and green and full with a growing garden, including strawberry plants and the tops of carrot plants in the ground. (We can still see some city in the background).

Karen picks a ripe, red strawberry. Her neighbor pulls a carrot from the ground.

ANGLE ON the strawberries and carrots on a plate. Karen reaches down to pick up a strawberry and take a bite. She smiles.

10	SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)	10
	(Yeah they grew)	
	Fruits and veggies,	
	In the middle of a neighborhood,	
	Fruits and veggies,	
	That tasted super good.	

3. EXT MZ. LLAMA'S FRUIT STAND -- DAY

Elinor, Hazel, Senor Tapir and Mz. Llama all hold up a tomato briefly in the air.

11	SENOR TAPIR (CONT'D)	11
	Salud amigos!	

At the exact same time, they all bring their tomatoes to their mouths and take a bite.

The kids, Senor Tapir and Mz. Llama make delicious sounds <YUMMM, MMMMMMM>.