

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 112B Pokey Plant

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Elinor's Question: Why do cactuses have pokey spikes?

Logline: Elinor get a cactus and learns how its spikes protect it and what makes it unique.

Curriculum Goals:

LS1a; Identify and describe the physical characteristics of a variety of animals and plants [they note how the cactus looks different from other plants]

LS2d: Explore how different external features of an animal help it survive in its environment [a cactus has thorns to protect its water]

SEP3b: Compare and contrast objects and events by describing similarities and differences in detail [they compare the cactus to other plants]

SEP4a: Collect, describe, and record observations in greater detail and in various ways [they make a list of similarities and differences between cacti and other plants]

SEP6a: Use background knowledge experiences, and data to construct reasonable explanations and theories of natural phenomena (science) [they use what they learned and know to explain why cacti have thorns]

NOTE: Both "cacti" and "cactuses" are correct plural forms of "cactus."

MAINS: Elinor, Ari, Olive, Mz. Mole

LOCATIONS: Koa, Sally

PROPS: plants, fern, ivy, poinsettia, cactus, popcorn, birds

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ELINOR & ARI are wearing their
Back Pack

OLIVE HAS Her SATCHEL

EXT_CLEARING_002 - START ON ELINOR WALKING ALONG THE WATER
- WATERSON OUT AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE

1. EXT SCHOOL -- DAY

- ELINOR CLIMBS UP THE ROCK & TIPS OFF

It's a bright morning in Animal Town. We open on ELINOR (she continues (carrying her BACKPACK) walking to her school. She's in a very good mood, and stops to look at several flowers. Her walk

AND STOPS LOOKING
DOWN AT SOME
FLOWERS

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ELINOR

What interesting flowers!
(she admires the leaves.)
The leaves are so green!

LEANS DOWN

TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK (A)

When she moves the leaf, she reveals another flowering plant behind it.

— W/C

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ELINOR (CONT'D)

Oh, and here's another pretty one.

She looks back and forth between the two plants.

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ELINOR (CONT'D)

Hmmmmmm.

Her friends ARI (wearing a BACKPACK) and OLIVE (wearing her SATCHEL) walk up.



DOWN ON ALL F'S
TO MAKE THE LEAF

(C) 5

ARI & OLIVE SETTLE IN
BY ELINOR

OLIVE

Hi, Elinor! Want to walk to school with us?

Elinor gets up.

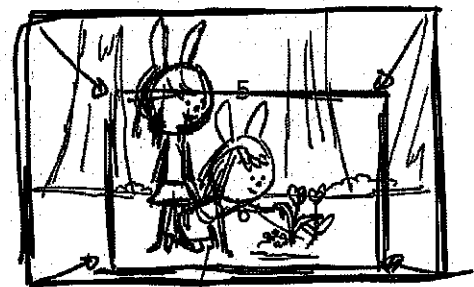
ELINOR

Hi, Olive! Hi, Ari! Sure! I can't WAIT for school today.

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ARI

Why? Is it a special day?



Elinor looks shocked.

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ELINOR

Yes! It's a VERY SPECIAL day.

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ARI

Oh, is it extra snacks day? Or maybe it's cake day!

Ari gets excited and flutters up.

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ELINOR

No, silly, it's PLANT DAY!

AFTER THE DIAZ ELINOR

Ari slaps his forehead.

AND OLIVE STARTS OUT, LEAVING

ARI ARI

Oh yeah, (I TOTALLY forgot.)

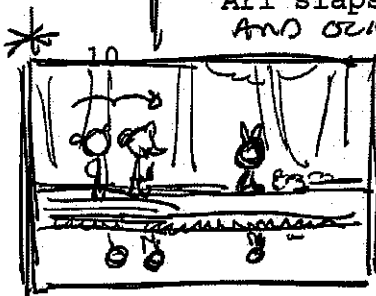
ARI FOLLOWS

CUT WIDE

AS ARI CAREENS UP

TO ELINOR & OLIVE AS THEY'RE

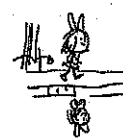
WALKING - WATERSON OUT ON THE KIDS



FRAME AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE



HOE



ELINOR WALKING ALONG
THE WATER'S EDGE.
SHOW REFLECTION IN THE
WATER

WATSON OUT FROM THE KIDS TO THE WIDE
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EXT. CLEARING-EDGE-001

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OLIVE

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Plant day is the best. Mz. Mole is going to give each one of us a different plant to take home.

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ELINOR

I've been looking forward to it for WEEKS. I can't wait to get my own little baby plant to take care of.

ELINOR HOPS
ACROSS

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OLIVE HOPPING
ACROSS

ARI CUT IN *

Hey, I help take care of my baby sister sometimes.

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Settle up

OLIVE *

Umm... I think that's a little different, Ari.

CLEARING-EDGE-004

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ARI HOPS/FLIES
ACROSS

ARI

You're right. My baby sister isn't a plant. Although, she does like to play in the dirt sometimes.



Hops across on
rocks in water

The kids <SFX: GROAN/GIGGLE>.

THE KIDS EXITS SHOT AFTER THE GIGGLE

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ELINOR

I help my dad take care of the plants in the garden. But I've never had my OWN plant before.

KIDS ENTER &
WALK ALONG
FOREST-007

OLIVE

Me neither.



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ELINOR

18

I'm going to be SO RESPONSIBLE and take care of it all by myself.

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OLIVE

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Yeah! I really want my plant to grow, grow, GROW.

She stretches her trunk up as high as she can. Elinor giggles.

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ELINOR

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That's a tall plant! I bet my plant is going to be green... with lots of leaves. We are going to have so much fun together!

CLEARING EDGE 004

As she talks, we see a thought bubble of the plant she is imagining: leafy and green.

PAN UP TO THOUGHT BUBBLE

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In the thought bubble, we see scenes of Elinor hanging out with the plant in cute ways: she's reading a book to it, she's watering it, she's dancing with it.

water on between each scene

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ELINOR (CONT'D)

And then... it might even grow a flower!

The leafy plant in the thought bubbles grows a colorful flower. Thought-bubble Elinor looks really happy. The bubble dissolves and we go back to the kids.

Pan down from thought bubble to playground - 005

ARI

Flowers are OK. But I want a plant that hangs from the ceiling! Like me!

SPIRAL TRUCK OUT TO REVEAL

see image on bottom of page for ref.

Ari hangs from a branch.

swingset

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OLIVE

That's fun. I just want something with big leaves and lots of color.

TRY HANGING UPSIDE DOWN AND EGG ON THE SWINGS

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ELINOR

I can't wait. Let's go get our plants!

They go in, full of excitement and anticipation.

ADD 4 OR 5 CLASSMATES. BE SURE TO LABEL & TRACK THEM
2. INT CLASSROOM - DAY Reference the pilot on how

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MZ. MOLE (O.S.)

All right, everyone, let's get started.

CLASS - 04

YOU'LL NEED TO EXTEND THE BG

The kids bustle excitedly and go sit on the class rug. We pan over to Mz. Mole's desk, and we see that it's covered in small plants of all different varieties.

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THE KIDS ENTER THE CLASS - BIPACKS & SATCHEL OFF

MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

We have an exciting day today!

- THEY PLACE THEIR BIPACKS & SATCHEL IN THE CUPBY AND SIT DOWN

The kids look around for MZ. MOLE, not seeing her.

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OLIVE

Where are you, Mz. Mole?

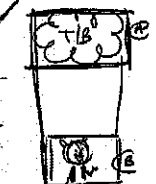
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We look again at the plants and see that some petals in the back start to move.

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MZ. MOLE

What? Oh, you can't see me?



TRUCK OUT AS THE KIDS JUMP OFF AND RUN TO THE SCHOOL DOORS.

Keep Ms Mole's eyes closed - only open them for

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Extreme Reactions

The petals move in one direction and start coming around. Mz. Mole pops out the side, and we see that she's dressed as a FLOWER POT!

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MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

Aha! Welcome to Plant Day, everyone!

The kids <LAUGH> excitedly.

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ELINOR

YAY!

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MZ. MOLE

Okay! Today, everyone is going to get one of these plants to take home.

All the kids go, <OOHH...>.

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MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

Not me, though. You can't take me home!

The kids <GIGGLE/LAUGH>.

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MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

Your job is to take good care of these little plants and help them grow.

Several kids raise their hands. —

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ARI ON MS MOLE TO INCLUDE THE
How do we take care of our plants, KIDS, SO WE
Mz. Mole? CAN SEE THEM

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OLIVE

Do we read books to them?

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ELINOR

Do we take them for walks?

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SALLY

Do plants like to play games?

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KOA

Do they like to drink soup?

Mz. Mole blinks at this last one.

CONSIDER A SERIES OF SHOTS
FOR RAPID FIRE QUESTIONS.



Make sure there's
enough plants to
hide Ms Mole.
Also, there should
be a variety
of plants.

THIS IS A CUT IN OF CLASS 002

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There should be a plant

for every kid in the
class and there

should be a fern,
ivy, poinsettia, etc

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MZ. MOLE

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Oh dear! So many good ideas. But it's pretty simple. Most plants just need water and sun.

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ARI

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Do they like juice? I like apple juice, and orange juice, and--

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MZ. MOLE

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Thank you, Ari. No, just water. Each plant comes with instructions that show you how much water and sun they need.

PICKS UP KOA'S PLANT

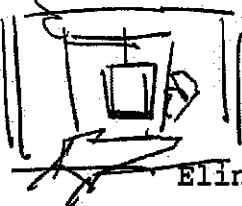
She picks up one plant and we see a string attached to the pot with some simple instructions: just icons of water droplets and little suns.

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MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

Now, next week, I want each of you to tell the class what you learned about your plant. Remember, each plant is different, but they all need love and care!

42 INSTRUCTIONS



Elinor raises her hand.

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ELINOR

43 EXIT...

Which plant do I get, Mz. Mole?

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MZ. MOLE

Everyone line up and you'll find out! Remember, single file

The kids are very excited and they line up as we hear <SFX: CHATTER> and <SFX: EXCITED WALLA>. Elinor gets in line behind Koa, Ari, and Olive, and there are several kids behind her.

ELINOR

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I can't wait to see my plant!

As she says this, we see a **THOUGHT BUBBLE** next to her showing the leafy plant she's expecting. SHOULD BE A LEAFY PLANT WITH A FLOWER ON IT.

Mz. Mole has the plants in lines on her desk and she hands them out to the kids in order, naming the plants as she gives them out.

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MZ. MOLE

Koa, this plant is called a fern.

CUT TO A MEDIUM WIDE

She hands Koa a droopy looking plant.



- *-ON MS MOLE LINE 44
- KIDS UP INTO SHOT AND EXIT 4
- MS MOLE "Remember, single file"
- THICK OUT WIDE AS THE KIDS SETTLE

CUT IN ON "2 SHOT"

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KOA

Sweet. It's so totally chill!

As each kid takes their plant, they step outside to the playground. Ari is next.

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MZ. MOLE

Ari, this one is called an ivy. It likes to hang from the ceiling.

She hands him a pot with a hook on it. [Ref: <https://cb2.scene7.com/is/image/CB2/MacramePlantHolderSHF17>]

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ARI

Awesome! You're going to love hanging from my ceiling, ivy! We can HANG out together.

Mz. Mole laughs. Olive is next.

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MZ. MOLE CUT TO 2 SHOT *

Olive, this one is called a red poinsettia. OLIVE WAITING AS MS MOLE IS HOLDING HER PLANT.

Olive's plant is mostly green with some red leaves on top [Ref: <https://images-na.ssl-images-amazon.com/images/I/51VDDJhLvWL.jpg>]. HANDS PLANT TO OLIVE

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OLIVE

Wow, I love the colors. AFTER OLIVE EXITS AND ELINOR'S THOUGHT BUBBLE ENTER - Elinor steps up next in line, eyes closed, hands together in more flowers excited anticipation. Her THOUGHT BUBBLE shows the plant that she's expecting, a flower in a flower pot. Pop on PLANT

takes a look and then 'uhhh, umm.umm...'

* NO FLOWER... THE FLOWER APPEARS LATER on cactus.

MZ. MOLE

Here you go, Elinor...

Ms. Mole turns holding the cactus to reveal it - elinor opens her eyes in excitement to see...

MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

A cactus!

Elinor is confused. [Ref: <https://i.pinimg.com/originals/88/ba/18/88ba1820973c7cbcb78ac827382280a4.jpg>]

BACK TO THE 2 SHOT

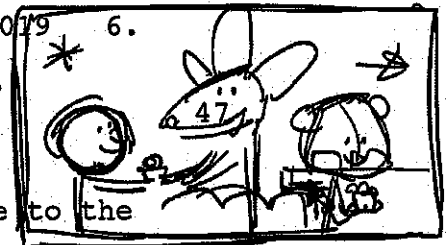
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ELINOR

Uhh, Umm. Hmmm...

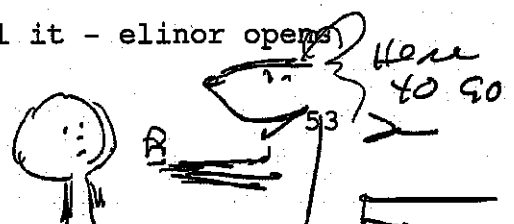
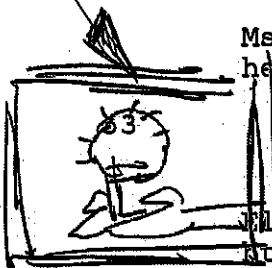
ELINOR TAKES THE PLANT AND TRUCK IN

* 3-SHOT OF OLIVE, ELINOR + HER THOUGHT BUBBLE AND A CLASSMATE ELINOR IS GROWING MORE EXCITED - HAVE A FEW MORE FLOWERS POP ON TO HER + BUBBLE PLANT. AS OLIVE STEPS OUT OF FRAME, ELINOR + HER THOUGHT BUBBLE AND THE CLASSMATE STEP FORWARD. ALSO ANOTHER CLASSMATE STEPS IN



AS KOA EXITS, ARI STEPS IN. MS MOLE GRABS THE NEXT PLANT

(see note bottom page)



Flowers drop of the + (Bubble Plant) AND the leaves sag.

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WATERSON OUT ON THE CACTUS

Her hands drop to her sides and ears flop - the flower in the THOUGHT BUBBLE also droops, leaves fall. We see her compare the cactus with the flower in the pot. It doesn't look anything like what she was expecting!

WATERSON IN FROM THE CACTUS TO THE WIRE

PLAYGROUND - 005 EXT. PLAYGROUND -- DAYS AND BOX & HIDE THE LEAVES IN THE FOREGROUND



We see Elinor stepping out of the school holding the cactus. Mz. Mole comes out, having finished handing the plants out.

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IF YOU NEED OTHER ANGLES,
LOOK ON BANZA!
FOR OTHER ANGLES
OR
56
CREATE A NEW BQ

MZ. MOLE EXITS SCHOOL, STOPS & CABLES OUT

All right everyone, time to get to — CHANGE LINE TO know all about your little plants.

Olive (carrying her satchel) and Ari (both holding their plants) find Elinor.

ENJOY YOUR PLANTS,
AND BE
CAREFUL WITH THEM!
56
INDICATE IN
THE BOARD

OLIVE
Look, I got a colorful plant with big leaves, just like I wanted!

ARI
And I got a plant that hangs from the ceiling, just like I wanted! I'm going to hang it right next to my bed and look at it while I hang upside down. So it's gonna look... uh... right side up? Wait. I'm confused.

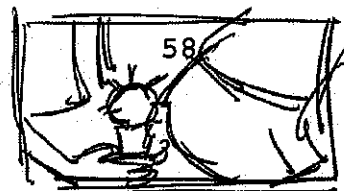
AFTER THE DIAL,
MS MOLE HEARS TO
THE BIG ROCK TO
WATCH OVER THE KIDS

THIS IS GOOD SITUATION FOR FUN

Elinor looks at Olive and Ari's plants. They both look like AND regular leafy plants. Ari's plant even has a flower bud COMEDY already. She looks at her cactus and is starting to feel a tiny bit disappointed.

Ari is still trying to figure out the upside down/rightside up situation.

ARI (CONT'D)
Ok, if I'm upside down, but the plant is hanging right side up, is it going to look... upright down...?



Ari is trying to hold his plant up while also trying to turn his head upside down to look at it and he accidentally backs up into Elinor's plant.

FRAME CLOSE

Yow!

He jumps a few feet in the air. When he lands, he examines the seat of his pants and pulls out a few cactus spines.

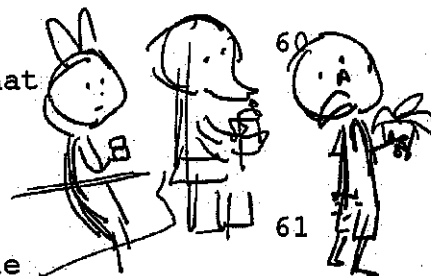
* ELINOR IS LEANING AGAINST THE SAND BOX - DISAPPOINTED
KIDS ARE SCATTERED ABOUT THE PLAYGROUND - HOLDING THEM UP
A COUPLE OF KIDS EXIT THE SCHOOL, FOLLOWED BY MS MOLE
Some on the swings & LOOKING AT THEM

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ARI (CONT'D)

Ouch! Something just poked me! What IS that, Elinor?

Elinor shows them what she got.



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ELINOR

Sorry, Ari. This is what Mz. Mole gave me. I thought I was going to get a plant like you and Olive, but instead she gave me a... cactus.

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ARI

A "cactus"? They should call it an "ouch"-us.

(A) CUT CLOSE AS ARI PULLS LAST SPINE OUT

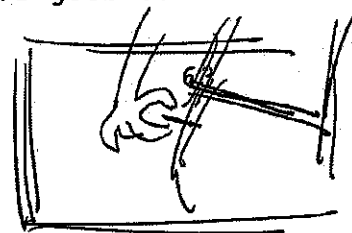
Ari pulls out the last spine from his pants. Olive goes over to Elinor.

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OLIVE

But Elinor, you DID get a plant. Cactuses are plants, too.

Elinor looks confused.



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ELINOR

What?

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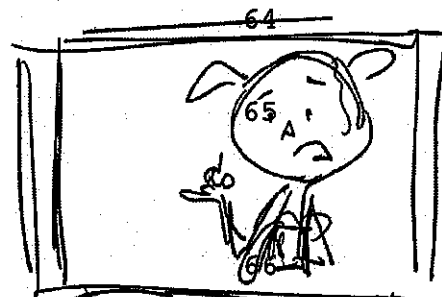
OLIVE

I read that in my Nature Book! It says that a cactus is a kind of plant.

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ARI

Really? THAT'S a plant? Just like THESE two are plants?



Ari points to the hanging plant and the poinsettia.

67

ELINOR

But... the cactus looks SO different.

(B) TRUCK UP AS ARI TURNS TO ELINOR

Elinor's curiosity is awakened. She takes a closer look at her cactus.

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ELINOR (CONT'D)

So I DID get a plant! But why does it look so different? And why doesn't it have any leaves?

LOOKING AT THE SPIN. LINE 62

Ari leans in to take a look and puts a finger on a spine.



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ARI

3 SHOT

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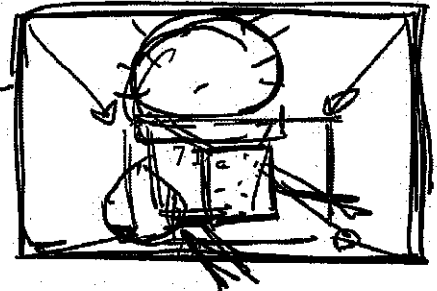
OLIVE TAKES PLANT FROM ELINOR WITH TRUNK AND
Olive looks at the instruction sheet for the cactus. It shows
a sun icon and one water droplet icon. LOOKS AT THE LABEL

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OLIVE

I don't know. But it also doesn't
need a lot of water. The
instructions say you only have to
water it once a week!

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ELINOR BACK TO 3SHOT

Wow, that's amazing.

OLIVE HANDS PLANT BACK TO ELINOR.

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ARI

ELINOR LOOKS AT PLANT - DIAZ.
I'd be so thirsty if I only drank
water once a week!

73

OLIVE

(giggling)

I'm pretty sure you're not a cactus
Ari.

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Then ELINOR TAKES/LOOKS AT OLIVE'S PLANT.
Elinor checks ~~the~~ and Ari's plants. Each of the instructions
show one sun icon and several water droplets. THEN ARI'S PLANT

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ELINOR

Both of your plants need water
every few days. Hmmm...

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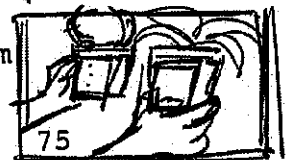
Elinor's attitude towards her plant has clearly gone from
disappointment to curiosity.

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SINGLE ON ELINOR

ELINOR (CONT'D)

That... is... SO INTERESTING! I
wonder why a cactus is SO
different.



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on BOTH PLANTS
SHOWING THE DIFFERENT TAG

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COULD BE FUN IF ARI PULLS OUT ONE LAST SPINE

ARI

And pokey.

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ELINOR

I know! Let's see if we can figure
it out! We need MORE OBSERVATIONS!

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3 SHOT

4. EXT. SMALL CLEARING -- DAY

THE KIDS STAY PUT



The kids run over to a small clearing at the edge of the
playground to have more space to compare their plants. Elinor
and Olive set their plants down and step back to take a look
while Ari holds his up next to the other two. They recap the
mystery.

AFTER ELINOR'S DIAZ. SHE PUTS HER'S & ARI'S PLANTS ON
THE SANDBOX IN AS SHE SETTLES BACK BACK, OLIVE PUTS
HER PLANT BESIDE THE 2. OLIVE SETTLES BACK BESIDE
ELINOR & ARI - THEY STUDY THE PLANTS

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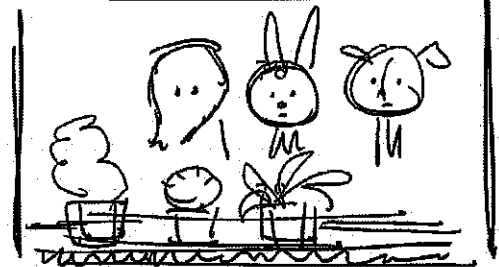
ELINOR

Ok, why is a cactus SO different from other plants?

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OLIVE

It has spikes and it doesn't have leaves or thin stems like other plants.



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ARI

This really pokes my curiosity.

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Olive pulls out a magnifying glass.

out of her satchel

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OLIVE

Let's take a closer look.

STEPS FORWARD

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ARI

Careful, don't touch it!

82

Olive grabs a small stick from the ground and gently touches the cactus as she looks at it through the magnifying glass.

83

OLIVE

It's definitely green like other plants... But the shape is very different.



At that moment, Ari turns to put down his plant and accidentally bumps into Olive, causing her to poke a shallow little hole on the cactus.

** See note bottom of page*

stick be sure to track the stick throughout the sequence

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ARI

Whoops! Sorry!

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OLIVE

Uh-Oh! I accidentally poked the cactus!

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ELINOR

I hope it's not hurt! Can I use the magnifying glass?



Olive gives Elinor the magnifying glass, and Elinor observes where the poke happened.

on ELINOR & THE PLANTS



ELINOR (CONT'D)

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I think the plant is ok... But look! There's water coming out of the little hole you made!

ON THE CACTUS THROUGH THE M/G GLASS

A droplet of clear liquid forms where Olive poked the cactus.

**ARI ALREADY PUT HIS PLANT DOWN.*

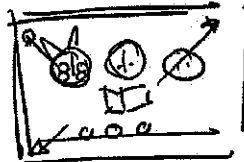
AS OLIVE IS STUDYING THE PLANTS HAVE ELINOR & ARI STEP IN BY OLIVE FOR A CLOSER LOOK. AS ARI STEPS CLOSER, HE NOTICES ANOTHER SPINE IN HIS BUM AND AS HE PULLS IT OUT, HE TURNS & BUMPS INTO OLIVE. CAUSING HER TO POKE THE CACTUS WITH THE STICK.

CONSIDER PLAYING THIS AS A REVERSE

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OLIVE
(looking closely)
You're right!



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Huh! ARI

COT LINE?

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TRY ADJUST AS
OLIVE GETS
BACK

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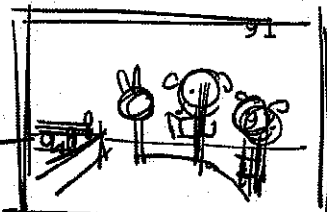
OLIVE
I think I read about this in my
Nature Book too!

She pulls the Nature Book from her satchel. She searches for a moment, going back and forth until she finds the right page.

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OLIVE (CONT'D)
Hmmm, Cabbage, no. Camel, no.

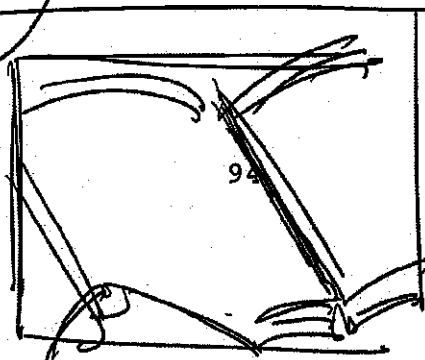
ARI
Is there anything in there about
cake?



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OLIVE
It's a NATURE book, Ari. Not a cook
book. Ok, here it is. Cactus!

She opens it up to the cactus page.



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OLIVE (CONT'D)
It says that cactuses are not like
other plants. They live in places
that are hot and dry, so they're
thick and rounded to help them keep
water inside.

In the book, we see different kinds of cactuses and a diagram showing how the cactus holds water.

95

ARI
Ohhh...

95

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ELINOR
So that's why cactuses have a
different shape! They're full of
water!

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OLIVE
And that's why they don't need
water every day. They already have
it!

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ARI
Cool!

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ON BOOK
FLIP 2 PAGES (A)
HOLD ON CABBAGE (B)
FLIP (C) FLIP (E)
HOLD ON
Camel page (D)

We don't
need to see
the images in
the book
- she flips pages with
her thumb.

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OLIVE

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The book also says that having water inside means that lots of thirsty animals like birds and lizards want to eat the cactus.

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ELINOR

100

Awww...

101

ARI

101

Hmm, all this talk of eating makes me hungry.

He takes out a bag of sunflower seeds from his pocket and starts munching.

cheat pocket in his shorts

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OLIVE

102

Ari, do you always carry a snack?

103

ARI

103

It's important to be prepared!

At that moment, a ~~few~~ birds nearby get attracted to the seeds and land nearby.

104

ARI (CONT'D)

104

Here you go, birdie! Sunflower seeds are delicious, right?

HAVE THE BIRD LAND TO THE RIGHT OF ARI.

More birds show up. One ~~hops~~ over and grabs a seed.

ARI SHOULD TURN HIS ATTENTION FROM THE GIRLS

105

ARI (CONT'D)

105

Hey! Don't get grabby.

BIRD FLEES IN & TAKES ONE FROM BAG

Ari moves the bag of seeds away to the other side, but then a bird on that side snags one.

TO THE BIRD & LATER BIRDS. CONSIDER HAVING ARI TAKE A STEP OR 2 AWAY FROM THE GIRLS

106

ARI (CONT'D)

106

Hey birds, I don't have enough seeds to share with all of you!

He is trying to shoo the birds away in all directions. CUT WIDE Elinor watches him and gets an idea. She gets a **THOUGHT BUBBLE** where Ari turns into a cactus. The birds approach the cactus, but then think twice when they get close to the spikes.

PAN UP TO THOUGHT BUBBLE

107

ELINOR

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Ari, that's it!

PAN DOWN TO A SINGLE OF ELINOR

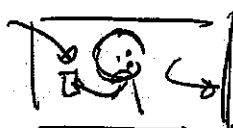
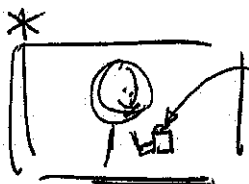
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ARI SINGLE OF ARI

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That's what?

WITH A BIRD ON HIS HEAD & OTHERS ON HIS ARMS AND ONE ON THE BAG



ARI MAKES BAG AS BIRDS SWOP IN GRABBING SEEDS

THIS COULD BE REALLY FUN!!

great comedy moment



WIRE ENOUGH FOR THE PLANTS

109

ELINOR

I think that's why the cactus has spikes! It doesn't want animals to eat it, so it uses spikes to protect itself.

109 GIRLS

AND ARI

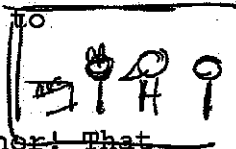
Remember He stepped to the right

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OLIVE

I think you're right, Elinor! That makes sense!

TO fear the INITIAL BIRD.



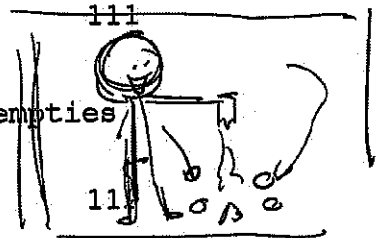
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ARI

Whoo hoo! We solved the mystery!

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Ari looks at the birds around him and gives up. He empties out the bag for the birds to eat.

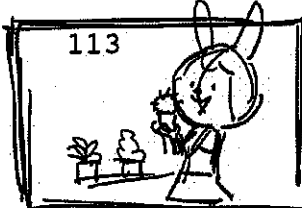


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ARI (CONT'D)

Ok, here you go, birdies.

Elinor picks up the cactus and looks at it in a new light.



113

WATSON OUT ON PLANT

ELINOR

I was a little sad when I didn't get a regular plant, but now I know that cactuses are SO COOL! I'm gonna take really good care of you!

113 AFTER

DUMPING THE

SEEDS, ARI

LOOKS TO E

SONG MONTAGE: We hear the first bars of a ditty and fade to a montage of Elinor taking the plant home. She shows it off to her parents, who touch the spines appreciatively. She does all the things she had imagined before, this time for real and with the cactus. In one scene, her friends are visiting with their plants.

TO CUE

THE

CUT.

WE SHOULD BE INSIDE THE HOUSE

114

ELINOR/OLIVE/ARI

ON THE NOTES BEFORE

THE CHIRCS START

elinor_liv-rm-010

THE KIDS ENTER

ON THE NOTES

AND START SINGING

AS THEY WALK INTO

THE HOUSE

SHOWING PARENTS - WHO

ARE ON THE COUCH

LIV-RM-003

Some things are different
Or not what you thought they'd be
But that's what makes them special
If you notice and see... * See Pg 14

A cactus is so cool - ON CACTUS
It's not like other plants
It's round with lots of spikes

ARI: that can poke you in the pants! Pulls another spine from his backside - ON ARI

Some things are different
Or not what you thought they'd be
But that's what makes them special
If you notice and see... * See Pg 14

STOP FOR THE FINAL WHISTLE AND THEN EXIT -

WATSON IN ON THE KIDS

TO THE WIDE 114S THEY

WALK TO ELINOR'S HOUSE

Forest-003

THE MUSIC STARTS AS

SOON AS WE SEE THE KIDS

IN FULL.

PLANTS ON WINDOW SILL

BASKING IN THE SUN

KIDS DRAWING THEIR

PLANTS. BORM-008

* See Pg 14

ELINOR CLOSES DOOR

RUNS OUT

AND UP THE STAIRS

LIV-RM-002

FINISH WITH ELINOR

IN BED WITH THE CACTUS

ON THE WINDOW SILL. AS

ELINOR FALLS ASLEEP WE

WATSON OUT ON THE CACTUS AND SEE IT HAS A COUPLE OF BUDS - GOOD - FINISH OUT.

ARI & OLIVE

LEAVE WITH

THEIR PLANTS

SINCE THE SONG IS A MONTAGE - YOU CAN JUMP FROM ONE LOCATION

TO ANOTHER. BE SURE TO INDICATE IN THE 'DIAL' WINDOW WHEN IT'S JUST

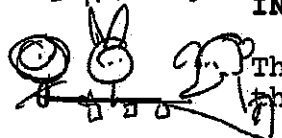
MUSIC. THE WALK SHOULD REFLECT THE MUSIC. BE SURE TO LISTEN TO THE SONG

CONSTANTLY AS YOU WORK. REFERENCE THE DO'S & DON'TS PDF.

* PRODUCTION LINE OF THE KIDS WATERING THE PLANTS

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OLIVE PASSES TO ELINOR, ELINOR WATERS, ARI TAKES IT AWAY
START WITH ARI PLANT, THEN OLIVE, FINALLY THE CACTUS.
INT. CLASSROOM -- DAY MAKE SURE THE CACTUS GETS ONLY A DROP.



The kids gather and sit in the middle of the room, holding their plants.

115
* MAYBE LOOK INTO
ELINOR'S BEDROOM
FROM OUTSIDE
Reference 107A Uleca.
for BG

MZ. MOLE SITTING BEHIND HER DESK

Ok, kids! I hope you had a great week taking care of your plants. Now, who wants to be the first to tell us what they learned?

Elinor, with her cactus at her side (so we don't see the top of it yet), raises her hand enthusiastically.

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MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)

Ah, Elinor! Come on up.

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Elinor goes up to the front with her cactus.

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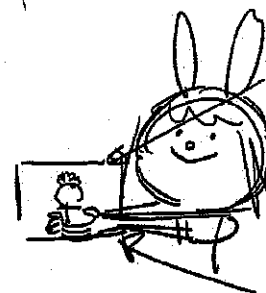
ELINOR

Ahem. I learned that cactuses are SO cool. They're plants, but they're not thin and leafy! They are thick and round because they hold water inside, and they have pokey spikes to protect them from animals that want to eat them. Even though this cactus was not what I was expecting, I loved taking care of it! Each plant is different, but they all need water and sun and care!



ELINOR
HOLDS CACTUS
LIKE THIS TO
HIDE THE TOP.

could cut to wide at one moment to show kids engaged in Elinor



Elinor reveals that the cactus has sprouted little flowers on top. The class <SFX: OOOHS> and <SFX: AAAHHH>.

118

SALLY

Look, it has flowers!

118

119

KOA

(in wonder)

I don't know a cactus had flowers!
Cool!

119

The kids gather around Elinor, all wanting to know more about the cactus.

ADD WALLA

END.



WATERSON OUT ON TO
THE FLOWER, HOLD,
CONTINUE THE OUT TO
THE END

