

ELINOR, ARI, OLIVE (CONT'D)

The whole world is there, what are
you waiting for?

The others as <SFX: CHEER WALLA> - fade out. THE END

SEGMENT 2.

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1. INT CLASSROOM -- DAY

Mz. Mole carries a plant pot and walks towards the closet.
The kids look interested and gather around her.

110 ELINOR 110
What are you doing with that pot,
Mz. Mole?

111 MZ. MOLE (FROM IN THE CLOSET) 111
I'm finding a nice spot for it in
the closet.

112 OLIVE 112
A plant in the closet? But don't
plants need SUNLIGHT to help them
grow?

113 MZ. MOLE 113
They sure do, Olive! But this is
not a plant. It's a MUSHROOM!

We see the pot closer up, revealing a mushroom. [Mycenae
Image ref: https://media.mnn.com/assets/images/2015/04/mycenae-collage-three-species.jpg.838x0_q80.jpg]. The kids <SFX:
OHHHH WALLA>.

114 MZ. MOLE (CONT'D) 114
Mushrooms actually like to grow in
the dark.

115 ARI 115
Cool. I didn't know mushrooms
weren't plants!

116 MZ. MOLE 116
That's right! Mushrooms are
something different called fungi.

117 ARI 117
Fungi? Hey, I'm a "fun guy" too!

They all <SFX: LAUGH>.

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~~MZ. MOLE~~

Yes, you are, Ari. Come on in and I'll read you a book about the amazing world of mushrooms.

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They all crowd in. Mz. Mole turns on a flashlight (there's no moment of darkness) and closes the door. She grabs a book that was there before and shines the flashlight on it.

2. POPUP BOOK - CONTINUOUS

We see a forest scene featuring a log (Reuse from Roly Poly if possible).

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~~MZ. MOLE~~

Plants need sunlight. It's what they use to live and grow.

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Page flip and we see the log roll over, with mushrooms peeking out.

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~~MZ. MOLE (CONT'D)~~

But mushrooms are different. They don't need sunlight. They like to grow in dark places, like UNDER this log!

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Zoom in on the mushrooms.

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~~ELINOR~~

If there's no sunlight, what do they use to grow?

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~~MZ. MOLE~~

Good question, Elinor! They get what they need from the ground using their roots.

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We show water and nutrients coming up into the mushrooms from its roots.

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~~OLIVE~~

That's pretty smart. Does that mean they can grow in places that plants can't?

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~~MZ. MOLE~~

Yes! Mushrooms can grow in places where it's totally dark, like underground in a cave!

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Page flip to a cave scene. We see clusters of mushrooms growing near a pool in a dripping cave. (where possible reuse scenes from Bishop 118 interstitial)

125 ELINOR 125
So these mushrooms NEVER get sunlight?

126 MZ. MOLE 126
Exactly! And they love it down there.

127 OLIVE 127
I like how they are so many different colors.

128 MZ. MOLE 128
Me too! Mushrooms don't have to be brown. They can be green or red...

129 ELINOR 129
Look, that one is pink!

We see a pink mushroom.

Image ref: <https://mushroomandcompany.com/product/pink-oyster/>

130 OLIVE 130
I see a blue one!

We see a blue mushroom.

Image ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lactarius_indigo

131 ARI 131
I spot a spotted mushroom!

We see a spotted mushroom.

Image ref: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amanita_muscaria

3. INT CLOSET -- DAY

Back in the closet. Mz. Mole shines the light on herself.

132 MZ. MOLE 132
And that's not even the most amazing color. Some mushrooms can even GLOW IN THE DARK.

133 ELINOR 133
What, really?

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~~MZ. MOLE~~
See for yourselves...

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She turns off her flashlight. The closet is dark except for the mushrooms, which are glowing and casting a green glow on everyone's faces. [Mycenae Image ref: https://media.mnn.com/assets/images/2015/04/mycena-collage-three-species.jpg.838x0_q80.jpg]

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~~ARI~~
Wow, that's amazing!

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~~OLIVE~~
I wish I could glow in the dark.

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~~MZ. MOLE~~
I think you kids are already plenty bright.

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They all laugh.

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