

## Scene 8: House

**ENTER KATY READING A BOOK.**

**Katy:** Henri, I've put Snorkel's in the bath, he's too big for the kitchen sink now.

**ENTER HENRI.**

**Henri:** He's growing bigger and bigger. We've been out all morning collecting crabs for him.

**ENTER POPPY AND MAGGIE.**

**Poppy:** I can't believe how big Snorkels is getting.

**Katy:** I don't understand either. I've checked all his features and he's definitely a common octopus. It says here that he shouldn't have grown more than a metre in length.

**Poppy:** Well he certainly is bigger than a metre in length.

**Maggie:** Are you sure that's the right species?

**Kate:** Yes, I've checked all of Snorkels identifying features and he's definitely a common octopus.

**Maggie:** It's a puzzle but I'll leave you to figure it out. I'd better go and feed Snorkels again.

**MAGGIE EXITS. ENTER FRED AND THOMAS.**

**Fred:** Katy you need to come and look.

**Thomas:** At all the creatures we've collected from the rock pool -

**Fred:** They are all growing.

**Katy:** Well they will be growing we've been looking after them.

**Thomas:** Yes but they are all growing really quickly.

**Katy:** I wonder what's going on?

**Thomas:** You have supersized sea horses, gigantic starfish and huge squishy squashy jellyfish.

**Maggie:** There must be a reason why this is happening.

**Katy:** Hang on a minute, mum's experiment.

**Henri:** She's working on an experiment to make fish grow.

**Maggie:** I wonder if that's what's making everything else grow.

**Poppy:** I mean maybe the experiment is getting into the sea.

**Katy:** And just maybe all the marine life have swallowed some of the water and well maybe that's why

they're getting so big. Oh but no, it can't be because mum said her experiment wasn't working.

**Thomas:** Oh well there must be another explanation. Still I think you need to come and check on them.

**Snorkels: (OFFSTAGE)** Katy, Katy, I've eaten all those crabs and I'm growing again.

**BUBBLES COME ON TO THE STAGE. SNORKELS ENTERS WITH MAGGIE, SNORKELS IS NOW FULLY GROWN.**

**Snorkels:** Look at all the bubbles everyone.

**Katy:** Snorkels! How much bubble bath have you used?

**Snorkels:** It fell in the bathtub.

**All Children:** Oh Snorkels.

**ALL LAUGH.**

**Snorkels:** Katy, I've eaten all those crabs.

**Poppy:** Oh good at least you won't be hungry.

**Snorkels:** I'm afraid I am, it's probably because I'm growing so fast and I'm hungry all the time.

**Fred:** I'm sorry, we're all trying to catch enough crabs to feed you, but the bigger you get the harder it is.

**Snorkels:** I know, I'm sorry but I just can't stop growing and I've just seen the other creatures in the garden pond. They look very big Katy, what's going on?

**Katy:** I'm not sure Snorkels but something isn't quite right.

**SNORKELS LOOKS AT KATY'S BOOK.**

**Snorkels:** Oh Katy, that's a picture of me.

**Henri:** But it's a lot smaller.

**Snorkels:** I don't think it's me Katy because it says - It says a common octopus.

**Maggie:** Octopus Vulgari.

**Henri:** But Snorkels that is a picture of you, you're not supposed to grow bigger than a metre long.

**Katy:** Maybe mum was right we should have put you back in the rock pool. Oh Snorkels I only wanted a friend, someone to play with.

**Snorkels:** But Katy you've got lots of friends, look around you. I'm so happy that you pulled me out of that rock pool it was disgusting and full of slime and I've had the chance to meet you all.

## **ALL THE CHILDREN GO AND HUG SNORKELS. ENTER ALL LARGE ROCK POOL CREATURES**

### **Song 3 We'll Always Be A Friend**

Snorkels, Snorkels

You get bigger every day

Bigger and bigger

In each and every way.

**ALL CHILDREN**

But still we'll look after you

When you're taller than a tree

Now you're larger than your bucket

Now you're bigger than me.

**ALL CHILDREN**

But creatures, creatures

You need your rock pool

We'll really miss you

But keeping you here's cruel.

**ALL CHILDREN**

I only ever wanted a friend

To spend their time with me

We meant you no harm

When we took you from the sea.

**KATY**

**KATY**

**ALL CHILDREN**

**ALL CHILDREN**

Humans, humans

Don't get upset

The best thing that happened to us

Was landing in your net.

**ALL SEA CREATURES**

Now we've met each other

We'll always be a friend

We will never be alone

Until the very end.

**ALL CHILDREN & SEA CREATURES**

Creatures you and us

We all can play together

Have some fun, sing and jump

And brave the stormy weather.

**ALL CHILDREN**

Humans you and us

We can learn and grin and sway

Enjoy the world together

Skip and twirl and play.

**ALL SEA CREATURES**

All of us together

We can dive and blow bubbles

We can jive and be alive

Get away from all our troubles.

**ALL CHILDREN & SEA CREATURES**

All of us together

We'll hold each other's hand

Take ourselves from this world

To magical, mystery lands.

**ALL CHILDREN & SEA CREATURES**

## **EXIT ALL ROCK POOL CREATURES.**

**Snorkels:** Oh that was fun, but unfortunately all that singing and dancing has helped me work up an appetite, I'm really hungry again.

**All Children:** Again?

**Henri:** Oh Snorkels, I don't know if we'll be allowed to go out again. You see mum will be home shortly.

**Poppy:** Hang on a minute - earlier when we were collecting crabs some managed to escape.

**Fred:** Well they couldn't have gone far.

**Thomas:** I wonder if we could find the ones that have escaped.

**Henri:** That's a fantastic idea.

**Poppy:** What about if we ask these lovely people to help.

**Snorkels:** Oh that would be brilliant. Would you please look under your chairs and see if you can find any crabs and if you do could you please stand up and shout 'I've got a crab', and if you're lucky and find two shout 'I've got crabs' and we'll be over immediately to collect them. Do you think you could do that? Brilliant, just brilliant.

## **MUSIC IS PLAYED AS AUDIENCE JOIN IN AND FIND CRABS AND ALL CHILDREN GO AND COLLECT THEM IN THEIR BUCKETS.**

**Snorkels:** Oh thank you so much I'm very grateful. These will keep me going for a while but we can't expect to get help every few hours - I'm going to have to start catching my own food.

**Katy:** But to do that you'd have to -

**Snorkels:** Go back to the sea. I don't want to leave you, but I've already outgrown the jam jar, the kitchen sink and the bathtub and soon I'll need more food than you'll ever be able to find for me.

**Fred:** Do you have to go now Snorkels?

**Snorkels:** Not straightaway but I'll need to go tomorrow.

**Poppy:** That's alright, we can see you've got to.

**Henri:** Oh Snorkels you're looking very dry, do you need to get back in the bathtub?

**Snorkels:** I think I'd better. Can I take the crabs as a snack?

**Fred:** Yes you can.

**Snorkels:** Thank you.

## **SNORKELS GOES TO EXIT AND TURNS BACK.**

**Snorkels:** Katy will you come and say goodnight before you go to bed?

**Katy:** Of course I will.

**SNORKELS EXITS.**

**Henri:** Oh I wish he didn't have to go.

**Katy:** I can see why he's got to - But I'm going to miss him so much.

**Fred:** Well we better go and check on the star fish.

**Thomas:** And the giant sea horses.

**Poppy:** Don't forget the jelly fish.

**Maggie:** I'll come and help.

**THOMAS, FRED, POPPY AND MAGGIE EXIT.**

**Henri:** Who'd have thought we'd ever get to be really good friends with a giant octopus.

**Katy:** I know and since he's been here you've not been stuck in your room on your computer.

**Henri:** And you've not had your head stuck in books. Instead you've made friends - Anyway I've had no time for computer games we're always collecting crabs for Snorkels.

**BUBBLES START TO COME ON TO THE STAGE.**

**Snorkels: (OFFSTAGE)** I'm back in the bath again.

**Katy:** Snorkels take the bubble bath out.

**Snorkels:** Sorry Katy.

**KATY AND HENRI START CHASING BUBBLES AND LAUGHING.**

**Henri:** There are bubbles everywhere.

**Katy:** We'd better tidy up before mum comes home.

**HENRI AND KATY EXIT. DR WATKINS ENTERS AND SITS DOING PAPERWORK.**

**Dr Watkins:** Who'd have thought salt was the missing ingredient.

**COMEDY SEQUENCE HERE WITH OCTOPUS TRYING TO ENTER ONSTAGE AND KATY AND HENRI TRYING TO PULL HIM BACK AND DR WATKINS MISSES HIM EVERY TIME. EVENTUALLY DR WATKINS ALMOST SPOTS HIM AND KATY ENTERS TO COVER HIM.**

**Katy:** Hello Mum.

**Dr Watkins:** Have you done your homework Katy?

**Katy:** Yes Mum. Mum I've got something to tell you it's about your work.

**Dr Watkins:** What would you know about my work Katy?

**Katy:** I think the stuff you're experimenting with is getting into the sea and its making things grow - That's why Snorkels is so massive.

**Dr Watkins:** Snorkels?

**ENTER HENRI.**

**Henri:** Hi Mum.

**Dr Watkins:** Do you mean that octopus of yours?

**ENTER MAGGIE AND POPPY.**

**Maggie/Poppy:** Hello Dr Watkins.

**Dr Watkins:** I thought I told you to put him back into the sea.

**ENTER FRED AND THOMAS.**

**Fred/Thomas:** Hello Dr Watkins.

**Katy:** I'm going to mum - Tomorrow, but please come and look at him.

**Poppy:** He's enormous.

**Henri:** And I'm sure it's not natural and you said you were working on making fish grow in your lab.

**Katy:** Well I think maybe some of your experiments are getting into the sea and Snorkels swallowed some of the water and that's why he's so big.

**Dr Watkins:** Impossible, the waste from the lab can't be getting into the sea. You see it's all packed up and taken away to be disposed of safely.

**Katy:** Well that's what I thought but someone's to blame Mum. Three days ago Snorkels was this big **(MIMES WITH HANDS)** Then he was this big and now he's this big. I'll go and get him.

**Dr Watkins:** Oh Katy you've always had a vivid imagination - you get that from your Dad.

**Henri:** I'll go and get him.

**Poppy/Fred/Thomas:** We'll come and help.

**MAGGIE, HENRI, POPPY, FRED AND THOMAS EXIT.**

**Dr Watkins:** I haven't time for this nonsense. I'm going back to the lab to add some salt to my new experiment. I want you all to collect your octopus and take him back to the rock pool where you found him. I think Grandma has been filling your head with too many stories, I mean your brain is just filled with rubbish.

**DR WATKINS EXITS.**

**Katy:** You're the one filling something with rubbish - the sea. Oh what's the point.

**KATY EXITS.**

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