

EKIN'S ADVENTURE

Puppet Play

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To my nephew Ekin...

CHARACTERS:

EKIN – a girl

MOTHER – Ekin's mother

LION – named Daisy

OWL

DRAGON – named Pinky

WITCH

FATHER – Ekin's father

HAPPY – a boy

1th Scene

(Ekin's home)

EKIN Mama, mama, mama, mama, mama, mama, mama...

MOTHER *(Awakes)* Yes.

EKIN Are you awake?

MOTHER Why aren't you asleep?

EKIN Immmmm...

MOTHER You didn't sleep again?

EKIN Immmmm...

MOTHER How many nights have you not slept?

EKIN Sleeping is boring mama.

MOTHER That is not true.

EKIN When you sleep, you don't do anything. Just boring.

MOTHER But you should sleep. If you don't sleep, you can't grow up.

EKIN I am waiting for my father, mama.

MOTHER Your father is not here now.

EKIN Maybe he will come tonight. If I sleep, I cannot see him.

MOTHER Come to me my dear Ekin. *(Kisses)*

EKIN I have a feeling mama that one day he will come back to us.

MOTHER *(She doesn't answer)* What? Did somebody make breakfast for me?

EKIN Nooooooo.

MOTHER Okay, then I'll make it for you.

EKIN Oooooo!

MOTHER Come on! Let's have a big breakfast together!

EKIN Mama, did my father leave us, because of me?

MOTHER No dear, don't think like this.

EKIN Was I very naughty, mama?

MOTHER No, my sweet Ekin, you were a good daughter. *(Goes)*

EKIN Father, please come back.

MOTHER *(Outside)* Will you have milk?

EKIN Yes please mama. I hate milk. *(Realizes)* Oops, sorry.

MOTHER *(Outside)* With honey?

EKIN Yes please, with honey. I hate honey. *(Remembers)* It's ok. But drinking is too boring. Anyway... I must find my father. *(Goes)*

2nd Scene

(In the forest. Comes Ekin and seat to relax)

EKIN I walked all day. Where am I? It is getting dark. Father! Father! Father! Do you hear me? *(Cries)*

(A Lion appears)

LION Don't cry please! Stop it.

EKIN *(Afraid)* Who are you?

LION Can't you see? I am the Lion, the king of the forest.

EKIN Are you going to eat me?

LION I don't like to eat girls. The girls are not for eating.

EKIN I agree with you.

LION What are you doing here in the middle of the night?

EKIN I am looking for my father.

LION Your father? *(Thinks)*

EKIN Did you eat my father?

LION No, no, no, no, no. I am a vegetarian.

EKIN But you are a Lion! How could you be a vegetarian?

LION Shush! Don't tell anybody that, please!

EKIN Ok. I promise.

LION Thank you.

EKIN Why are you a vegetarian?

LION You are a good girl and I will tell you.

I am afraid to look at blood
And the meat I hate to cut.
I don't like the raw meat taste,
But vegetables are my best!

I prefer to eat potatoes,
Cabbage fresh and red tomatoes,
Peas and beans with taste I eat –
Everything, but never meat.

Oh, my lovely vegetables,
You will never make me troubles!

EKIN Oh, I understand! I don't like meat either. But do you know where can I find my father?

LION I have no idea.

EKIN Oh, my father disappeared.

LION But how?

EKIN Just disappeared. I really miss him. (*Cries*)

LION Don't cry. I can't look at tears! I will help you.

EKIN Really? Thank you, Lion .

LION My name is Daisy.

EKIN Daisy?

LION Yes, but everybody calls me Leo. Please don't call me that.

EKIN Ok Daisy.

LION Let's go.

EKIN Where?

LION To my friend.

EKIN Who is your friend?

LION The Dragon.

EKIN Wow, the Dragon?! (*Screams*)

LION Don't worry. He is my friend.

EKIN But he will eat me.

LION He doesn't like to eat. He prefers to drink.

EKIN You mean alcohol?

LION No.

EKIN Milk?

LION No.

EKIN What else?

LION Just very cold water.

EKIN Oh, well then.

LION Let's go!

3rd Scene

(Dragon's Place. Probably in a cave)

LION Hello Pinky!

DRAGON Oooo Daisy! My dear friend! How are you?

LION Meet this girl.

DRAGON You told me you are a vegetarian.

LION Yes. She is my friend.

DRAGON Oh, you have a girlfriend!

LION No, just a friend.

EKIN Hello Pinky. I am Ekin.

DRAGON Ooooo, she is very sweet!

LION Don't eat her.

DRAGON Ok! But she is really sweet!

EKIN Thank you!

LION We are looking for her father.

DRAGON Where is he?

LION We don't know. We came to ask you.

DRAGON Why me? I didn't eat him. Look at my mouth! Aaaaa.

LION Ok, but you fly everywhere. Maybe you have seen him?

DRAGON How does he look?

EKIN He looks like the best father in the world.

DRAGON That is very nice information but not enough.

EKIN Well. One day my father went to buy some bread and never returned.

He was once my one companion . . .
He was all that mattered . . .
He was once a friend and father -
Now my world is shattered . . .

Wishing you were somehow here again . . .
Wishing you were somehow near . . .
Sometimes it seemed if I just dreamed,
Somehow you would be here . . .

Wishing I could hear your voice again . . .
Knowing that I never would . . .
Dreaming of you won't help me to do
All that you dreamed I could . . .

LION Don't you cry again!

DRAGON Yes it is a very sad story! And I will try to help you.

EKIN Thank you Pinky.

(Dragon's mobile phone rings)

DRAGON I have to answer the phone. My Witch is calling.

EKIN Whaaaaat!

LION Which witch?

DRAGON These days, my work is not going well. You know, Daisy I have no fire in my mouth.

LION So?

DRAGON So I am working for a witch?

LION What are you doing for her?

DRAGON Nothing, just cooking.

EKIN It's boring!

DRAGON Yes, I know. But she gives me water.

LION Is your salary "water"?

DRAGON No! Cold water!

EKIN It's boring. Whatever.

DRAGON But it's important for me!

LION Why?

DRAGON When she cooks she uses my fire,
And in my mouth is awfully hot.
Then she pours in it cold water
And I tell her "Thanks a lot!"

I am such a fire dragon
And my pinky color now is seen,
But if I could stop the fire
Probably it'd change to green

LION That is a very strange dream.

DRAGON Why it is similar as yours – you are a lion but are dreaming about vegetarian food.

LION It is not the same. I just don't like the taste of fresh, not cooked, meat.

 (Dragon's mobile rings again)

EKIN Don't you need to answer the phone?

DRAGON *(in a bad tone)* Hello. I am the dragon *(changes)* Ok, I am coming. Now! *(Off the phone)* I have to go now. *(Goes)*

EKIN But you promised to help us to find my father.

DRAGON Wait for me! I will be back soon!

EKIN He's gone. Let's go.

4th Scene

(Outside of the cave. Appears an Owl)

OWL Shush!

LION Yes, Ekin!

EKIN I am not calling you

LION But who is calling shush?

EKIN Owl! Oh, there is an owl.

LION Owl?

EKIN Yes, it's there

LION Where?

EKIN There!

OWL *(Quakes with fear)* Are you going to eat me?

LION No! Owls are not for eating.

OWL Are you sure?

LION Yes, I am quite sure.

EKIN Don't be afraid. He is a vegetarian.

OWL Vegetarian?

LION Ekin, I told you that not to tell anybody.

EKIN O, sorry. I forgot, Daisy.

OWL Daisy?

LION Ekin, I told you that not to tell anybody my name.

EKIN O, sorry. I forgot, Daisy.

OWL *(Smiles)* Vegetarian *(laughs)* Lion. *(More laughs)* Daisy!

LION *(Roars)* Woowowowowwowo!

OWL *(Very afraid and quakes with fear)*

EKIN Hey, you have wonderful voice.

LION Really?

EKIN Yes. Did you get singing lessons?

LION No. But I have a gift for music.

EKIN Congratulations! What do you say Owl?

OWL *(still quakes with fear)* cooooo... nnnngggg... rraaa...

EKIN He agrees with me. And now? What are we doing?

LION Ihmmmm... immmm... immmm...

EKIN Owl, have you seen my father?

OWL What father?

EKIN My father. You go everywhere at night. Maybe you have seen him.

OWL No, I haven't.

EKIN How can you be sure like this?

OWL Because.

EKIN Daisy!

LION *(Roars)* Woowowowowwowo!

OWL *(Afraids a lot and quakes with fear)* Because I am afraid of the dark. I can't open my eyes after nightfall.

LION What! *(Smiles)* owl *(Laughs)* Afraid of *(More laughs)* Dark!

EKIN Your first roar was better than this.

LION *(Laughs)* Oh, thank you.

EKIN Why are you afraid of the dark?

OWL Because I see too many secret things in the dark. People think too many things in the dark. There are too many eyes!

EKIN Have you seen my father's eyes?

OWL No. Never!

EKIN Daisy!

LION Roarararararar!!!

OWL Ok, ok. I will have a look. *(Flies and looks around)*

OWL Is your father a man or a woman?

EKIN Of course a man!

OWL Man? Interesting. I see a man.

EKIN What is he doing?

OWL He is trying to rob a bank.

EKIN No! My father is not a thief.

OWL Ok. I see another one. Ooo, ooo! He is kissing a young girl! .

EKIN No, he is not my father!

OWL I see another one. He is in a prison cell and he looks really sad.

EKIN Cell? Which cell?

OWL Witch's cell.

EKIN Which witch?

LION Witch of the dragon?

OWL Yes, Pinky is there.

LION Ooo, let's go there all together.

OWL All together?

LION Yes, owl. You are coming too.

OWL No, I don't like the witch. She can cook me.

LION I told you that owls are not for eating.

OWL Not for the witches.

LION Then, will you show us the way?

OWL Yes, but I am not coming with you there.

EKIN Ok then. Let's go.

5th Scene

OWL Here we are. This is the Witch's house! I escape! Ciao!

EKIN Is this the witch's house? It's boring.

LION Shush! Be quiet!

(They look to the window. There are some sounds there)

EKIN What is she doing?

LION She is cooking.

WITCH Oooo, noooo! I have not got an owls leg!!! *(Looks the book)* What can I add instead of owl's leg? Hmmm. Dragon's teeth. It's ok.

DRAGON No, it's not ok. Teeth of Green Dragon. But I am pinky dragon!

WITCH *(Looks the book again)* Yes, you are right.

DRAGON What are you cooking?

WITCH I am cooking a magic mixture for my future husband.

DRAGON Why do you need a magic mixture?

WITCH Because he does not love me enough.

DRAGON So, don't force him

WITCH If I free him, I must find another one.

DRAGON Find another one.

WITCH It's too hard in my age.

DRAGON How old are you?

WITCH Never ask a woman for her age! But I am only 3... I am 3.

DRAGON 3? You are 3 years old?

WITCH No, 3 hundred.

DRAGON Oh! You look very well then.

WITCH Thank you Pinky. But I am not going to marry you.

DRAGON Thank you.

BOY (Comes) Mother, I don't want this man to be my father.

WITCH But you need a father!

BOY Can you find another one?

WITCH Why?

BOY Because he does not love me. And you also.

WITCH Don't worry about it. I will manage it.

BOY No, I don't like him!

WITCH Shut up! Go out! Don't disturb me! Nobody asked you!

(The boy goes out)

BOY It's boring! Life is boring!

6th Scene

(Outside the Witch's house)

BOY Hey, who are you?

LION Shush. I am a Lion.

BOY Are you going to eat me?

LION No, young boys are not for eating.

EKIN He is a vegetarian.

LION Thank you Ekin!

EKIN Oh, sorry!

BOY *(Impresses)* What are you?

EKIN Why are you looking at me like that? I am a girl.

BOY I have never seen any girl before.

EKIN Really?

BOY Yes, I am living alone. By myself! And with a stupid man!

EKIN Don't call my father "stupid"!

BOY What did you say? This "stupid" man is your father?

EKIN Don't call my father "stupid"!

BOY Sorry. The stupid man is not stupid, then.

EKIN Where is my father?

BOY He is in the cell.

EKIN Cell?

BOY Yes, cell!

EKIN My dear friend...

BOY Friend? Me?

EKIN Yes, your mother has abducted my father. I must save him. I need a father.

BOY Me too. But not this one. He is stupid.

EKIN Don't call my father "stupid"!. Can you help me or not?

LION Roarrrrrrrrrr!

BOY Yes, of course. I will help you. Let's go to the cell.

7th Scene

(In front of the cell)

EKIN My Father!

FATHER My Ekin! Lion! Be careful my Ekin. Lion can eat you.

EKIN Don't be afraid my father. He is a vegetarian.

LION Thank you. You didn't tell anybody.

EKIN Ops, I forgot it again! Sorry!

FATHER You should find the key, my Ekin.

EKIN Where is the key?

FATHER I don't know

EKIN Where can it be?

FATHER I don't know!

EKIN May be inside?

FATHER I don't know!

EKIN May be outside?

FATHER I don't know!

EKIN If you know, just tell me father.

FATHER I don't know my sweet Ekin!

EKIN Ok then.

BOY I told you that he is stupid.

EKIN Don't call my father "stupid"! Do you know where the key is?

BOY Of course.

EKIN Why don't you tell us?

BOY You didn't ask me.

EKIN Ok. I am asking now. Where is the key?

BOY Inside.

EKIN Ok then. We have to go inside.

FATHER My Ekin, please be careful! She is very ugly and bad and cruel and...

BOY Don't call my mother ugly, bad, cruel and...

EKIN Is she your mother?

BOY A kind of.

EKIN But you don't look like her. You are handsome.

BOY Am I?

EKIN Yes, but not very much. But you are ok. I didn't say you are perfect. But...

LION Roarrrrrrrrrr

EKIN Let's go inside...

(Come the witch. She holds the magic mixture in her hand)

WITCH Look at that! We have guests. Uninvited guests!

LION Roarrrrrrrrr!!!

WITCH I am afraid so much! Stupid Lion!

EKIN You can't keep my father in the cell.

WITCH Can't I? Did you miss your father?

EKIN Yes, I did.

WITCH So, go to the prison. My son! Open the door with this key.

BOY Ok mother.

LION Roarrrrrrrrr!!!

WITCH And you too Lion.

EKIN He is not Lion. He is Daisy!

WITCH Daisy? Hahahhahahahah! Stop kidding with me! I told you to open the door my son!

BOY Ok mother.

(Opens the door. Puts Ekin and Lion in the jail)

WITCH So, I need more memory loss mixture now. Lock the door and come with me son.

(She goes)

BOY Ok mother.

EKIN *(Imitates)* Ok mother. Henpecked!

8th Scene

(In the cell)

FATHER My Ekin!

EKIN Father! I missed you so much.

FATHER How is your mother?

EKIN She is fine.

LION I am fine too. In this jail!!!

FATHER Are you going to eat me?

LION Offf! *(Lion doesn't answer)*

FAHER What will we do now?

EKIN We can try to open the door.

FATHER I tried many times.

EKIN We can dig the ground.

FATHER I tried many times.

EKIN Daisy! Think of something!

LION Me? Daisy? A vegetarian lion? What can I do?

EKIN Maybe you can't do anything by yourself. But we can do everything together!!!

LION Let me think! (*Lion thinks and starts to sing Dragon's song*)

9th Scene

Dragon sleeps and the Dragon's song, which Daisy sang

DRAGON (*Sleeps*) This melody? I know this melody. This is my song! But who knows my song? (*Thinks*) Nobody! (*Sleeps*)

(Dragon's song goes on)

DRAGON This voice? I know this voice. Whose voice is this? Nobody's! (*Sleeps*)

(Dragon's song goes on and finishes)

LION Pinky didn't hear me

EKIN If we sing together we can succeed

(They sing together. Dragon wakes)

DRAGON (*sleeps*) This melody? I know this melody. This is my song! (*Goes out*)

10th Scene

(In front of the cell. The Dragon appears)

LION Pinky? Is that you?

DRAGON Daisy? Why are you here?

EKIN To find my father.

DRAGON Is he your father?

EKIN Yes

DRAGON O, you found your father. It's great. Bye.

LION Stop Pinky! Can't you see that we are in the jail?

DRAGON O yeah. Why? Who put you in there?

LION The Witch?

DRAGON Which witch?

LION Yours!

DRAGON Mine?

LION Yes.

DRAGON Then what to do?

LION Help us get out.

DRAGON Where is the key?

LION With the witch.

FATHER Or with the boy.

DRAGON I will help you. *(Goes)*

(Boy comes)

EKIN Did you bring the key?

BOY No. I want to help you but I am afraid of my mother.

(The Owl appears)

OWL She is not your mother

BOY What?

EKIN What?

OWL Yes, she is not your mother. It was 10 years ago. The witch abducted you from Ekin's neighbor's house.

BOY Really?

OWL Yes, that's true.

FATHER Yes I remember. Our neighbors were really sad.

BOY I remember now.

EKIN I remember too. We were close friends once before. We were playing together.

BOY What is my real name?

OWL Happy.

BOY But I am not happy.

EKIN Ok, but your name is Happy. And you will be happy.

OWL I am happy too. I have discovered the truth for these people. I am not afraid of the darkness anymore! (*Flies*)

 (*Comes the witch*)

WITCH What are you doing here son!

BOY I am going to open the jail.

WITCH What?!

BOY I am going to open the jail.

WITCH What?! Don't you listen to your mother?

BOY You are not my mother!

WITCH Who told you?

BOY My friends

WITCH You have no friends

BOY I do. You are a robber. You are a witch.

WITCH Yes I am.

 (*Lion and Dragon comes together*)

LION You are a bad woman. And now I am going to eat you.

WITCH As I know you are a vegetarian.

LION Not anymore I don't like raw meat.

WITCH So?!

LION But the Dragon will help me to cook you.

WITCH The Dragon can't make a fire.

DRAGON I can. I don't need your cold water anymore.

 (*Dragon makes fire*)

WITCH Nooo!! No!!!! Don't cook me!!! Nobody eats witches. Witches are not for eating.

DRAGON But I must try to eat one. (*Dragon makes fire again*) How do you prefer to cook her Daisy? Grilled? Well done? With Potatoes? With oranges?

WITCH No! No!!! (*Escapes*)

(*The boy opens the cell*)

EKIN How lucky we are.

BOY Thank you Lion!

FATHER Thank you Dragon!

EKIN Thank you my friends! I'll never forget you and your friendship.

LION Good bye Ekin!

DRAGON Good bye Happy!

EKIN Father, do you know the way? My mother is worried about me. She is waiting for me.

FATHER Hey, Happy. Your parents also are waiting for you.

EKIN Happy, are you happy now?

BOY Yes, thanks to you, we are happy all together!

Happy song

Raising sun –
Let's go together!
Let's have fun
And smile forever!
If you have a dream
And if you follow it,
You will never be
Neither sad, nor beat!
Rising sun –
Let's go together!
Let be fun
And smile forever!

THE END