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## *Apples to Grandma*

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## PROLOGUE

*Enter JOSIE. We hear an argument between Josie. and her mother*

**JOSIE:** Why not, Mom?

**VOICE MOM :** When Momma says no, she means no!

**JOSIE:** Yeah, that's what you always say but why can't I, Mom?

**VOICE MOM:** Grandma has moved, Josie. She lives in an old folks' home now

**JOSIE:** But I can go and stay with her there, can't I!?

**VOICE MOM:** Children are not allowed to stay there, Josie., it's not possible any more, NEVER! And Josie. ... BLOW YOUR NOSE!

*JOSIE. sniffs, a handkerchief is thrown from behind the book. JOSIE. picks up the handkerchief and sits down on a big eraser. JOSIE puts her giant handkerchief over her head, shakes NO, then she pulls off the handkerchief and blows her nose. MUSIC*

**JOSIE:** *(Reads a letter)* dear Grandma I'm not doing too well because I can't come and stay anymore .. because you have moved ...because you have bad legs and the stairs were too steep . . .and now you have a lift in the old folks' home but children can't come and stay with you, says Mommy.

**VOICE MOMMA:**

Josie? Josie? Why don't you make a nice drawing for Grandma. Grandma would really like that...

## SCENE 1

JOSIE is surprised to see a giant pencil and the giant sketch book. JOSIE turns the page so that the audience can see the drawing, picks up the pencil, walks up to the drawing and draws an apple.

**JOSIE:** this is Grandmas old house with the guest room ...  
and the garden ... and the path with the gravel.  
And the fence ... the fence, where Grandma always  
stood waiting for me.  
Hello Josie. hi you silly goose when are you going to come visit?  
And the apple tree.  
Our apple tree, that's what Grandma always used to say ... and  
when we picked apples, it was ME who'd take them up to the attic,  
up the steep stairs ... we had apples all year round and this is me!  
(*JOSIE ponders. Josie drawn as a puppet appears on the page MUSIC,  
puppet walks back and forth, climbs up the book to pick the apple, falls  
down with the apple and a giant apple emerges from the big book. JOSIE  
catches it.*)An apple from our apple tree. I'm going to bring that  
apple to Grandma all by myself! To get to Grandma, I have to cross  
a busy road.

JOSIE turns the page. MUSIC

## SCENE 2

Drawing of traffic appears. Little cars drive around on the drawing. JOSIE points to it

JOSIE: Ambulance

AMBULANCE: Weoo...weeoo...weeoo...weeoo

JOSIE: Caravan Schoolbus.

SCHOOLBUS: Brmm, brmm

JOSIE: Jimmy on his horse Hi Jimmy!

JIMMY: Hi Josie.

JOSIE tries to cross the road. Each time she tries, the cars honk their horns ... then she sees that the traffic light is green, she takes the eraser and erases it.

CARS: Hey, what's going on (*all at once*) the lights don't work. Officer, officer ... I've got to get home ... I'm hungry... I need to go the bathroom ...

JOSIE in confusion, picks up the pencil and colors the light Red. Starts to cross again, but the traffic starts driving.

JOSIE: You've got to stop, the lights are red! (*She then gets her eraser and places it in the middle of the road, gets up on top of it and shouts with her arms stretched out wide*) STOP!!!!!!!

The traffic stops (MUSIC STOP) and JOSIE crosses the road triumphantly. JOSIE looks at the drawing on the left page: two gas pumps.

### SCENE 3

**JOSIE:** On the other side of the street, there's the gas station ... that's where Daddy always goes to get gas. (*JOSIE pulls a gas hose from one of the pump.*) We sell Diesel and Normal (*She acts like she's a pump attendant. Replaces the hose, wipes her hands clean and sits down in front of the pump.*) Uh ... checking the motor costs five dollars.... (*Hose tickles her head. JOSIE looks up.*) And uh ...cleaning the windows costs.... (*Hose does it again and JOSIE looks, but doesn't see anything.*) Cleaning the window... (*Hose hits her on the head, now JOSIE sees that it's the hose doing it.*) Hey ... (*Looks around*) Not much business today, is there? (*She blows her nose, at that moment a small car appears on the drawing.*)

**CAR:** Brmm, brmm (*Conversation between HOSE and CAR*) Mi mi mi mi mi mi mi (*Hose fills the car up with gas*)

**HOSE:** Bloop bloop bloop?

**CAR:** Mi mi mi mi mi

**HOSE:** Bloop bloop bloop bloop bloop

**CAR:** Mi mi mi mi mi

**HOSE:** Bloop bloop bloop bloop?

*CAR drives off.*

**CAR:** Mimi! brrunrbrmmmmmmmm!

*JOSIE and HOSE watch the car driving away.*

**HOSE:** Bloop?

*JOSIE gets out her handkerchief and wipes the hose clean, hose blows its nose in her handkerchief*

**JOSIE:** Hey, that's my handkerchief.

**HOSE:** Bloop

**JOSIE:** You've got a cold, haven't you ? That's 'cause you're always hanging out outside ... you can borrow it for a while ... (*JOSIE ties the handkerchief around hose. JOSIE and hose hear honking, look in the direction where the sound is coming from, look at each other, HOSE nod*)  
Customers.

Car with Classy Lady enters

**CAR:** Beep beep

JOSIE picks up the pencil and lifts it up like a "lever"

**JOSIE:** Iiiiieehh (*SOUND OF LEVER*)

The lady drives on and looks through the car windows

**LADY:** Hello I am a classy lady and this here is Henry, my car . (*LADY steps through her car door and stands behind the car. JOSIE looks at the HOSE*)  
We have now come to the gas station and that's why Henry (*kiss, kiss*) will be given a delicious drink.

**JOSIE:** Gas... (*HOSE shakes his head. JOSIE goes to the LADY*) We sell super...diesel and normal and normal

LADY looks at the apple, that's lying on the eraser. Picks up the apple

**LADY:** Oh ... what a classy apple you've got there ... I've always dreamed of having an apple like that ... How much ?

JOSIE snatches the apple out of the lady's hands and puts it back

**JOSIE:** No, it's not for sale.....it's for my Grandma

LADY looks at the HOSE with the handkerchief

**HOSE:** Bloop?

LADY feels the handkerchief, HOSE looks away

**LADY:** Hiii! what a classy scarf you have there. I've always dreamed of having a scarf like that How much much ?

**HOSE:** Bloop

**LADY:** Oh, come on, be a sport , I can borrow it for a while, can't I? (*Grabs the handkerchief and puts it on her own head*)

**HOSE:** Bloop!!

*JOSIE looks on*

**JOSIE:** That's my handkerchief ... with my snot on it!

*LADY is shocked, pulls the handkerchief off her head and throws it to JOSIE.*

**LADY:** Attendant! Go to Henry this minute! Check his motor, fill him with diesel and wipe off all the finger marks of all the filthy children who are always touching him.

*JOSIE blows her nose. She walks up to HENRY and starts wiping him clean. LADY goes over to the eraser and tries to steal the apple. Just at that moment, JOSIE tries out HENRY'S horn.*

**HORN:** TOOT!!!

*LADY and JOSIE are both startled.*

**LADY:** Oh. Hiii!

*JOSIE to the HOSE. The HOSE shakes its head.*

**JOSIE:** Diesel!

*Josie picks up the HOSE (protest!) and fills the car with diesel.*

**HOSE:** Bloopbloopbloop

*The HOSE struggles and JOSIE loses control over the hose. LADY makes use of the confusion to run off with the apple.*

**JOSIE:** My apple! Come back with my apple! (*JOSIE runs after her, but she's too late. The LADY has disappeared behind the book.*) She's stolen my apple. The beach! She's gone to the beach! Then I'm going to the beach too!!