

TOBY THE CROW EP 1

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NARRATOR

On a little planet was a little island which has a little village called Elttil, thats me. I am Elttil, thats right, I am, a place. I am also so Pleased to meet you.... And on my high street was a wonderful little bakery, home of the Herbertson family. One day Emily Herbertson was out playing with her friends but decided to come home a little earlier than her parents expected, as she puts her bag up on the door hanger she overhears their concerns behind the door.

Alison the daughter of Alison Herbertson. Black girl of 10 years old. Alison black woman, mid to late 30s.

ALISON

That's the fifth shop this year that has closed down, nobody is shopping on their local high-streets anymore and I'm not entirely sure what else we can do to improve on sales.

Mike, any ethnicity early 40s.

MIKE

Maybe do another cake sale, everybody likes cakes.

ALISON

Any excuse for you to eat cakes, hey mike.

Alison smiles at Mike.

MIKE

Cuppa tea my dear?

ALISON

Yeah okay.

NARRATOR

Suddenly Emily opens the door exposing her to her parents.

ALISON
Emily?

NARRATOR
Emily not knowing what to do,
becomes worried and runs up the
stairs to her bedroom.

MIKE
O No, hope she didn't hear.

ALISON
That's the last thing she needs,
she's just getting over the loss of
Louie, her ginger cat.

They hear her bedroom door close.

MIKE
I know, look I'll go up and have a
chat with her.

NARRATOR
Mike walks up the stairs to Emily's
bedroom and knocks on her door.

Knock on door.

MIKE
Emily, O Emily. Can I come in?

EMILY
Yes dad.

NARRATOR
Emily is on her bed hugging her
favourite teddy.

MIKE
We are sorry if you heard our
conversation, are you okay?

EMILY
I'm just worried our bakery's going
to be next.

MIKE
We all are but...

Emily
Dad, I have an idea?

NARRATOR

Emily leaps off her bed and gets her math homework book out.

EMILY

What was the biggest seller last year on sports day at my school?

Mike

Mmm?

EMILY (CONT'D)

That's right, it was my mmm, lovely lemonade at 25 pence a cup. This year I can double the price and all proceeds can go to our Herbertsons bakery.

MIKE

mmm?

EMILY

Yes I know how tasty it was dad. You don't have to keep saying mmm, don't worry dad we'll be okay.

MIKE

Mmm, okay Emily I'll get the ingredients.

NARRATOR

That evening Emily spends the whole night preparing for the next day's sports day, making litres upon litres of tasty lemonade.

We see the sun going down and coming back up again, then it starts raining.

The next day Emily gets up and opens the curtains to an overcast windy rainy day.

Emily opens her bedroom window.

EMILY
Noo!!!

Cut to: in the car. Car noise Car pulling up to the entrance of Elittle primary school. Sounds of children walking, Laughing and playing.

NARRATOR
A teacher by the name of Mr
Huchingson Is ushering in the kids.

MR HUCHINGSON
Come on Billy, get off Callum.

NARRATOR
He notices Emily's dad opening the
car boot. Revealing the lemonade.

MR HUCHINGSON
O hello Mr Herbertson, sorry to
inform you. Sports day has been
postponed until next week due to
today's weather.

Emily interrupts.

EMILY
But Mr Hunchingson sir, I spent all
evening preparing this.

MR HUCHINGSON
Sorry Emily but we simply cannot go
ahead with sports day today, it
wouldn't be safe for track and
field events.

EMILY
O no. I suppose so. Okay Sir, I
understand.

Emily looking disappointed.

End of scene 1

Scene two School canteen. Noisy with Children talking loud.

Emily and her friends Saskia (eastern European) and Donna any
ethnicity. Both in Year 6.

NARRATOR

Emily is with her best friends
Saskia and Donna. They are all sat
in their favourite spot in the
school canteen.

EMILY

And that's why Saskia and Donna
you're all drinking my deliciously
free lemonade.

SASKIA

What are you going to do?

DONNA

My grandad had that toy shop on the
high street and that was the first
shop to close and it was like
Christmas every day when we had
that shop, he now just keeps
saying, it's those RATS!

Music starts, Toby theme.

NARRATOR

Suddenly we see Donna's Grandad
sitting in a chair repeatedly
saying.

GRANDAD

Rat's Rat's it those Pesky Rat's!

NARRATOR

A group of naughty boys are chasing
what looks like a slightly injured
crow around the playground. Billy,
Ted and Callum.

SASKIA

Look, look at what's happening.

NARRATOR

Saskia points at the boys, Emily
puts her sandwich down.

EMILY

Those boys, they'll never learn,
lets go girls!

NARRATOR

They all get up like superheroes
and walk towards the naughty boys
who are chasing the crow around the
football field.

EMILY

What, do, you, think, you, are,
doing!

BILLY

What do you think you're doing, ha
aha.

TED

Leave us alone and carry on eating
your silly sandwiches.

EMILY

Don't tell us what to do, leave
that poor crow alone.

TED

You're telling us what to do!

SASKIA

Someone has to, you boys are always
getting into trouble.

NARRATOR

Emily kneels down and gently picks
up the crow.

EMILY

You can stay with us this
lunchtime.

NARRATOR

The crow looks at Emily and nods a
couple of times like he's just
acknowledged what she has just
said.

BILLY

Wow he likes you.

EMILY

How do you know it's a he?

Music fades.

TED
Because, because all crows are a
he.

DONNA
O dear, O dear.

Bell goes end of scene 2

SCENE 3
Geography class

Everyone is listening to the teacher.

MR HUNCHINGSON
So yes that is absolutely correct
according to the latest research we
know continents shift at about the
same rate your fingernails grow,
fascinating hey, Emily, Emily.

Music Toby theme.

NARRATOR
Emily cannot believe her luck,
sitting on the window ledge looking
in, is the crow, as she moves her
head to the left so does the crow
and as she moves to the right, he
copies her move.

BILLY
Hey cool, look at what Emilie's
doing with that crow we were
chasing.

NARRATOR
Suddenly the whole class are
looking and not paying attention to
Mr hunchingson.

Children talking, music stops.

MR HUNCHINGSON
Year 6, will you pay attention,
Emily look this way and leave that
crow alone.

Everyone focused again.

EMILY
Sorry Mr Hunchingson.

MR HUTCHINSON
That's okay Emily, thank you for
saying sorry but what was I talking
about?

EMILY
mmm?

Lesson finishes just in time. Children talking. Sounds of
chairs being moved as kids get ready to leave.

MR HUTCHINSON
Okay class get yourselves ready to
leave, please make sure you have
all your personal belongings.

NARRATOR
As Mr Hunchingson is talking, Emily
looks at the window sill but theres
no sign of the crow.

Beat. Still Raining.
Emily gets ready to leave, she
meets up with Saskia and Donna near
the Bike sheds.

EMILY
Helmets at the ready.

Donna and Saskia laughs putting on their helmet.

EMILY (CONT'D)
What, better to be safe than sorry.

They start cycling.

NARRATOR
Down the street they go Laughing
and cycling as the weather changes
from rainy to sunny. At the same
time we see the naughty boys
chasing another boy on his bike
down a hill.

EMILY
o No not again, let's go girls.

NARRATOR

They follow the boys down the hill,
the boy being pursued falls off his
bike. The naughty boys start to
cycle around him. From the air
Emily sees the crow and shouts.

EMILY

Crow, help us.

NARRATOR

The crow flies down swooping at the
naughty boys who freeze in fear.

Crow sounds.

TED

What is happening?

CALLUM

I don't know but I don't like it.

BILLY

Last time I'm chasing a crow around
the playground in it.

CALLUM

I think it's time for us to leave.

Boy on the bike is shy looking Austin.

AUSTIN

Cool, crow Emily, i think he likes
us.

EMILY

Best Crow, Ever!

Crows flying around.

End of scene 3

Scene 4

NARRATOR

Emily reaches her street, looking up to check the crow is still with her.

EMILY

Wow I can't believe my luck, I've definitely made a new friend today!

Suddenly the crow starts crowing loudly. Crow sounds

CROW

Awk,AWk!

EMILY

shh shh!

NARRATOR

Suddenly, we see half a dozen rats running down the road and stopping at a sewing shop next to Emily's parents bakery shop.

Beat.

Her parents are outside wondering what's going on. Once they disappear the crow stops crowing.

Once they disappear the crow stops crowing. Music Rat theme. The rats loom outside the sewing shop for a while, then run away.

Camera zooms into the animal world. Zoom sound.

Rachel

Those jumper making misfits will be next.

Ralph

Haha, one day we will conquer the entire high street and rename it rata tat tat.

Toby theme.

CROW

Over my fluffy black feathers!

Then camera zooms out of the animal world. Zoom sound.

ALISON

What an earth is going on, Emily
why are you staring at a crow?

EMILY

Mum, meet mmm. Meet!

NARRATOR

Emily looks all around the high
street trying to find a name to
call the crow. Emily then notices a
flyer for a nightclub with the name
DJ Toby T On it.

Emily's dad comes out.

EMILY

Toby! Mum, dad meet Toby. Toby the
crow!

End of episode 1.

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