

TOBY THE CROW EP 2

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NARRATOR

On a little planet was a little island which has a little village called Elttil, you know thats me right? And on my high street is a wonderful little bakery, home of the Herbertson family. One week has gone by since we last joined Emily, but this morning all does not seem well on the high street.

Rat theme.

Six rats Ralph, Rachel, Raymond, Ricky, Rebecca. O and Dudley, gather outside the sewing shop.

The camera zooms into the animal world. Zoom into the animal world sound. Rat nosies.

RALPH

Thank you for making me leader, we have an important task ahead of us this morning before the humans arrive. Rachel, make sure you hide yourself in the woolly hat basket. Raymond take the position next to the jumpers. Ricky!

RICKY

Yes boss.

Ralph

Be sure to tuck yourself in with the biscuits.

RICKY (CONT'D)

Yes boss, I will happily.

Ralph laughs.

RALPH

I knew you would like that position. Rebecca!

RICKY

Yes boss and it's Ricky, not Rebecca.

RALPH

Right!

RICKY
Ricky!

RALPH
Indeed!

Slight pause.

Rebecca, where would you like to go?

Ricky looks confused.

REBECCA
I would like to hide in the silk isle.

RALPH
Expensive taste but sure, wish granted and Dudley you'll be here by the mannequins with me.

DUDLEY
But they look scary.

RALPH
Not as scary as we're going to look when the humans find us, but don't worry Dudley you'll be safe there with me. Rats to the ready!

We hear some adlib pushing and shoving.

RACHEL
Dudley watch were you put your enormous bottom.

DUDLEY
You leave my bottom out of this, it's done nothing to you.

RACHEL
It's right in my face, so any slight movement from you Dudley...

RAYMOND
And your toast Rachel!

The rat pack start laughing. Cut too camera going away from the sewing shop and into the Bakery shop next door. Rat theme fades.

NARRATOR

Emily is fast asleep. Her curtains
and bedroom window are wide open.
Suddenly the alarm rings

Buzz Buzz Buzz Buzz. Toby theme.

Emily springs up in her new crow
costume pyjamas. As she jumps out
of bed. Toby The crow flies in
through the open window.

Crow noises.

EMILY

Toby!

The crow nods in acknowledgment.

NARRATOR

Emily dances around her room with
Toby excitedly flying around the
room. Then there's a knock on her
door.

Toby theme stops.

MIKE

Emily?

EMILY

Yes dad?

Camera switches occasionally from inside to outside bedroom,
Mike outside the bedroom and Emily inside her bedroom.

MIKE

Hope that crow isn't in your room
again.

EMILY

But he's hungry dad, he loves cake
just like you do.

MIKE

Does he?

EMILY

Yeah, he really loves your cakes,
you're his favourite cook.

MIKE

really?

EMILY

Really dad.

MIKE

Okay Emily, Toby seems to have good
taste with cakes, so I suppose you
can keep him.

EMILY

O wow dad, thank you so much. He
won't be any problem and I'll make
sure he stays right here with me...

MIKE

Okay, okay. Make sure you're ready
in half an hour, we promised Wendy
and John we'd be there for the
opening.

NARRATOR

Emily still dancing joyously around
her room, suddenly stops.

Toby theme fades.

EMILY

Opening of what dad, I thought
they've been open for over 30 years?

MIKE

They have, but it's the first time
they are using social media like
Polybook to promote their sewing
shop. I guess they feel it's like a
reopening.

EMILY

Well, if it gets them more
customers, then that'll be good for
us too I suppose?

Mike suddenly taking in what Emily has said.

MIKE
Absolutely Emily, that's called
passing trade. See you downstairs.

EMILY
Okay dad.

Kitchen noises.

NARRATOR
Mike walks downstairs towards the
kitchen, he says under his breath.

MIKE
Clever girl!

Camera cuts to Mike and Alison in the kitchen. Kitchen
sounds.

ALISON
This could be good for us too.

MIKE
I know and Alison, you never guess
what Emily said. aargh, here's our
little genius.

Emily walks into the kitchen.

EMILY
I'm not silly guys, I know it's
tough too, that's why I'm here to
support you.

Both Mike and Alison smile.

End of scene one.

Scene two

NARRATOR
There's a Crowd of people outside
The Sewing Shop. We join a young
boy called Jack with his
grandparents Wendy and John who are
also on the high street. Emily is
there too with her best friends
Saskia and Donna. Wendy addresses
the crowd.

Outside sounds.

WENDY

In one minutes time we will be
online thanks to our grandson jack,

Jack smiles looking slightly embarrass.

So let us count the clock.

JACK

Gran, you really don't have to
count the clock. I can just press
this button which will verify your
account, and you'll be online as
elttil's best sewing shop in town
in no time.

JOHN

Don't spoil the occasion for your
gran, just play along with it.

JACK

Okay Okay.

JACK WENDY AND JOHN

5, 4,3,2,1.

WENDY

Now look on your phones people and
use our online page to get this
special discount code, which is
only available for an hour.

NARRATOR

Wendy holds up a sign which should
be the discount code, but instead
only has the shops phone number on
it.

JACK

gran?

WENDY

Yes jack?

JACK

Don't worry gran, I'll meet you in the shop.

NARRATOR

Some of The crowd of people head in. Things seem to be going well. Emily notices jack on the high street.

EMILY

Hi jack, you cool?

Slight pause.

JACK

O hi Emily.

EMILY

This is interesting.

JACK

Yeah tell me about it, anything for a sell I suppose. Come on, lets go in.

NARRATOR

As Emily walks in with Donna and Saskia. Donna notices something moving near the mannequins.

Rat theme.

DONNA

Look, Emily look, Saskia, what an earth is that?

NARRATOR

What they don't know is, they have just spotted Dudley running over to the second Mannequin getting ready to strike.

EMILY

O my gosh it's those rats!

Camera zooms into the animal world. Zoom music.

NARRATOR

Rat Ralph looks over to Dudley.

Ralph shouts.

RALPH
Rats to the ready, GO!

NARRATOR
Dudley emerges from the right and as he does the shoppers at the right side of the shop starts screaming.

Beat. Scream right side speaker.

Then Ralph emerges from the left so shoppers on the left side of the shop start to scream.

Beat. Scream left side speaker.
Both rats close in to form a circle around the shoppers. Everybody screams.

Beat. Scream surround sound.
The shoppers start to panic walking deeper into the store.

Camera zooms out of the animal world. Emily shouts. Toby theme.

EMILY
Toby, help us!

NARRATOR
Suddenly the girls sees Toby the crow flying towards the sewing shop. Toby tries to swoop in but as he gets closer to the entrance, Ralph the rat closes the door with his tail, poor toby bashes beak first into the door.

Toby theme stops.

EMILY
- Toby! Toby are you okay?

Toby nods.

EMILY (CONT'D)
Right, there's only one thing for it.

NARRATION

By now the rascally rats have managed to circle all the shoppers in the store, some of the more brave adults begin to stand their ground, by waving their fists at the Rats. The girls take the opportunity to break free from the crowd.

Girls theme.

EMILY

Right, let's go girls, lets hit the door! People, this way!!

NARRATOR

Saskia and Donna start to run around the sewing shop chasing the rats away. Some of the shoppers make there way towards the entrance door. Jack runs towards the door helping Emily by holding it open. The shoppers start to escape, Leaving Donna's grandad, Donna, Saskia and Emily in the shop.

End of scene two

Scene three outside the sewing shop.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Wendy and john are with the shoppers outside on the high street.

WENDY

We are so sorry, we didn't know we had a rat infestation, we are so, so sorry.

CUSTOMER 1

That's okay, we bought this lovely jumper.

CUSTOMER 2

O yes and this scarf is soo soft, we will definitely come back here if we're passing.

JOHN
See dear, that's something.

WENDY
O thank you, thank you so much.

Camera inside the shop with the children and Donna's grandad.

NARRATOR
Meanwhile inside the sewing shop we
join Donna's grandad with the
children.

DONNA'S GRANDAD
See Donna, this is how it started,
I told you, but look.

NARRATOR
They all look out and see toby
chasing the rats away. The shoppers
outside are cheering Toby on. We
see the rats running with Dudley
and Ricky slightly behind, toby
takes the opportunity and swoops at
them.

Zoom into the animal world sound. Then into Rat theme.

RALPH
Come on ratties, we need a better
plan, these kids with that crow are
to good.

DUDLEY
I can't keep up.

RALPH
Come on, you can do it!

RICKY
Think I've eaten way too many
biscuits.

Zoom sound. Out of the animal world. Rat theme stops Crowd
and high street noise's.

NARRATOR
We now join Toby as he flies high
in the sky. Well done Toby.

TOBY THE CROW
Awk, awk!!

NARRATOR
And From down below we hear massive
applause from the crowd. The girls
start dancing with excitement.

EMILY
Best crow ever!

NARRATOR
But whilst the applause was
happening and Emily and the girls
were dancing, Ralph and his Rats
were already coming up with a plan,
a rattly, roguish, reprobate,
rascal of a plan!

While the narrator is talking we see the rat pack running
into their den. Rat noises Rat theme.

Cut to: The Rat Pack listening to Ralphs plan. Adlib. Zoom
sound.

RALPH
Right then my righteous rodents,
this doesn't end here.. No, no. Far
from it. We, just getting
started.....

Credits

End