

TOBY THE CROW EP3

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NARRATOR

On a little planet was a little island which has a little village called Elttil, that's me. And on my high street was a wonderful little bakery, home of the Herbertson family. We join Alison and Mike in the kitchen. Alison has some not so good news to tell Mike.

Location

The bakery kitchen

ALISON

Mike my ever loving always gorgeous huggy husband.

MIKE

yes.

ALISON

my big huggy bear pudding...

Theme music stops.

MIKE

no!

ALISON

Why did you interrupt me Mike, I was on a roll.

Mike in trepidation.

MIKE

Please don't tell me.

ALISON

o Come on, it's not that bad?

MIKE

Your right it's worse. Your father
is coming isn't he?

Alison looks.

MIKE

Alison what time are they coming.

ALISON

well they said they're on their
way,

Alison Sheepishly.

They were close, from visiting the
Dorset coast.

MIKE

Alison?

ALISON

20 minutes, ish?

MIKE

20 minutes!

Doorbell rings.

ALISON

ish?

Doorbell rings again then there's a knock on the letterbox.

ALISON

Okay mum and dad I'm coming.

NARRATOR

Alison smiles awkwardly to Mike.
She goes to open the door as both
parents' walk in. Mike puts on a
brave face.

ALISON

Hi mum, hi dad.

RODGER

Hi Alllllllisssssooooooon!

Toby theme

NARRATOR

Toby the crow flies in to greet the
parents which startles Rodger.

Narrator chuckles.

Emily runs down the stairs. Rodger
looks at Mike.

RODGER

What on earth is that?

ALISON

It's a crow dad.

EMILY

Grandad, meet Toby the crow.

NARRATOR

Rodger now looking at both Mike and
Toby the crow with equal measure.

RODGER

Toby the crow? And I suppose you
are feeding her all this imaginary
stuff as well as encouraging it
yourself. Naming a crow, whatever
next!

Toby theme ends.

MIKE

me?

Alison jumps in.

ALISON

Dad can I take your coat?

SUE

Don't worry mike, you know what
Rodgers like?

Emily excitedly.

EMILY

grandad, grandad!

Rodger slightly taken aback.

RODGER
Yes Emily.

EMILY
Can I take you out for a little
walk with toby?

Rodger surprised.

RODGER
Well I umm....

SUE
Go on Roger you can't say no to
your sweaty poppet, look at her all
ready to go.

Rodger reluctant.

RODGER
Well I suppose I've been driving
for a while, a good stretch of the
legs won't hurt. Our usual walk
Emily?

EMILY
mmm. Toby over here.

NARRATOR
Toby flies past Rodger, Rodger
looking very concerned.

RODGER
Is that thing really coming with
us?

Emily assertively.

EMILY
Toby grandad, please call him toby
and yes he is.

Rodger backs down.

RODGER
o Very well then, let's go.

NARRATOR

Emily opens the door and off they go. With Rodger not looking very enthusiastic.

Narrator chuckles.

Leaving Alison, Sue and Mike left looking at each other.

SUE

Will that crow bird be alright, Rodgers not really an animal lover?

End of scene 1.

Scene 2 Toby theme/music.

NARRATOR

Emily and Grandad Rodger are following Toby The Crow as they Walk towards my Beautiful beach, Elttil's beautiful beach.

EMILY

Come on grandad, let's follow Toby.

RODGER

Okay okay, but do you know where the crow is taking us?

EMILY

Well of course....not!

Rodger shakes his head.

RODGER

Right, well. Let's not go too far.

NARRATOR

Toby comes back and starts circling Rodger, Rodger slightly panics.

EMILY

Please grandad, keep calm. Allow toby to land on your shoulder, he wants to connect with you.

Rodger worriedly.

RODGER
But, but what about his claws?

EMILY
Grandad, do you trust me?

RODGER
O Emily, of course I DDddooooo!

NARRATOR
Toby perches on Rodgers shoulder,
Rodger looks worried at first but
gradually gets used to it.

Music fades.

EMILY
grandad?

RODGER
Yes Emily?

EMILY
Do you trust my dad?

Pause

NARRATOR
Rodger looks concerned, he realises
Emily has noticed his short temper
towards Mike. Rodger Now looking a
little bit like a pirate, leans
down towards Emily with toby on
shoulder.

RODGER
Them that dies will be the lucky
ones, Arr!

Emily laughs.

EMILY
Toby's not a parrot.

Rodgers smiles.
But really, do you trust my dad?

Beat.

RODGER
I am so sorry, I don't mean to
speak to your dad like that.

Emily looks puzzled.

I suppose when I was younger that
was the done thing.

EMILY

Like what, grandad?

Rodger remembering a not so good time.

RODGER

They used to call it toughening us
up.

EMILY

But it hurts dad and so it kinda
hurts me too grandad.

RODGER

O Emily.

Rodger takes a moment.

My dear wife, your grandmother;
always says 'as long as we're still
alive, we can change for the
better.

Emily nods.

So that is what I intend to do!

NARRATOR

Suddenly Toby flies off heading
towards a cave.

EMILY

toby toby.

They run towards the cave.

End of scene 2

Scene 3

NARRATOR

Meanwhile Back at the Bakery

MIKE

I'm going to make Emily's favourite cake for when she comes back.

SUE

She'll love it and so will Rodger.

MIKE

really?

SUE

Yes, even though he wishes you were an architect or a doctor, he knows how good a baker and father you are.

MIKE

That's the problem.

Sue looks puzzled.

I can only be me, I can't pretend to be anyone else.

Sue nods approvingly.

End of scene 3

Scene 4

NARRATOR

Meanwhile Back on the beach, my beach.

RODGER

toby, toby!

Emily almost starts crying and then....

EMILY

Toby, he's back!

NARRATOR

Toby flies quickly out of the cave
with something shiny in his beak
and starts heading back towards the
shop.

EMILY

Come on grandad, lets go!

RODGER

Hold on a minute, wait!

End of scene 4

Scene 5

Toby theme.

NARRATOR

Wow, We are in the sky with Toby.
Look, he's opening his beak wait a
minute, theres something golden in
his beak, what could it be, A gold
nugget? Emily and Rodger certainly
won't be able to see that,, will
they toby?

TOBY

Awk, Awk, Awk.

Toby winks at the camera.

NARRATOR

O, me O my, toby winked at me.

TOBY

AWK!

Toby theme ends.

NARRATOR

Okay, I will carry on with the
story...Toby waits for Emily and
Rodger to catch up.

Beat.

We arrive back at the Bakery,
there's a crack at the bottom of
Emily's window. Emily and Rodger
are standing outside the bakery.

EMILY

He always flies in there, I wonder
what's in there?

RODGER

Heaven knows my dear, heaven knows?
Lets go in.

Emily walks into the bakery shop.

SUE

You were gone for ages. Mike made
us all a cake.

Sue looks at Rodger.

I think you have some explaining to
do.

Rodger nods agreeably.

RODGER

I think you are right my dear.

NARRATOR

Sue, looks surprised.

End of scene 5

Scene 6

NARRATOR

All sat round the table each with a
big slice of cake and cups of tea
for the adults and squash for
Emily. A tiny plate with a happy
looking Toby pecking at a piece of
cake. During Rodger speaking, toby
flies towards to the door.

RODGER

Mike, I just want to say how much I
appreciate all the happiness you
have given my daughter.

Slight pause.

Something I should have said a long time ago.

Mike smiles, he becomes slightly emotional. Music

MIKE

It's been a real pleasure to have Alison and Emily in my life, I love them to bits.

RODGER

Mike, I know you do.

SUE

O, How lovely.

NARRATOR

Toby lands on the table with a letter in his beak, he puts it on the table. Mike and Rodger stand and hug each other, they laugh at the delightfully bizarre behaviour of toby the crow.

The grandparents get ready to leave. Mike Alison and Emily are standing by the door waving them goodbye.

Beat, music fades.

As they walk back into the kitchen toby is jumping on the letter he bought in earlier.

ALISON

What is Toby doing, he's been jumping up and down on that letter for nearly 10 minutes?

NARRATOR

Alison picks up the letter.

ALISON

I think I need to take a seat.

MIKE

What's up dear?

ALISON

They are about to double our rent,
we simply can no longer afford to
be here.

MIKE

O no!

NARRATOR

Emily runs up the stairs.

we hear her bedroom door close. Straight away Emily opens her
door and Shouts.

EMILY

I'm okay, its adult talk, I'll just
chill up here while you guys sort
it out. I trust you mum and dad.

Toby flies up to Emily's room.

NARRATOR

Mike and Alison look at each other
and hug, Even though uncertain
times lay ahead for the Herbertson
family, one thing is for sure, they
are united, so whatever comes their
way, they will face it together,
which is just as well.

Slight pause.

Join us next time.

Credits

End