

ELEMENTARY TRUE STORY

Drama Skit ~ Present day

Skit Notes: Mom and the Snake

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Summary: Although Mom dislikes reptiles, insects, arachnids, and rats, she tries to accommodate the interests of her kids. What happens when snakes get loose in the house?

Cast of Characters	# of Lines
Pata (PAH-tuh)-a girl, 10	41
Thomas, 9	21
Ben, 7	13
Mom	37

Setting: Inside a home in Oregon.

Props: Places to sit, insect book, a few plastic lizards, nomination form, notebook, pencil, coffee cake, mitts, table, terrarium with greenery inside and rocks on top to help keep the cover on, pretend snake, stack of towels.

Performance Time: 10 minutes

Background Information: Based on a true story.



The actual snakes (Western garter) represented in the skit.

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SCENE 1 Living room in the present

PATA: (*excited, enters waving nomination form, to THOMAS and BEN*) Let's nominate Mom for "Mother of the Year!" Natalie's nominating her mom. (*reads form*) "Give five reasons why your mom should be 'Mother of the Year.'" (*sits, writes in notebook*) Number 1.... (*looks at BEN on floor, who's playing with plastic lizards*) Ben?

BEN: (*shrugs*) She's nice?

PATA: Yeah...well...moms generally are. But something specific.

BEN: (*looks up*) She took us to John Day Fossil Beds.

PATA: That's good. What other mom can talk an archeologist into having a seven-year old help him? (*writes and speaks*) Number 1: Takes us to do cool things. (*looks up*) Plus, she's so curious about everything. Remember when she walked up to that cowboy and asked if she could drive his team of horses? (*chuckles*) And he let her do it. (*writes and speaks*) Number 2: Curious.

BEN: What about at Sunriver? That man cut through the ice in the pond. He brought up that cage with frogs in it. Mom brought us there.

PATA: You mean those disgusting, deformed frogs? (*shivers*) Yuuuck.

THOMAS: (*looks up from reading an insect book*) Yeah, but what about...the snake?

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WHERE IS THIS SKIT USED?

- Drama showcases
- Elementary reading classes
- Summer camps
- As a script example for a writing class
- To support discussions of reptiles



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