Beware of Strangers

BEWARE OF STRANGERS by Zinse Agginie

THE CAST

THE NARRATOR ..........................
THE INTERPRETER ..........................
MUMMY ANTELOPE ..........................
BABY ANTELOPE 1 ..........................
BABY ANTELOPE 2 ..........................
LION/MYSTERY VOICE ..........................
TORTOISE ..........................

PROPS

A hole (black card circle), rope

Music: Ethnic African music

(When the actors are ready, music off and stage lights on)

THE SCRIPT

SCENE I: The Savannah
Backdrop: the African savannah

NARRATOR
Listen carefully. There are 3 important rules for children.
Rule No. 1. Don’t talk to strangers

INTERPRETER
No habléis con desconocidos.

NARRATOR
Rule no. 2. Don’t go too far away.

INTERPRETER
No os alejéis demasiado.

NARRATOR
Rule no.3. If you see a lion, run!

INTERPRETER
Si véis un león, ¡corred!

NARRATOR
Once upon a time, there was an antelope family in the savannah.

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2

Mummy, mummy, we want to go and play.
MUMMY ANTELOPE
Listen carefully. There are 3 important rules for children. Rule number 1: don’t talk to strangers. Rule number 2: don’t go too far away. Rule number 3: if you see a lion, run! Now children, tell me rule no. 1.

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
Don’t talk to strangers

MUMMY ANTELOPE
Rule number 2.

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
Don’t go too far away.

MUMMY ANTELOPE
Rule number 3.

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
If you see a lion, run!

MUMMY ANTELOPE
Very good, children. Now you can go and play.

(The baby antelopes skip around the stage having fun.)

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SCENE II: The Forest
Backdrop: an African forest

NARRATOR
The baby antelopes go into the forest.

MYSTERIOUS VOICE
(coming from a hole)
Help! Help!

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
Who are you?

MYSTERIOUS VOICE
I am an antelope. Get me out!

(The baby antelopes find a rope and pull the mysterious animal out of the hole)

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
You said you were an antelope!

LION
I lied and now I am going to eat you!
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BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
Noooo!

(A tortoise wakes up from all the noise.)

TORTOISE
(speaking slowly)
What’s going on?

LION
These baby antelopes pulled me out of that hole and now I am going to eat them up.

TORTOISE
(speaking slowly)
I don’t believe you. That’s impossible!

LION
It’s true. It’s true. I’ll show you.

(The lion jumps back into the hole.)

LION
Baby antelopes, pull me up.

TORTOISE
(speaking slowly)
You are very silly baby antelopes and I am very clever.
What is rule No.1?

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
Don’t talk to strangers

TORTOISE
(speaking slowly)
Rule number 2.

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
Don’t go too far away.

TORTOISE
(speaking slowly)
Rule number 3.

BABY ANTELOPES 1 & 2
If you see a lion, run!

TORTOISE
(speaking slowly)
So, run!
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LION
(from the hole)
Come back, come back!

NARRATOR
And everyone lived happily ever after.

THE END