

HOW BLUE IS MY CROCODILE

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Cast Of Characters

MADISON: 11 years old - full of ideas and suggestions, she is supressing her fears.

RACHEL: 9 years old - creative and amenable, she is unaware of her fears.

Setting

A kitchen. A table and chair - practical.

While mentioned, the rug and fridge are imaginary.

Time

The present.

Production History

The play received a staged reading in Austin, Texas, March 2009, and premiered in Los Angeles, June 2009 with Renée Gauthier as Madison, and Andrea Gauthier as Rachel, directed by Danielle Ozymandias.

AT RISE:

MADISON sits on a chair, as RACHEL looks out a window.

MADISON

D'you see them?

RACHEL

Not yet. There's a crocodile.

MADISON

Don't be silly.

RACHEL

There is! It's bright red and as big as the whole street.

MADISON

That's not a crocodile. That's an alligator.

RACHEL

Are you sure?

MADISON

Yup. Crocodiles are blue.

RACHEL

Actually, I think it's a fire truck.

MADISON

That's just stupid.

RACHEL

There's a fireman wearing a yellow helmet driving it.

MADISON

Firemen never wear helmets when they drive - they put them on when they get there; so it must be an alligator.

RACHEL

Then I guess the fireman's driving a big red alligator.

See? I'm always right. MADISON

It has shiny wheels. RACHEL

But it's not them? MADISON

No. I don't think he'll come home on an alligator. RACHEL

Should we get it ready? MADISON

Alligators are always ready. Crocodiles are late. RACHEL

I was talking about the cake. MADISON

The cake? RACHEL

The cake. MADISON

What cake? RACHEL

There's only one cake. MADISON

For everyone? Everyone in the whole world? RACHEL

One cake for all. RACHEL

For daddy. For coming home. RACHEL

Most of him. MADISON

RACHEL

Except a toe. Who's gonna miss a toe?

MADISON

She didn't say toe, she said foot.

RACHEL

Part of a foot. Mom said part of his foot. Part of his foot is a toe.

MADISON

If it was a toe, he wouldn't be in a wheelchair.

RACHEL

It's only for a while.

MADISON

Til he gets better.

RACHEL

It will get better?

MADISON

Til he learns to walk without it.

RACHEL

He told me he wasn't going to be in a wheelchair. He said he would come home riding a big red crocodile.

MADISON

Crocodiles are --

RACHEL

I know. He was going to get a blue one and paint it.

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