

Ms. Levy's Second Grade Class

A Land Divided

Dramatis Personae

Magical Creatures

Molly, a fairy

Lola, an elf

Jr., a tricky elf

Max, an elf

Victoria

Cocowun, an elf

Lili, an elf

Bruno, a tree cutter

Billey, Lord of Time

Domo, a ghost

Lyle

Animals

Flame, a dragon

Slizen, a snake

Narnia, a tiger

Cocoe, a bunny

Snu Snu, a panda bear

Bob, a bear

Mortals

Annie

Leyla

Eddie, an archeologist

King Trident

King Neal

Shabalaba DingDong, a football player

Dan, a baseball player

Sofie the Brave, a problem solver

It is the middle of the night and King Trident and King Neal are arguing over who is doing the better job at ruling.

KING TRIDENT

You are not taking care of the trees.

KING NEAL

Yes, but I take care of the citizens.
I make sure they have enough money.

KING TRIDENT

You can't be king. You aren't taking care of the animals.

KING NEAL

I am older than you and I can be king if I want to.

KING TRIDENT

But you are not being a good king.
You shouldn't be king.

KING NEAL

You just want to have all the power.

KING TRIDENT

No, I don't. That's what you want.
I just want to take care of the citizens.

KING NEAL

The citizens can take care of themselves.
I give them money by selling the trees and
they can take care of themselves with it.

KING TRIDENT

If we keep cutting down trees, there won't be any left for us.
The elves and the animals will not have a home anymore.

KING NEAL

I think money is more important than trees.

KING TRIDENT

I think the citizens should know about this.
I think we should vote on who is a better king.

KING NEAL

Fine. You'll see that they will vote for me
because I give them money.

KING TRIDENT
I don't think so.

The kings wake everyone up so they can vote. The citizens are not happy to be awoken.

BRUNO
What is the meaning of this?

COCOWUN
Do you know what time it is?

CITIZENS
Yeah! Do you know what time it is?

KING TRIDENT
We know it's late but we want you to vote on who is a better king.

MOLLY
Are you serious?

EMMA
That is the most selfish thing I have heard!

SNU SNU
Panda bears need lots of sleep.

DAN
I got an important baseball game tomorrow.
I can't be up at all hours of the night.

SHABALABA DINGDONG
And I've had football practice all day.
I'm beat.

SOFIE THE BRAVE
Let's all just go back to bed and vote in the morning.

CITIZENS
Yeah! Not a bad idea!
Good night!

The citizens go back to bed and the kings are left alone.

KING NEAL

Billey, can you please speed up time to the morning.

BILLEY

(Yawning)

How much is it worth it to you?

KING NEAL

Lyle, hand him some gold.

LYLE

Yes sir.

Lyle hands Billey some gold. Billey does a magic wave of his hand and crows like a rooster. The citizens start to wake up again.

ANNIE

So what do you want us to vote for?

LEYLA

Are you kings arguing again?!

KING TRIDENT

I don't think King Neal is doing a very good job.

KING NEAL

I think I'm doing a terrific job. Don't you think?

JR. and LYLE

Yes! Absolutely! Wonderful job!

LOLA

But he is cutting down the trees.

EDDIE

Cutting down the trees has been damaging
the historic landmarks of our country.

JR.

You don't need history to survive,
you need money.

LYLE

And King Neal makes sure you all have money.

KING TRIDENT

I think you should vote for who you think is a better king.
I take care of you and the trees.

MAX

You also spend a lot of time arguing with King Neal.

ANIMALS

We think Flame should be king!

ELVES

Flame would be an excellent king!

FLAME

But I don't know how to be king.

KING TRIDENT

Hold on! Why do you want Flame to be king?

COCOE

Flame is always full of joy.

NARNIA

He never argues.

SLIZEN

And he sings to the trees and makes them bloom.

CITIZENS

Flame! Flame! Flame!

LILI

What do you think about this Flame?
Will you be our king?

FLAME

Well, I really don't know how to be king.
I'd rather play my video games.

BOB

Don't worry Flame. We'll teach you what you need to know about being a king.

CITIZENS

Yes! We'll teach you!

FLAME

(Looking around at all their faces)

Well, all right. I'll do it.

KING NEAL

This is an outrage! This is ridiculous!

LYLE

How can a dragon be king?

JR.

He doesn't even want to be king.

KING NEAL

This is real life, not some silly game.

The citizens do not listen and are happy with their choice. They line up to give advice to Flame.

MAX

You should keep everything clean for the village and be a good king.

FLAME

Okay, I will.

COCOE

I think you should be nice to other people.

FLAME

Okay.

EDDIE

You should be good and really nice.

FLAME

Okay, I will.

SNU SNU

I think you should be really nice and help people not get in trouble.

FLAME

Okay.

MOLLY

I think you should treat everybody the same and when people talk to you, you should listen.

FLAME

Okay.

ANNIE

You should listen to people if they try to teach you something.

LILI, VICTORIA, COCOWUN, and EMMA

(Giggling)

You need to wear black lipstick and have sparkly eyebrows.

FLAME

What?

DAN

You should come to every baseball game.

SHABALABA DINGDONG

And you should never miss a football game.

DOMO

You should plant more coconut trees.

FLAME

Okay, I will.

BILLEY

The final instruction is, whatever you do,
always keep the joy of the town safe.

The citizens and Flame sing in celebration.

KING NEAL

I can't believe this is happening!
I think we all need to vote again!

KING TRIDENT

He's right. How can Flame be a good king?
He doesn't know how to do anything.

LYLE

He can't take care of you.
He can't give you money.

JR

Flame, if you could do anything right now, what would it be?

FLAME

I'd like to play some video games.

JR

See, he's not fit to be your king.

FLAME

I don't mind being king.

KING NEAL and KING TRIDENT

You are not a good king!

You are not serious!

You're just playing games.

FLAME

(Sadly)

I guess I'll go then. I know when I'm not wanted.

Flame leaves the clearing. The citizens look at each other and at the kings, shrug and walk away. The animals are gathered around talking.

SLIZEN

Ever since Flame left, I feel so sad.

ANIMALS

Yeah! Me too!

NARNIA

I can't seem to sleep anymore.

ANIMALS

Yeah! Me too!

Domo enters at a run.

DOMO

Friends, we are running out of coconuts.

BOB

No more coconuts!

COCOE

What will we eat?

The elves and fairy enter the clearing.

MOLLY

Lola is sick. She's hasn't felt well since Flame left.

BRUNO

The trees are falling one by one.
I keep having to cut down trees that are dying.

VICTORIA

I am not feeling well. I
have been sick like Lola since Flame left.

MAX

Maybe Flame took the joy when he left us.

The mortals enter.

NARNIA

Do you know why these things are happening to us Eddie?

EDDIE

In my archeological studies I found that
the Dragons have always been the keepers of joy in this land.

SOFIE THE BRAVE

So maybe when Flame left, he took the joy with him?

EDDIE

That seems to be the case.

ANNIE

What are we going to do?

LEYLA

We have to find Flame and bring him back.

MOLLY

How are we going to do that?
We don't know where he went.

SHABALABA DINGDONG

Eddie, do you know where a dragon would go?

EDDIE

Well, there are caves in the northern volcanoes.
That might be where Flame is.

COCOWUN

How will we get there?

We are all weak from lack of food
and because the trees are dying.

SOFIE THE BRAVE

We must send the kings to find Flame.
They were the ones that started this problem.

CITIZENS

Yeah! The kings should go!

BILLEY

I'll go get them and bring them here.

KING TRIDENT and KING NEAL

What's going on? Why do you look all sad?

BRUNO

The trees are dying faster than I can cut them.

DOMO

There are no more coconuts for food.

LOLA and VICTORIA

We are really, really, really sick!

JR and LYLE

So?

SNU SNU

Flame took the joy with him.

DAN

You have to go find him and bring him back or we'll all die.

KING TRIDENT

Oh dear! I will go at once. This is terrible.

KING NEAL

Well, I won't go!

Flame can stay away, I don't care.

I have my own trees, and my own coconuts, and I don't need any joy!

CITIZENS

Boo!

EDDIE

King Neal, if you don't bring Flame back we will all die.

SOFIE THE BRAVE
If you don't bring Flame back,
pretty soon you will die too!
You are a part of this land.

LILI
If you don't go I will turn you into a wart hog!

KING NEAL
(After a long pause)
Oh, all right! If you give me two hundred cows.

CITIZENS
Boo!

COCOWUN
I will make you wear lipstick.

KING NEAL
Oh, all right. I'll go.

CITIZENS
Yeah!

Just at that moment, Flame appears in the clearing.

CITIZENS
Flame! You came back!

FLAME
I saw the trees falling.
I came back to help.

EDDIE
Flame we are so happy you came back.
You are like the dragons before you,
the keeper of the joy of this land.

BILLEY
Without you here, the trees start to die.

LOLA and VICTORIA
And we, the elves start to get sick.

KINGS

We are sorry for hurting your feelings.

CITIZENS

Please don't go away again.

FLAME

Okay. I won't. But I don't want to be king.
I think all three of us should be king.
Together.

KING TRIDENT

What a good idea.

KING NEAL

I don't know....oh all right!

EVERYONE

Yeah!

All Hail the Three Kings!

They all have a celebration.