

Play: “The Little Prince” with a green twist

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SCENE 1

Little Prince (LP)

Roses

THE EARTH

(The Little Prince finds himself in a garden full of roses)

LP (disappointed) – Good morning! Who are you?

Roses – Good morning! We are roses.

LP – (Unhappy and disappointed) My flower told me that she was the only one of her kind in all the universe. And here, there are thousands of you, all alike, in one garden!

I thought myself rich with a single, unique flower, but it seems, I only have an ordinary rose. And that does not make me a great prince ... (starts crying and leaves)

(The Little Prince walks away and meets the Fox)

SCENE 2

Little Prince (LP)

Fox (F)

Wolf

Hunter

Flower 1

Flower 2

Flower 3

A MEETING WITH THE FOX

(The Fox enters, playfully hiding behind the flowers)

LP – Who are you? You're quite pretty ...

F – I'm a fox.

LP – Come and play with me. I'm so sad.

F – I can't play with you. I'm not tamed.

LP – What does 'tame' mean?

F –What are you looking for?

LP – I'm looking for some friends but what does 'tame' mean?

F –It means to connect and create a relationship, to care for something or someone and share a bond.

LP – 'To connect and create a relationship'?

F – Yes. To you I'm nothing more than a fox like a hundred thousand other foxes. But if you tame me, we will need each other and I will be unique in all the world to you ...

LP – I'm beginning to understand. There's a flower... I think that she has tamed me.

F – Please, tame me! Let's be friends.

LP – I will but I don't have much time. I have places to discover, and many things to learn and understand.

F – We only understand the things we tame. If you tame nature and care for it, you will understand that you are connected with nature and you will be its friend. If you want a friend, tame me!

LP – What must I do to tame you?

F – You must be very careful of how you treat me

Flower 1 – You must stop polluting the environment - Reduce, Re-use and Recycle.

(Wolf enters with a howl)

Wolf – Take care of animal species protect them and their habitats. There are many endangered species. If you don't take care of them, they will soon disappear. Oh no! There's a hunter! I must hide!

(Wolf runs away)

Flower 2 – Your actions must always be environmentally – friendly.

(The Hunter enters, holding a rifle and sees the Fox)

Hunter – Ah, there's a fox! Its fur will make a good coat and I will make a lot of money!

LP (shouting) – Wait! Stop! Please don't harm my friend the Fox. I am taming him.

Hunter (curious) — Taming a fox? What are you talking about?

LP – I am taming him to become my friend. I am taking care of him and all of nature's species.

Flower 2 – You need to take care of our environment, not harm it! You need to understand that we are all connected in nature. If one is harmed, all of us are harmed!

Flower 3 – What will you do if all the animals disappear? So many have already become extinct and many more are in danger of becoming extinct.

Hunter (thoughtful) – Maybe I should reconsider and change my ways. (He puts down his rifle) I'm sorry for trying to harm you Fox. I promise to protect you from now on.

F – Now, we have created a relationship, an unbreakable bond. We are all connected and we will care for each other.

LP - I agree, we're friends now. But now, it's time for me to go.

F – Can't you stay a little longer? If you go, I will cry!

LP – It's your own fault. You wanted me to tame you!

F – Yes, that is true, but before you go, I want to tell you a secret: It's only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.

LP – What is essential is invisible to the eye ...

F – It's the time you spent for your rose that makes your rose so important.

LP – (thoughtfully, he repeats) It's the time I spent for my rose ...

F - People have forgotten this truth. But you mustn't forget it! You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed. Now, you are responsible for your rose, for me and for the environment.

LP – I'm responsible for my rose, for you and for the environment. (The Prince thoughtfully repeats the Fox's words and sets out on his journey)

SCENE 3

Little Prince

(The Little Prince walks on and visits the garden of roses again. He stops and says):

LP – You're not at all like my rose. No one has tamed you, and you have tamed no one. When someone tames you, you too will be cherished and unique in this world.

As for my rose...she's the one I watered, she's the one I put under the glass globe. She is the one I have cared for. She is My Rose!

(He looks sadly at the roses and walks away. Then, all the actors, together, come on to the stage and join hands and say):

Earth is our home. It is unique and all of its creatures, great and small are important. We are the guardians of our planet. It's our responsibility to take care of it and protect it.

The End