

Script Outline

ESCAPE

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CASTS:

MAIN ROLES

DIAMOND {WOLF}

MOMO {RABBIT}

OJI TAKESHI {ANIMAL TRAINER}

Supporting role

HOST

MR. XIONG {LITTLE BEAR}

Acting roles only (does not speak)

*BEEES
GIRAFFES
SLOTHS*

PLACE

THE CROWN CIRCUS

TIME

MORNING → **DUSK**

SCENE 1—BEGIN

LIGHTS UP. THE HOST STANDS AT THE CENTER OF THE STAGE

HOST: Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Crown circus. There will be a wonderful performance for you guys tonight. The most important thing is that we have invited the 'diamond' in the crown tonight. Please applaud and welcome Diamond and his partner Momo!

LIGHT OFF.HOST OFF THE STAGE

SCENE 2—IN THE BACKSTAGE

MOMO SITTING ON A BENCH IN A CAGE. CHASE LIGHT ON MOMO

CHASE LIGHT FOLLOW DIAMOND

DIAMOND: (goes stage right.glanced at Momo and sighed) I'm coming...

DIAMONDS GOES IN THE CAGE, SIT WITH MOMO

MOMO: (Roll her eyes toward the diamond, disgusted)Don't look at me; I wouldn't partner with you if I didn't want to eat carrots tonight. You make it sound like I want to be your partner....

(glanced to the left of the stage, turned his head, horrified)SHH, here he comes!

OJI TAKESHI WALKS SLOWLY TO THE CENTRAL STAGE , SITS IN FRONT OF THE MAKEUP MIRROR.

OJI TAKESHI: (take a little hair wax from the dresser and put it on his head,proudly) Look at this handsome face! That's what the king of animals should look like.

OJI TAKESHI RUBBED CHIN AND STARED AT HIMSELF IN THE MIRROR

OJI TAKESHI: (look over to Diamond and Momo's cage inadvertently) Hmm? What are you two doing here?

OJI TAKESHI KICKED THE CAGE. MOMO CURL UP. DIAMOND STARED AT OJI TAKESHI CALMLY

OJI TAKESHI: (angrily) Is this a place you can come to? Kicking the cage has soiled my leather shoes; wipe my shoes!

MOMO GASPED, PERKED UP HER EARS

MOMO: (pretend not to be afraid) who do you think you are? When I come out, I will!

DIAMOND: (interrupt, unkindly) Okay, you little rabbit, shut your mouth, I'll wipe it, I don't want the shoes to get your hair dirty, and later the audience will say you're dirty, and you'll blame me.

MOMO SMILED HAPPILY AND LOOKED AT DIAMOND

MOMO: (blame) I didn't! It was you who got the paint on me, and that's what made him lock me up.

DIAMOND WALKED TOWARD THE OPEN CAGE DOOR, GET A TOWEL TO WIPE OJI TAKESHI SHOES.

OJI TAKESHI LOOKED AT DIAMOND AS HIM WALKED. TURN HIS BODY IN THE DIRECTION OF DIAMOND

OJI TAKESHI: (yell at diamond) Stop, just use your fur to shine my shoes; you can't waste this good wolf fur, don't you think so.

OJI SMILED AND LAUGHED

DIAMOND: (smiled slyly)... Okay.

DIAMOND TOOK POCKETKNIFE OUT OF THE STACK OF TOWELS AND HID IT IN HIS PALM, AND WALKED QUICKLY TOWARD OJI

DIAMOND:(One knee on the ground)Put your foot on my knee.

DIAMOND USE HIS ARM TO WIPE HIS SHOES ,AT THE END OF THE WIPE, DIAMOND GIVE OJI A FEW MORE HEAVY STROKES

DIAMOND: okay, Mr. Oji, your shoes are clean.

OJI KICKED DIAMOND OUT A METER AWAY

OJI TAKESHI: (snootily)Next time after you wipe my shoes, remember to get out of the way.

OJI WALK IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF DIAMOND WITH HIS CHIN UP.

DIAMOND SMILES AND WALKS TOWARDS MOMO , GOES IN THE CAGE.

MOMO:(growl)What are you smiling at?

MOMO POUTS AND TURNS HER HEAD TO THE SIDE

DIAMOND:Did you see my last move?

MOMO:(confused)Do you want me to comment on your last move of shining his shoes with your paws? I'm telling you, it's hard to watch!

DIAMOND: So you don't know what's in the towel?

MOMO: You! Well, I hid a blade that I want to use to pry open the door of the big cage after the show, then.

DIAMOND SUDDENLY GRABBED MOMO'S PAW, STARED AT MOMO EYES

DIAMOND: (firmly)Escape.

MOMO: Yes, escape, and then Wait a minute! How do you know that?

MOMO TURN HER HEAD, AND HER EYES WIDEN

MOMO: (shock) You know you can report me for saying such things, right? The bear, caged next door, was reported by his nemesis, the minnow, and the bee, for trying to escape and is still alive?

DIAMOND UNBUTTONED HIS SUIT AND SHIRT, TURNING HIS BRUISED BACK TO MOMO

DIAMOND: Not only do I know I've been there, but the audience loves me so much that they wouldn't dare kill me, or they couldn't answer to the audience.

MOMO SURPRISED DIAMOND BY PUTTING HIS PAWS ON DIAMOND'S PAWS

MOMO: So you want to

DIAMOND: Escape, get out of here, get out of this abusive place and go back to Animal City.

MOMO: I won't report you, trust me. We'll get out of here together.

MOMO'S EYES HAD A HINT OF SADNESS AND BRAVERY

DIAMOND PUT HIS CLOTHES BACK TOGETHER AND PULLED MOMO TOWARDS THE STAGE

DIAMOND: I have a way that you will know what I did with your blade. Come up on stage with me.

DIAMOND AND MOMO OFF STAGE

SCENE 3—ON THE STAGE

HOST STAND ON THE CENTRAL STAGE

HOST:Let's give a big round of applause to the "King of Animals" - Oji Takeshi, the Diamond in the Crown - Diamond, and his partner - Momo!

OJI WALKED TO THE CENTER OF THE STAGE

OJI TAKESHI:(Proudly)Hello, I'm Oji Takeshi, the King of Animals, so I'd like to invite my two partners to the stage.

MOMO FOLLOWED DIAMOND ON CENTRAL STAGE TOGETHER.SAY HELLO TO THE AUDIENCE

LIGHTS OFF , PREPARE PROPS

SCENE 4—SHOW TIME

OJI , DIAMOND , MOMO ON STAGE

OJI TAKESHI :Let the show begin!

OJI TAKESHI TOOK OFF HIS TALL HAT AND NUDGED THE BRIM WITH HIS MAGIC WAND

MOMO COME OUT FROM OJI TAKESHI'S SUIT POCKET.

OJI TAKESHI:(took a deep breath)Hey, Momo, would you...?

MOMO HAD CUT THROUGH OJI TAKESHI'S POCKET COMPARTMENT WITH POCKETKNIFE,STEP FROM THE POCKET ONTO THE FLOOR

RUNNING ALONG THE EDGE OF THE STAGE

OJI RUN AFTER MOMO

OJI TAKESHI:(run after Momo,muttering)Bunny, you come back!

*MOMO GAVE DIAMOND A WINK WHILE RUNNING, AND DIAMOND'S MOUTH
TURNED UP*

DIAMOND PULLING THE GATE DOWN ON THE COLD FIREWORKS

OJI TAKESHI:*(cried for help)Come and help me! I'm going to get burned! Help!*

OTHER TRAINERS RUSHED UP WITH FIRE EXTINGUISHERS TO HELP OJI TAKESHI

OJI TAKE:*put out the fire!*

*MOMO MAKE A TURN AND RUN TO THE POLE CONNECT TO THE WIRE, WHERE
DIAMOND IS WAITING FOR HER TO MEET HIM*

Momo jump hard into Diamond's hand

DIAMOND PUT HER IN HIS POCKET.DIAMOND CLIMB UP THE WIRE .

MOMO TAKER OUT THE BLADE FROM ANOTHER POCKET.

DIAMOND:*(look at Momo) Sit tight!*

*DIAMOND GRAB THE WIRE WITH ONE HAND AND CUT THE WIRE WITH THE SHARP
BLADE WITH THE OTHER HAND*

DIMOND AND MOMO FLEW OUT OF THE CIRCUS GROUNDS

SCENE 5—OUTSIDE THE CIRCUS

MOMO:*(terrified,huddled in his pocket, and asked shakily):Is this the
way you said? We escaped, but we will fall to our death!*

DIAMOND:*(calmly)No, you look down; there are them waiting for us on
the ground.*

MOMO POKED HER HEAD OUT, THEN POKE HER BODY OUT

SOUND——"DONG"

BEES/ GIRAFFES/SLOTHS/BEARS ,TAKE THE SHEETS, GO ON STAGE

DIAMOND AND MOMO HAD LAND ON THE SHEET

MOMO SLOW DOWN AND ROLL OUT OF HIS POCKET

MOMO:(Look at little bear and ask in surprise)Why are you here? Haven't you been killed by them?

MR.XIONG:(smile)They didn't kill me, but Diamond told me to hide and prepare for escape, so when it was me, I lay on the ground and pretended to be dead. Later, I collected information and prepared things for escape in all parts of the circus.

DIAMOND:Mr. Xiong prepared the towel pile, bedsheet, and fire extinguisher behind which you hid the blade. Mr. Xiong also told us what the show tonight is and the location of the cold fireworks.

DIAMOND : (look happily at Momo)I told you, I have a way to escape! But now, there is no time to celebrate; Oji Takeshi and the others are probably already catching up with us; let's run first. The destination is - Animal Town!

DIAMOND POINT TO THE DIRECTION OF ANIMAL TOWN

LIGHTS OFF, ALL THE CHARACTERS OFFSTAGE

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