

A Reader's Theater Script for
OH, NO!
(For grades 1-2)

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ROLES: Narrators 1-4, Tiger, Frog, Rabbit, Mouse, Loris, Sun Bear, Monkey, Elephant

NOTE: When you photocopy this script, be sure to number the pages and run it single-sided. Double-sided scripts are confusing for children to follow. If you are acting the story out with a larger class, have two or more sets of narrators, and/or have more than one person play each animal. As each animal falls into the hole, designate the hole by marking out a semicircle on the floor, in front of the line of actors, with a big piece of yarn. As the creatures fall in the hole, have them then stand on the yarn, next to the last one that fell in. At the end of the story, where Elephant helps them climb out and Tiger falls in, have them pantomime getting out of the hole and go back to their places in line (except for tiger, who stays in the hole).

NARRATOR 1: When Tiger chased Frog through the bamboo grove . . .

NARRATORS 1-4: Frog fell into a deep, deep hole.

FROG: Ribbit-oops! Ribbit-oops!

NARRATORS 1-4: Frog fell into a deep, deep hole.

FROG: **Ribbit-oops!**

NARRATORS 1-2: Frog fell into such a deep, deep hole,

NARRATORS 3-4: He couldn't get out to save his soul.

NARRATOR 1: Croaked Frog,

FROG: Help! Help! I can't get out! Oh, no!

NARRATORS 1-4: Mouse came along, but what could she do?

MOUSE: Pippa-eeek! Pippa-eeek!

NARRATORS 1-4: Mouse came to help, but what could she do?

MOUSE: **Pippa-eeek!**

NARRATORS 1-2: Mouse was so small, what could she do?

NARRATOR 2: Squeaked Mouse,

MOUSE: We're trapped! We can't get out!

FROG, MOUSE: **Oh, no!**

NARRATORS 1-4: Loris inched down from her banyan tree.

LORIS: Soo-sloooow! Soo-sloooow!

NARRATORS 1-4: Loris inched down from her banyan tree.

LORIS: **Soo-sloooow!**

NARRATORS 1-2: Loris inched down from that high-up tree.

NARRATORS 3-4: Then her allergy to cats made her . . .

LORIS: **ACHOO!**

NARRATORS 3-4: Sneeze.

NARRATOR 3: Sniffled Loris,

LORIS: Bless me! We can't get out!

**FROG, MOUSE,
LORIS:** **Oh, no!**

NARRATORS 1-4: Sun Bear lowered a whopping big branch.

SUN BEAR: Grab on! Grab on!

NARRATORS 1-4: Sun Bear lowered a whopping big branch.

SUN BEAR: **Grab on!**

NARRATORS 1-2: Sun Bear lowered that big, big branch.

NARRATORS 3-4: But with the weight of all those critters, he teetered . . .
tottered . . .

SUN BEAR: **CRASHED!**

NARRATOR 4: Grumbled Sun Bear,

SUN BEAR: Bad luck! We can't get out!

**FROG, MOUSE,
LORIS, SUN BEAR:** **Oh, no!**

NARRATORS 1-4: Monkey swung by on his kudzu vine.

MONKEY: Wheee-haaaa! Wheee-haaaa!

NARRATORS 1-4: Monkey swung by on his kudzu vine.

MONKEY: **Wheee-haaaa!**

NARRATORS 1-2: He was having such fun on his kudzu vine,

NARRATORS 3-4: He didn't see that tree in time.

NARRATOR 1: Groaned Monkey,

MONKEY: Ouch! Ow! We can't get out!

**FROG, MOUSE,
LORIS, SUN BEAR,
MONKEY:** **Oh, no!**

NARRATORS 1-4: Now Tiger slunk out and licked his teeth.

TIGER: Slop-slurp! Slop-slurp!

NARRATORS 1-4: Tiger stepped out and licked his teeth.

TIGER: **Slop-slurp!**

NARRATORS 1-2: Tiger narrowed his eyes and licked his teeth.

NARRATORS 3-4: He smiled at the sight of his tasty feast.

NARRATOR 2: Drawled Tiger,

TIGER: I'm here to help you out.

**FROG, MOUSE,
LORIS, SUN BEAR,
MONKEY:** Oh, no!

NARRATORS 1-4: Then the ground bumble-rumbled and began to shake.

ELEPHANT: BA-BOOM! BA-BOOM!

NARRATORS 1-4: The ground bumble-rumbled and began to quake.

ELEPHANT: BA-BOOM!

NARRATORS 1-2: The ground bumble-rumbled and quake-shake-quake.

NARRATORS 3-4: And look who came to help them escape . . .

**FROG, MOUSE,
LORIS, SUN BEAR,
MONKEY:** **Elephant! Whoopee! Hooray!** (*Elephant helps them out of hole; Tiger falls in.*)

TIGER: Oh, no!

NARRATORS AND ANIMALS: Tiger fell into the deep, deep hole.

TIGER: Grrr-owwwl! Grrr-owwwl!

NARRATORS AND ANIMALS: Tiger fell into the deep, deep hole.

TIGER: Grrr-owwwl!

NARRATORS 1-2: Tiger fell into such a deep hole,

NARRATORS 3-4: He couldn't jump out to save his soul.

NARRATOR 3: Wailed Tiger,

TIGER: Please, please, won't you help me out?

OTHER ANIMALS: OH, NO!