

## **PLAY 2: Life in a Rainforest**

### **Readers:**

Narrator

Howler monkey

Macaw

Jaguar

Vampire Bat

3-Toed Sloth

Red-Bellied Piranha

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Narrator: Looks like we're in for a little monkey business! What about a joke? (Aside) I bet it'll be an absolute *howler!*

Monkey: (Howling). How did you guess? I *am* a howler monkey!

(Enter squawking Macaw)

Narrator: (Holding ears). *More* noise! And you are?

Macaw: Mac – short for Macaw. And no, I'm *not* a 'Pretty Polly'!

Narrator: I never said you were!

Macaw: Good! As long as we've got that straight. *Some* humans think 'Whose a pretty Polly?' is all we ever want to hear! So *insulting* to a large parrot!

Monkey: You're not feeling sick, then?!

Narrator: (Falling about laughing). *Sick as a parrot!* I get!

(Enter Jaguar, grunting)

Jaguar: Who's upsetting my peace around here?

Monkey: Oh! We were just looking for you! That *spot* light can't be working too well!

Jaguar: (Growling and snarling). I wouldn't mess with *me!* I'm no *pussy* cat! Just because I can't roar!

Macaw: *Can't roar?* What kind of a killer *are* you?

Narrator: A *quiet* one, thankfully.

(Enter Vampire bat)

Narrator: Ooh! Just look at your fangs! *No* one's going to mess with you!

Bat: Don't worry. I've just had a good meal so you're safe for now! That is (turning to monkey) unless you go making any stupid Dracula jokes!

Monkey: No chance! I'll be keeping well out of your way, buddy!

(Enter 3-Toed Sloth)

Narrator: Well, here's someone definitely *not* in a hurry!

Monkey: Would you two care to *hang around* for a bit?

Bat: Sounds good to me!

Macaw: Certainly looks like *he* (pointing to sloth) could do with some *beauty* sleep!

Sloth: (Speaking very slowly). We can't *all* dash around in dazzling bright colours. I'm quite happy with my 18 hours sleep a day.

Jaguar: (Yawning). He's making me feel sleepy, just listening to him!

(Enter Red-Bellied Piranha, snapping at others' heels)

Piranha: Just as well *I'm* here, to keep you on your toes! No dozing off around me – not unless you want to see what your skeleton looks like!

Sloth: *I* definitely won't be dipping any of *my* toes in the water!

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