

THE ADVENTURES OF MOE JOE AND SNOWIE IN LOCHLOOSA

A CHILDREN'S PLAY

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AND SNOWIE IN LOCHLOOSA!' BY SHIRLEY GAMBRELL COPYRIGHT 2007

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The play takes place in Lochloosa, Florida circa 2012. Season: non-specific but warm.

The Cast:

The Teacher, Miss Ann aka/ Auntie Ann: Miss Ann plays the pretty classroom teacher and also plays the role of Auntie Ann in Freddie the Daydreamer's daydream. Miss Ann is an attractive young schoolteacher that dresses cheerfully. As Auntie Ann she has aged somewhat but still dresses cheerfully. She has a bright, sunny disposition. Miss Ann marries the school principle and in Freddie the Daydreamer's daydream she becomes Auntie Ann.

The Principle, Mr. Timothy aka / Uncle Tim: Mr. Timothy plays the Principle and also plays the role of Uncle Tim in Freddie the Daydreamer's daydream. Mr. Timothy is an impeccable dresser and very professional in appearance. As Uncle Tim he has aged, looks somewhat dumpy, and smokes a pipe constantly. Moe Joe and Snowie don't like it and he gets ashes everywhere. He can no longer tie a tie although he insists on wearing one to a meeting. He is also a little grumpy at times but Auntie Anne has the ability to cheer him up. She loves him anyway and so do Moe Joe and Snowie. As the school principal Mr. Timothy he is smitten by Miss Ann (the teacher). In Freddie the Daydreamer's daydream he is marries Miss Ann and he becomes Uncle Tim.

Freddie is the boy who daydreams in class. He is known as Freddie the Daydreamer. The storybook Miss Ann reads to the children inspires Freddie's daydream. Mr. Timothy, Miss Ann, Sally, Joey, Kat and, and Pipper assume other roles in Freddie's daydream.

Sally is the girl with the big oversize eyeglasses. She has been nicknamed "Eagle Eyes" because with her glasses she sees especially well. Sally plays "The Eagle" in Freddie's daydream.

Kat is the girl who bonds with the cat Snowie. Kat plays Snowie in Freddie's daydream.

Joey (owns Mojo the dog) Joey is the boy who owns the dog Moe Joe. Joey plays Moe Joe in Freddie's daydream

Pipper is the girl who snacks constantly. She is very pretty and slender even though she snacks all of the time. Kat and Joey are amused by her over-indulgence and giggle in class as they observe her eat. Pipper does not like being the subject of Kat and Joey's humor. Pipper plays the alligator in Freddie's daydream

Moe Joe the dog and Snowie the cat are played by hand puppets in the classroom and by costumed actors in Freddie's classroom daydreaming.

ACT 1

The setting is a classroom furnished with the American flag, a round table with six stools, stove, sink with a cabinet, blackboard, and bookshelf and pencil sharpener. There is also an entrance and a window

In the opening act the school bell rings and Miss Ann, the schoolteacher enters the classroom. All five students, Moe Joe the dog and Snowie the cat are already present and seated at the round table. (Moe Joe and Snowie are played by hand puppets in the classroom scenes and costumed actors in Freddie's daydream. Pipper has started snacking, which she continues to do throughout.

All of the students in unison: Good morning, Miss Ann.

Moe Joe the dog barks and Snowie the cat purrs greeting Miss. Ann.

Miss Ann: good morning Freddie, good morning Kat, good morning, Pipper, good morning Sally, and good morning Joey. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance is recited by all present:

I pledge allegiance

to the Flag

of the United States of America

And to the Republic

For which it stands,

One nation under God, Indivisible,

With liberty and justice for all

Miss Ann: Students please be seated. How is Mo Mo this morning, Joey?

Joey: Just fine Miss Ann. And it's Moe Joe, not Mo Mo.

Miss Ann: Rather formal this morning, aren't we Joseph?

Moe Joe it is!

Mr. Timothy enters the classroom, glances at Miss Ann and smiles flirtatiously at her. He is smitten by her. She smiles in return. The children rise to greet Mr. Timothy.

All the students in unison: Good morning Mr. Timothy!

Mr. Timothy: Good morning pupils. Please be seated. Freddie, stay focused today. No daydreaming.

Freddie: Yes, Sir, Mr. Timothy. No dreaming out there yonder.

Miss Ann's pencil sharpener needs repair.

Miss Ann: Mr. Timothy please get maintenance to fix that pencil sharpener.

Mr. Timothy: Certainly.

Mr. Timothy exits.

Miss Ann walks over to the bookshelf and selects a random book and it is The Adventures of Moe Joe and Snowie of Lochlossa!!! By Shirley Gambrell

A spider is on the book.

Miss Ann: Vamoose!

The spider (actually unseen) vanishes and the children laugh.

Freddie recognizes it as a book he has already read.

Freddie: Boring. It's about a dog and a cat and a gator and two old people.

Kat looks at Freddie, smiles at him and playfully poses as a cat.

Kat: Meow.

Just before Miss Ann starts reading the book Mr. Timothy re-enters the room with a big oversize screwdriver. He walks over to the pencil sharpener to repair it He clearly wants to please Miss Ann.

Mr. Timothy drops a screw on the floor, which he cannot find. Sally spots the screw, rushes forward to pick it up and hands it over to Mr. Timothy.

Mr. Timothy: Thank you, Eagle Eyes.

Sally: You're welcome, Mr. Timothy

Mr. Timothy finishes the pencil sharpener repair. He is visibly proud of his work and happy to have pleased Miss Ann.

Snowie brushes her body up against Mr. Timothy's legs leaving cat fur behind. He sneezes into his handkerchief as he whisks the cat fur away. He appears to dislike cats.

Miss Ann: Thank you so much, Mr. Timothy, you have so many talents.

Mr. Timothy winks at Miss Ann and exits the classroom.

Miss Ann returns to her stool at the round table.

All of the children and Miss Ann are seated at the round table as Miss Ann opens the book and begins reading. The dog is on Joey's lap and the cat is on Kats lap.

As Miss Ann begins to read aloud from the book and as she turns the pages the camera zooms in on the story and the photographs and these images are seen on screen for the benefit of the audience.

Miss Ann: Our story begins in Lochlossa, Florida with Moe Joe and his sidekick, the adventurous Snowie! It was a warm sunny day when Moe Joe said, Snowie let's go outside and play!"

Appearing distracted, Freddie gazes out the window and begins daydreaming.

ACT 2

We enter the world of Freddie's daydream.

Freddie sings to himself.

Freddie: Ann and Tim, sitting in a tree, k-I-s-s-I-n-g. First comes love, and then comes marriage, then come Mo Joe and Snowie in a baby carriage.

Freddie remains on his stool but is off to the side of the classroom as his daydream unfolds

The setting is the home of Auntie Ann and Uncle Tim (known as Miss Ann and Mr. Timothy in the opening act). The setting is the same as in the opening act except that now everything is quite rickety. Cartoonized, it resembles the architecture in the movie Popeye.

Auntie Ann and Uncle Tim are near the stove. Auntie Ann is cooking soup. Uncle Tim is smoking his pipe and dropping ashes everywhere. Moe Joe and Snowie complain about their uncle pipe smoking.

Moe Joe: We wish you'd stop smoking that thing. You're polluting the air we breathe.

Snowie: And second hand smoke kills.

Uncle Tim: Good.

Moe Joe and Snowie giggle.

Uncle Joe looks at the honey -do list Auntie Ann has written on the blackboard. He gets his hammer, exits through the door and gets up on the roof to do some repair work. Moe Joe and Snowie tag behind him. He begins to fix the roof. Snowie playfully knocks the hammer to the ground. Moe Joe retrieves the hammer and hands it back to Uncle Tim.

Uncle Tim: Thank you Moe Joe! You sure are a big help. You, my dog. Look after your little sister today, will you? See to it that she keeps out of mischief.

Moe Joe: Certainly.

The Eagle sees the spider and warns Uncle Tim, Moe Joe and Snowie.

Eagle: Spider! Spider!

A huge spider appears on the roof further annoying Uncle Tim. Auntie Ann (from the kitchen window), Moe Joe and Snowie are amused and recite the poem "The Itsy-Bitsy Spider".

Auntie Ann, Moe Joe and Snowie:

The itsy-bitsy spider

Climbed up the water spout

Down came the rain

And washed the spider out

Out came the sun

And dried up all the rain

And the itsy-bitsy spider

Climbed up the spout again

Uncle Tim: Ain't no itsy-bitsy spider. That thing is gigantic.

Auntie Ann: Ain't, ain't in the dictionary. And it ain't proper for a gentleman to talk that way.

Uncle Tim: It isn't?

Aunt Annie: It ain't.

After the Itsy-Bitsy Spider lyrics Uncle Tim gets off the roof and enters the kitchen. Moe Joe and Snowie follow behind him. The spider scurries off.

Uncle Joe: Got the roof patched-up. No more drip, drip, pitter-patter. You can take that chore off your honey-do list.

Auntie Ann walks over to Uncle Tim, gives him a big hug, and puts a check mark and an A Plus on the first item (Fix Roof) on her honey-do list.

Note: Auntie Ann uses the same blackboard used in the classroom for Uncle Tim's honey-do list.

Auntie Ann: Speaking of leaks - when are you going to fix my faucet or do I need to call the plumber? Or maybe I should call the roofer instead! (The second item on her list.)

Uncle Tim: I have a school board meeting this morning. I'll get to the plumbing tomorrow morning. Where did you put my necktie?

Auntie Ann: You put it in your tool drawer.

Uncle Tim: Thank you, Annie.

Uncle Tim pulls out the cabinet drawer, returns his hammer and gets his necktie out. He goes over to the round table, takes a seat at his stool and struggles to tie it himself but fumbles. Snowie gets on her stool and ties it for him.

Uncle Tim: Thank you Snowie!

Uncle Tim rises from his stool and walks toward the door. Uncle Tim and Auntie Ann embrace and she plants a kiss on his forehead leaving behind the imprint of her red lipstick. Neither Uncle Tim nor Auntie Ann is aware of this. Uncle Tim exits.

Moe Joe and Snowie think it is funny and giggle.

The focus is now on Moe Joe and Snowie who have this conversation:

Moe Joe: Snowie let's go outside and play! Auntie Ann and Uncle Tim won't mind.

Snowie: I know Auntie Ann is doing her daily cooking for Uncle Tim.

Moe Joe: Auntie Ann is real busy cooking up Uncle Tim's favorite soup.

Auntie Ann is way too busy to notice us, if we decide to go outside, Snowie!

Snowie: Maybe Auntie Ann will get upset!

You know that Auntie Ann will be disappointed in the both of us!

We need to ask for permission to go outside

Moe Joe: You are probably right; we do need to ask permission before we go out!

Moe Joe and Snowie: It is always the golden rule to ask permission before we go outside!