

TREASURED PLANET

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*Lights up to reveal a beach side setting. The sound of waves can be heard. We notice two seagulls stage right perched. **Gully** seems to be sleeping. **Alex** is watching. Finally they speak.*

SCENE 1

ALEX: Gully. Gully. Gully.

GULLY: What??

ALEX: Nevermind.

ALEX: Gully. Gully. Gully.

GULLY: What??

ALEX: Sam and Jacob are at it again.

GULLY: At what?

ALEX: They're fighting over food! I think Jacob's going to win. He has it in his beak.

GULLY: Not for long. Sam always wins.

ALEX: Not this this time.

GULLY: Really? Can you see into the future!?

ALEX: I have had strange dreams!

GULLY: Hah!! Look Sam got it! Totally immature behaviour!

ALEX: Totally. We would never act like that.

A piece of bread is thrown from backstage. The seagulls look at it. Look at each other and both go for the bread

ALEX: Not fair you always win!! **Gully** smirks.

They return to their perch. Once again they sit in silence. Gully starts to doze off.

ALEX: Gully. Gully. Gully.

GULLY: What?

ALEX: I'm bored.

GULLY: So?

ALEX: So let's do something.

GULLY: I am. Can't you see I'm sleeping.

Disappointed, Alex resumes looking around. He spots the audience.

ALEX: Gully! Gully!! Gully!!

GULLY: What!!?

ALEX: Look over there!!

They both stare at the audience in awe.

GULLY: What do you think they are!!?

ALEX: Tadpoles?

GULLY: Tadpoles Alex!? Really!??

They stare again.

GULLY: They are strange looking. Look at that one over there!! what strange feathers!

ALEX: And where are their beaks!!?

GULLY: Let's not make a sound. Maybe they don't know we are here!!

ALEX: Let's back away slowly.

GULLY: Wait! I hear someone coming!!

The Pirate Sisters enter. The seagulls hide away unseen.

RUBY: Thank you so much for my book Jade! This is the best present I've ever received!!

JADE: You're welcome Ruby. When I saw it, I knew you would love it. I mean, it's a collection of your most favourite stories!

RUBY: Where did you find it!?

JADE: In a strange little bookstore near Paradise Cove. I found it when our pirate ship docked during that bad storm a month ago.

RUBY: Well I love it. You're the best sister ever. Should I read you a story?

JADE: Sure!

RUBY: Ok, let me see (*paging through the book*). Hey, what's this?

Twinkling sound and the map materialises. It sings its song.

MAP: Hi.
I'll be your guide.

I'll be your G-U-I-D-E to the other side.

**JADE &
RUBY:** Huh?

MAP: I'm the map. I'm the map. I'm the map. I'm the map. I'm the MAP!

JADE: Wait, who are you??

The Map (Frustrated) sings the whole song. The Trashy Pirates enter stage left unseen. They talk quietly between themselves.

MAP: If there's a place you got to go
I'm the one you need to know
I'm the map
I'm the map
I'm the map
If there's a place you got to get
I can get you there I bet
I'm the map
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JADE: So....?

MAP: I'm a map!!

RUBY: Of what??

MAP: Not of what, but TO what!! I'm a *treasure* map!!

At this, the Trashy Pirates' attention is grabbed!

CG: Polly! Did you hear that! The Pirate sisters have a map!!

POLLY: Oooo! Of what!!?

CG: Not of what but TO what!!! Didn't you hear!!? It's a treasure map!

POLLY: Ooooh!

CG: I have to get my hands on it!!

Back to the Pirate Sisters.

JADE: How exciting!

CG: Come on, you create a distraction and I'll grab the map!

POLLY: Wait how do I...

(Polly stumbles over a heap of rubbish left on the ground. The Pirate Sisters see this and rush over to help her. The MAP is left alone and CAPTAIN GARBIJ grabs it and runs off stage. MAP howls in distress which alerts the PIRATE SISTERS.)

RUBY: Hey! Captain Garbage stole the map!!

CG: *Poking his head back onto the stage.* IT ISN'T Captain Gabrage, it's Captain Garbagé

JADE: Whatever!

(Polly sneaks away.)

They rush after him but don't manage to catch him before they exit the stage.

RUBY: Ahh we lost them.

JADE: How are we going to find them??

They think while pacing. One of them puts their finger in the air!

JADE: I know, we can send doves to search for them.

They think and unanimously reject the idea and carry on pacing and thinking. Sporadically, one of the sisters will think of an idea and stop and then change her mind.

RUBY: How about we hire a plane and skywrite a message for them?

Again they shake their head and carry on pacing. Momentarily, Ruby sees a couple of pieces of rubbish in the floor.

RUBY Hey, look at that.

JADE: What a mess. What pig left that?

RUBY: A big pig called Captain Garbage!

JADE: You're right!! He leaves rubbish wherever he goes! So, what if -

RUBY - We follow the trail of garbage!??

JADE: The trail of garbage will lead us to Captain Garbage!!

BOTH: Brilliant!

RUBY: Let's go!!

As the sisters exit, the seagulls emerge from hiding.

GULLY: Wow!!

ALEX: I know!

GULLY: That was interesting!

ALEX: Totally! What kind of a name is Captain GARBAGE!!?

GULLY: That's not what I meant. Didn't you see him steal their map!!?

ALEX: Wow! Where is the map too??

GULLY: Not too but what!! It's a treasure map!

ALEX: Oooo, how exciting! What's the treasure!?

GULLY: I don't know. But that meanie Captain Garbage stole it!

ALEX: What!!? He stole the map those lovely pirate sisters found in that book!?

GULLY: Yup.

ALEX: That's awful.

GULLY: Yup.

ALEX: How will they catch him!!?

GULLY: Weren't you listening!!? They're going to follow the trail of garbage -

ALEX: - garbage?

GULLY: Rubbish.

ALEX: Oh

GULLY: Yeah. So they are going to follow the trail of garbage (or rubbish) to find Captain Garbage.

ALEX: I wonder if they'll find him.

GULLY: Well let's see.

They turn their attention to the stage.

SCENE 2

CG: Ok. You, Map, where do we go from here?

MAP: I'm not telling you anything!! You're mean.

CG: You'll tell me or I'll rip you up!

MAP: Okay, okay:

I am blue all around
From the top the ground
There are plenty of fish.
We're you'll find your next wish.

CG: Huh?

POLLY: Are you feeling ok?

MAP: Argh. Yes, that's your clue to the next place.

POLLY: Ah I get it, it's a riddle.

CG: Don't be silly Polly.
Oh, I see it's a riddle!
Ok, ok. Say it again.

MAP: I am blue all around
From the top the ground
There are plenty of fish.
We're you'll find your next wish.

CG: Hmmm... blue all around...

POLLY: ...from the top to the ground...

CG: ...there are plenty of fish...

POLLY: I have no idea!

CG: Me neither.

POLLY: Hey, (pointing to the audience), maybe they can help!

CG: (CG sees the audience for the first time). What are they!?

POLLY: (Polly shrugs her shoulders) Fruit flies?

CG: *(CG looks at Polly and shakes his head. He then turns his attention to the audience).*
We need your help little flies. Do you know what the map is talking about? What is blue from the top to the ground and has fish?

CG takes answers from the audience.

CG: Yes!!

POLLY: Good work little flies.

CG: *(Turning to the Map).* It's the sea!!!

MAP: Correct. *(CG fist pumps the air).*

A strip of fabric waves across the stage.

CG: So, our next clue is under the sea?

MAP: *(No answer. CG looks at the Map.)* Yes

CG: How are we supposed to breathe??

MAP: Duh. Pixie dust of course!!

CG: Ah, of course!!

(CG takes the pixie dust from Map and sprinkle it over them all and tosses the bag behind him).

(Suddenly the lights on stage fade to blue and a gurgling noise can be heard. The cast 'drift' down into the sea and the fabric waves lifts above and behind them.)

**CG and
Polly:** Woah.

POLLY: Hey, I can breathe!! This is so cool!

CG: Why are we not floating? And how can I hear you so nicely if we're under water?

POLLY: This is theatre CG! Anything is possible in theatre. How can Spongebob light fires? And how can Bubble Guppies run water *under* water?

CG: I guess you're right.

POLLY: Hey look CG, a tortoise!

**TIM
TURTLE:** I'm not a tortoise. Achoo!! I'm a turtle.

CG: What's the difference?

**TIM
TURTLE:** A tortoise lives on land. A turtle swims in the ocean. We are in the ocean, hence I am a turtle.

POLLY: Ah, whatever you are, you are so cute!! I love your little fins.

**TIM
TURTLE:** They're flippers.

CG: Whatever. Right Map, where to now!?

MAP: *Sigh.* I'm not telling you.

CG: Oh really? *He mimes ripping a piece of paper.*

**TIM
TURTLE:** *Scared.* Your next stop is the Coral Reef.

POLLY: Who's she??

MAP: Coral isn't the name of someone. It's a place!

CG: How do we find it??

MAP: No ways. I only have to tell you where to go, I don't have to tell you how to get there.

CG: Darn, she's right. Let's think.

The sound of dolphins can be heard. CG and POLLY look up.

CG: What's that?

POLLY: It sounds like aliens having tea!

CG: Don't be silly Polly!!

POLLY: Ok then Smart Pants, what is it then??

CG: Ummm...clearly it is someone with hiccups!!

CG & POLLY: *Turning to the audience.* Do you know what it is?

CG: Ah great! You're right. You guys are so clever!

TIM TURTLE: Ah, I do hope they find their fishy snacks at the Coral Reef.

CG: Hey, what did you just say?

TIM TURTLE: The Dolphins are struggling to find fish to eat. They're clearly on their way to the Coral Reef.

POLLY: I don't understand, why would they find fish at a Coral Reef?

TIM TURTLE: Because, fish live in Coral Reefs. Because they get food like Plankton from them. And the Dolphins eat the fish. Coral reefs are known as the Rainforests of the Ocean because they clear and filter the water!

POLLY: Wow, that's so cool! Our planet is so clever!

CG: Never mind that. So if we follow the dolphins, we'll get to the coral reef and find the next clue?

TIM TURTLE: Yes that is correct. The dolphins will be going to the coral reef for food.

CG: All this talk about food and snacks has made me hungry. Let's have a snack before we go on.

They whip out some chips/crisps and fruit juice boxes. After munching, the sound of the dolphins becomes faint.

CG: Hey! Come on Polly, the dolphins are swimming away! We mustn't lose them. Let's go.

They exit abruptly and in so doing leave their rubbish. Tim Turtle explores the rubbish and starts choking on a packet.

Blackout.

Lights up on land and sun.

The Pirate Sisters enter SR. They have been following the trail of rubbish. The strip of blue fabric enters again. The sisters stop by the water's edge and look around.

RUBY: That's it. There's no more garbage!! The trail of rubbish ends here!!

JADE: Ruby, do you think they went under water!?

RUBY: How could they have done that?? How would they be able to breathe?

JADE: I don't know.

The sisters sigh. And look down and around. Suddenly JADE spots the packet of pixie dust.

JADE: Hey, what's this?

RUBY: I don't know. AH AH AH CHOO!!

Ruby sneezes the dust all over JADE.

RUBY: Ah, sorry Jade.

It's ok. I – suddenly JADE cannot seem to speak. She thinks briefly and then motions to Ruby to sprinkle dust on herself and they can swim.

RUBY: Oh I get it! It's pixie dust that will allow us to breathe under water! You're so clever Jade!

They both 'drift' to the ocean floor as the lights change to blue, the sound of bubbles is heard and the fabric waves washes over them.

JADE: This is amazing!!

RUBY: It's so peaceful down here.

JADE: No noise like traffic or taxi's hooting!

RUBY: And no pollution.

Suddenly Tim Turtle swims passed them choking on the chip packet with a straw up his nose.

JADE: I think you spoke too quickly Ruby. Look over there.

RUBY: Oh no that poor turtle. We have to help him.

They rush/swim over to him and clean him up.

**TIM
TURTLE:** Ah thank you!! You are so kind. I thought the twinkling of the packet was a colourful, silvery fish.

JADE: I can understand that. We're glad you are okay.

RUBY: But Jade, we still don't know where Captain Garbage went!! Which way do we go??

JADE: Ummm....maybe to the Bermuda Triangle?

RUBY: The Bermuda what?

JADE: It's a...never mind.

RUBY: Darn I wish there were more pieces of rubbish for us to follow.

JADE: Maybe there is!

They turn to Tim Turtle.

JADE: Sorry, you didn't happen to see two bad pirates and The Spirit of a Treasure Map come through here a little while ago did you??

**TIM
TURTLE:** Do you mean that garbage dropping nuisance?

RUBY: Yes, that's the one!

**TIM
TURTLE:** Yip, they were here.

JADE: Do you know where they went?

**TIM
TURTLE:** Sure do, they followed a school of dolphins to the Coral Reef to find their next clue.

RUBY: Yay great!

JADE: Not great Ruby, how are we going to find the Coral Reef?? The dolphins are gone so there's no one to follow.

**TIM
TURTLE:** I can take you!

JADE: You would do that for us?

**TIM
TURTLE:** It's the least I can do for your saving my life.

RUBY: I'm Ruby, and this is Jade.

**TIM
TURTLE:** I am Tim Turtle. Lovely to make your acquaintance.

SONG: 1
Yo ho ho eco-pirate
Come on & save our climate.
2
We can't let our world down
We can't let her frown.
3
We're the world's only hope

Without us earth can't cope.
4
It's time to convoy
All gather round ahoy!

JADE: Let's go!!
They swim offstage.

Lights up on the shore. Our attention is drawn to the seagulls.

ALEX: Hey, where did they go!?
GULLY: To the Coral Reef.
ALEX: What a nice turtle to show the girls where to go.
GULLY: Well, they did save his life. Still, he was incredibly lucky the girls were nearby to help him. Most other turtles and wildlife aren't so lucky.
ALEX: What do you mean Gully!!? Are you saying what happened to the turtle happens often?
GULLY: That's right Alex. Landfills are becoming so full that much of the rubbish humans get rid of ends up in the ocean. Ocean creatures like turtles and dolphins often mistake rubbish for food and choke on it. Or they tangled up in it.
ALEX: That's terrible Gully. More people like Ruby and Jade need to clean up the ocean!
GULLY: There are other people like Ruby and Jade who help clean up, but it's not enough. There's too much rubbish entering the oceans every day. There are over 8.3 BILLION straws in the ocean right now.
ALEX: That's crazy!! Don't people know that straws are bad!?
GULLY: Not enough people Alex. No. And not enough people know that they must recycle their rubbish so it doesn't end up in our oceans!
ALEX: I wish there was a way to get people to listen Gully.
GULLY: Me too Alex.

*Lights fade on **ALEX** and **GULLY** and change to under the ocean. Blue lights up to reveal three colourful Coral swaying in the ocean.*

SCENE 3

MARLEY: Hey. Hey Bob.

BOB: Hey Marley man! How ya doin? Where ya been? I haven't seen you long time.

MARLEY: I been here man.

BEN: Ya man. We're coral. We can't move man.

MARLEY: Who are you den?

BEN: Me name's Ben Affleck.

Awkward pause.

BOB: Hey, hey guys. What does coral get stressed about!?

MARLEY: I don't know man, what does coral get stressed about?

BOB: Current events!!

They break into hysterical laughter.

MARLEY: No no man. I got it. Why does coral blush?

BEN: I don't know man, why does coral blush?

MARLEY: Because the sea weed!!

ALL: Bahahaha.

BEN: No guys, no guys I got it. What does the ocean say to the coral?

BOB: What does the ocean say to the coral?

BEN: Nothing, it just waves.

ALL: Hahahahaha.

Enter CG, Polly and the map.

POLLY: Where are we?

CG: The Coral Reef.

POLLY: Oooo that must be Carol over there.

BOB: Me name's not Carol, me name's Bob.

MARLEY: Yea, and I'm Marley and this is Ben Affleck.

POLLY: Oh. Wow, they are so colourful. No wonder fish are so attracted to them. They are beautiful.

Sniff. Sniff.

Hey CG, you're getting kind of stinky.

CG: Well, it has been a long journey. Good thing I always carry around a can of deodorant.

He starts spraying. Polly, the map and coral start coughing.

CG: *CG looks at the can.*

Hey Polly, what are CFCs?

POLLY: Beats me.

BEN: Ey, it's getting warm down here.

