

Rain

Dialogue Task | Screen 2

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Sample script



DIALOGUE

Suggested playing age: 12-15

Suggested level: Screen 2

Approx length: 2 minutes, 15 seconds

RAIN!

Context

In the near future, two friends, **HILARY** and **JESSE** are hiding in a field, **JESSE** is a witch but, fearing persecution, only **HILARY** knows this. A serious drought means that the population is growing hungry. **JESSE** must do something about this.

EXT. FIELD. DAY.

JESSE, 12, stands straight and tall with their eyes closed, concentrating, almost meditating. It's hot.

HILARY

Phew! I'm boiling alive.

Interrupted, **JESSE** opens their eyes, they remain still and calm.

JESSE

(Softly) Shhhhhhhhhh.

JESSE closes their eyes again.

JESSE

(Firmly) I call on thee, elemental water, rain
down on this parched land.

JESSE opens their eyes and looks up at the sky. Nothing happens. **JESSE** turns to look at **HILARY**, she has an idea.

JESSE

What causes it rain?

BEAT.

JESSE

Come on! I'm the witch and you're the scientist!

HILARY

Erm, when the air rises and cools it condenses into water droplets ../

JESSE

And then it forms into clouds, Yes, I remember. Let's try that.

HILARY

Jesse, hurry, if you get caught again, they'll lock you up!

JESSE looks up at the sky.

JESSE

I know! But the crops are failing, the cattle are dying, we're starving, I won't live in hiding, I can't live in fear, I've got to do something!

I call on thee, elemental air, rise and cool, rise and cool, rise and cool!

BEAT.

HILARY

Jesse, they're coming!

JESSE

I call on thee, elemental air, rise and cool! What happens next? Hurry up!

HILARY

It forms into droplets that fall from the sky.

JESSE

From the clouds, fall from the sky! Fall from the sky!

We just need some science and a bit of magic.

A vehicle screeches to a halt nearby.

JESSE

Run, Hilary!

HILARY

I can't leave.. /

JESSE

/ Go! Pure rain, fall from the sky!

Run, Hilary, please!

HILARY runs. **JESSE** sees people approaching at speed. Although frightened, they stand their ground.

JESSE

Rise up, cool, condense, fall from the sky.

Come on, come on...please!

JESSE wills it to rain.

VOICE

Jesse Walker, you're under arrest for witchcraft.

JESSE raises their head and arms skyward.

JESSE

Rain!!

A single drop of rain lands on their face. **JESSE** flinches and then laughs with relief. More rain, so they duck their head.

JESSE

Hello, Officer. Did you bring an umbrella?

END.

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