

LAKE MELVILLE SCHOOL, NORTH WEST RIVER

presents

"The Clever Fox"

Cast

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.....	Christine Rich
.....	Natasha Ryan
Foxes	Derek Montague
.....	Michael Montague
.....	Andrew Cooper
.....	Kevin Avery
Dogs	Daniel Michelin
.....	Matthew Boles
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THE CLEVER FOX

Once upon a time, deep in the forest there lived a proud and clever fox. He was proud because he thought he was the best looking fox in the forest.

(Fox on stage admires himself. He rubs the side of his head as he looks at himself in a mirror. No other fox had as fine and beautiful a tail as he.)

(Fox admires his tail. No other fox had as handsome a figure as he.)

(Fox flexes his muscles.) He also thought that he was very clever, He was always playing tricks on other foxes. Then he would tease and laugh at them when they fell for his lies.

(Fox on left side of stage lies down to sleep.)

In the same forest there also lived some shepherds.

(Shepherds enter left of stage and slowly walk over to cave.) It was the practice of these shepherds to hide their lunches in the shelter of cave before setting out to tend to their sheep.

(Shepherds remove large rock from cave and put their lunches into cave. They put rock back in place.)

After a long day the shepherds would return to the tree to eat and rest before returning home. One day a bird saw the shepherds leave their lunches.

(Bird watches the shepherds. He watches them leave. Flies around the cave.) The bird flew away and told the clever fox who was sleeping nearby.

(Bird flies over to fox. Wakes up the fox and tells him about the food in the cave.)

The fox listened to what the bird had to say. He then went over to the cave to look for the lunches.

(Fox goes over to the cave.) He tried to get into the cave but no matter how hard he tried he could not move the rock in front of the cave.

(Fox pushes at rock. He pulls at the rock, finally he sits down to think.)

He knew that he would need help to get the food out of the cave. He thought and thought and finally he came up with a plan.

(Fox is on stage thinking.)

A fox happened to pass by (pause, fox on stage). He told the fox that a dangerous troll lived in the cave and would catch any animal that passed to close.

(Fox calls other fox over. He whispers in his ear and points to the tree. He imitates troll catching something. The other fox is very upset and afraid.)

The fox ran off to tell the other foxes that were in the forest.

(One by one other foxes come on stage. The fox goes up to each one of them and tells them about the troll in the cave. They are very afraid. They tip toe up to cave and poke at it. The clever fox who is hiding behind the cave makes a loud noise and scares the foxes even more. The clever fox then gets up and moves around the cave onto the stage.)

The foxes were all very upset and very afraid of the troll. They asked the fox what they could do to get rid of the troll.

(Foxes ask clever fox for help.) The clever fox thought for a bit and then told them that he could throw rocks at the troll and scare him out of the cave. (Fox is thinking and begins to tell of his plan.) But first the foxes must help him move the huge boulder in front of the cave. (Fox imitates movement of boulder.)

The foxes all agree to the plan. They help move the rock away from the cave and they all leave. (Foxes move boulder and leave.) As soon as the other foxes left the clever fox was able to get the food. He sat down to enjoy a fine meal.

(Fox eats food on stage.) When the other foxes returned, they asked him about the troll in the cave. The clever fox just laughed at them.

(Foxes return. Ask about the troll and point to cave. The clever fox laughs at them and shakes his head.) He told them that their was not a troll. He had made up the story so that he could get the lunches left in the tree. (Fox continues to laugh.)

The other foxes then asked if they could all share the food since they helped him get it. There was much to much food for one fox.

(Foxes rub bellies, point to food, reaches out to take food. The clever foxes smacks at the paw of the fox. He greedily gathers the food to keep the others away. The foxes became very angry. They scolded the fox. They told him he was a miserable, greedy fox. They promised that he would never again fool them with his lies. (Foxes make gestures to show their anger. Finally they walk off the stage very upset.)

The fox was very pleased with himself for playing such a clever trick. He gathered up the rest of his food and left the area before the shepherds returned.

(Leaves stage at left.)

When the shepherds came back for lunch they found all their food gone. Pause. They searched the area but could not find any trace of the missing food.

(Shepherds search area for food. Finally one points to the ground and calls to the others.)

One of the shepherds noticed the tracks of an animal on the ground. They decided that they would go and get a pair of bloodhounds to track the animal. (Shepherds leave on left of stage. The clever fox enters stage at left.) Meanwhile, the clever fox had grown very fat because of all the food he had earlier.

(Fox hears the dogs and starts to run.)

He was so fat that he was unable to run very fast and could barely keep ahead of the shepherds. (Fox runs through forest from right to left and enters against left out of breath.)

The other foxes of the forest came along and when they saw him they started to laugh. (Foxes enter and laugh at the fat fox.)

The fox told them that he was being followed by two huge beasts. He asked them to help him get away. Fox pleads with others to help him. But the other foxes would not believe him. Pause. They got mad at him for trying to trick them again. Pause. They would never help him again and they left him on his own. (Foxes exit.)

He heard the shepherds coming and he left as they approached. But he could not keep ahead of them. One of the dogs caught up to him and grabbed him by the tail (pause) as they exit. The clever fox just managed to escape with his life but he had lost his beautiful tail.

The next day the fox returned to the forest. He had learned a hard lesson. Never again would he brag about his beauty.