

ACTING OUT – A sample story

HE, SHE AND I

CHARACTERS: Miss Beulah Frog, Mr. Charlie Horse, Mr. Whyzold Owl

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SPECIAL FEATURES: subject pronouns, possessive pronouns



One lovely summer day Miss Beulah Frog was just sitting around in the shade. She said, “**I** am here all alone.” (*“I am here all alone.”*) She went on, “**I** could use a friend.” (*“I could use a friend.”*) So she decided to search for one.

Miss Frog hopped to a field where Mr. Charlie Horse was just standing around in the sun. She said, “**I** am looking for a friend.” (*“I am looking for a friend.”*) She asked him, “Will **YOU** be **MY** friend?” (---)

Mr. Horse replied, “Yes, **I** will be **YOUR** friend.” (---)

Miss Frog jumped for joy and said, “**HE** will be **MY** friend!” (---)

Mr. Horse pranced in a great big circle and said excitedly, “**SHE** will be **MY** friend!” (---)

They were still jumping and prancing when they noticed a large bird flying in a circle overhead. The bird said aloud, “Hmmm, **I** wonder who **THEY** are.” (---)

Mr. Horse heard him and yelled up, “Well, who are **YOU**?” (---)

The large bird flew down and landed beside him. He said, “**I** am Mr. Whyzold Owl.” (---) He added, “**YOU** seem to be having fun with **YOUR** friend.” (---) Then he asked, “May **I** join you?” (---)

Mr. Horse and Miss Frog were excited. Miss Frog rejoiced, “**HE** is Mr. Owl!” (---) She added, “And **HE** wants to be **OUR** buddy!” (---)

Together Miss Frog and Mr. Horse said, "**WE** would love to have you join **OUR** little group." (---)

Mr. Horse said, "**I**'m Charlie Horse and **SHE** is Beulah Frog." (---)

Miss Frog added, "**HE** and **I** are happy to meet you." (---) She said shyly, "**WE** would like you to be **OUR** friend." (---) Soon the three of them began to frolic and play.

Mr. Owl flew up and down a few times. Mr. Horse watched for a while and then asked him, "Will **YOU** teach us how to fly?" (---) He announced, "**WE** want to fly too." (---)

Mr. Owl thought for a moment and then he said, "**I** can't teach you how to fly." (---) He continued, "**YOU** need wings like **MINE**." (---)

Mr. Horse pointed to Miss Frog and said, "But **SHE** really needs to fly." (---) He added, "**SHE** never gets **HER** little body off the ground." (---)

Miss Frog agreed, "Jumping gets me off the ground a bit." (---) She added quickly, "But **I** can't see much from down here." (---)

So Mr. Owl thought for a moment and then he declared, "Well, **I** have an idea." (---) He said to Mr. Horse, "Will **YOU** please lie down?" (---) Then he looked at Miss Frog and said to her, "Now **YOU** jump on **HIS** back." (---)

Miss Frog said, "OK, **I** will." (---) And she did.

Mr. Owl then said to Mr. Horse, "Now **YOU** stand up." (---) Mr. Horse was getting used to following directions, so he did.

Miss Frog gasped a little and said, "Now **I**'m high off the ground!" (---) She continued, "**I** can see much better from up here on **YOUR** back." (---) She exclaimed, "Thank you, Mr. Horse and thank you, Mr. Owl." (---)

Then Mr. Owl flew onto Mr. Horse's back too.

Miss Frog said, "**WE** can both go for a ride." (---) Mr. Owl added excitedly, "Yes, **WE** can let Mr. Horse do **OUR** walking." (---)

Mr. Horse said to himself, “So **THEY** want to go for a ride.” (---) He added, “Then **THEY** will have a fun ride on **MY** back.” (---) And off he galloped with his friends on his back. Mr. Horse trotted for hours and he and both of his friends had a wonderful time.

When they finally stopped, Mr. Owl and Miss Frog said together, “Thank you so much for **OUR** fun ride.” (---) They exclaimed, “**WE** had a wonderful afternoon!” (---)

Mr. Horse said, “**YOU** are welcome, my friends.” (---) Then he stated, “Now **I**’m very hot.” (---) He panted, “**I** need to find a place to cool off.” (---)

Mr. Owl pointed to Miss Frog and said, “**I** think **SHE** knows a really cool spot.” (---) Mr. Owl said, “**I** bet **SHE** stays cool all summer.” (---)

So Miss Frog hopped off Mr. Horse’s back. She continued hopping across the field. Her two friends followed her. Soon they came to a large pond full of lily pads, jumping fish and lots of shade.

Miss Frog said, “**I** always cool off **MY** body here.” (---) She asked, “Do **YOU** want to get in?” (---) She told them, “There are fish in here, but **THEY** won’t bother us.” (---) She added, “**WE** will stay cool.” (---)

Eagerly all three of the new friends plunged in. Even Mr. Owl, who normally didn’t get in the water, splashed, swam and floated. They were having a perfectly wonderful time but it was starting to get dark. They knew it was time to head home. So they got out of the pond and shook off.

Mr. Horse pointed to Mr. Owl and said to Miss Frog, “Tomorrow **HE** can show us **HIS** favorite spot.” (---)

Mr. Owl said, “**I** will show you the best place of all.” (---) And then he flapped his wings good-bye.

Mr. Horse and Miss Frog yelled, “Good-bye, friends.” (---) They all agreed to meet again the next day. It was going to be a great summer!