

*(RED climbs to top of blocks and sits quietly, enjoying the solitude.)*

ORANGE: Red. Hey, Red, where are you?

RED: I'm up here.

ORANGE: What are you doing up there?

RED: I am trying to enjoy the stars, quietly.

ORANGE: Oh. *(crosses DR, turns in confusion)* Why?

RED: Because I like to look at the stars and I was hoping to be alone.

ORANGE: Oh, well, I'm sorry for disturbing you. *(crosses back DR)*

*(YELLOW, BLUE, VIOLET enter)*

YELLOW: Red, why did you run off so quickly? What's the rush?

ORANGE: Red is trying to gaze at the stars, quietly. Red doesn't want to be bothered.

BLUE: Well, excuse us. We're only your rainbow buddies and you just abandon us.

RED: I wasn't abandoning you; I just wanted to look at the stars... in quiet. It's not a big deal.

*(INDIGO and GREEN enter.)*

INDIGO: Where did everyone run off to?

VIOLET: We came looking for Red. Apparently Red wants to be alone.

GREEN: Why? Is everything okay, Red?

RED: Everything is fine. I just want to look at the stars in peace and quiet. Is that so much to ask?

YELLOW: Not at all. Let's all look upon the stars together.

RED: Quietly, please.

BLUE: Sure, Red, we'll be quiet.

*(pause as they all look at the stars, then...)*

ORANGE: Do you think we could do that?

GREEN: Do what?

ORANGE: Be in the night sky like the stars.

INDIGO: What do you mean?

ORANGE: You know how we always come in the sky after the rain? Do you think we could appear in the sky at night with the stars?

VIOLET: Rolling my eyes! Of course not.

ORANGE: Why not? Why is it that we only appear after the rain?

VIOLET: That's why we are called a rainbow, Orange, because we appear after the rain. Duh.

ORANGE: Well, who's to say that we have to anymore? Why don't we change our name to Starbow?

BLUE: No way! Dude, think about it. It's too dark for anyone to see us if we appeared with the stars.

GREEN: Not to mention I don't think people would want to see us at night. We appear after the rain. We are the reminder that no matter how bad the storm, there's something beautiful on the other side. Right, Red?

RED: I thought we were being quiet.

ORANGE: Sorry, Red. *(They resetttle. Another pause, then...)* So none of you think it would be cool to shine with the stars?

INDIGO: The rainbow doesn't shine it appears.

VIOLET: No, it's not a good idea, Orange, so please let it go. And even if you ever did decide to shine at night, I would not come with you. And if I am not with you, the rainbow wouldn't appear.

ORANGE: Why not?

VIOLET: *(stands, walks DL)* Because I am the best part of the rainbow.

*(O, I, G, Y react.)*

ORANGE: Excuse me?

GREEN: What are you talking about?

INDIGO: I beg your pardon!

YELLOW: Oh, come on now, Violet.

VIOLET: It's true! Violet is the anchor of the rainbow. Without me the rest of you would have nowhere to rest.

BLUE: I could take your place.

- INDIGO: You could never be an anchor for the rainbow. Besides, if Violet left, I would be the anchor.
- GREEN: What?!
- INDIGO: I'm next in line. Who needs Violet? I don't think anyone would even notice if you weren't in the rainbow.
- BLUE: Well then, we could totally do without you, Indigo. No one even remembers you're a part of the rainbow. What is indigo anyway?
- INDIGO: I'm Indigo, the perfect combination of the most beautiful colors in the whole spectrum.
- BLUE: Then how come people always skip you and go straight to Purple after me.
- VIOLET: I am not Purple. I am Violet. How dare you disrespect me by calling me Purple?
- YELLOW: OK, everyone just chill out. We're supposed to be gazing at the stars quietly. Remember? (*Slight pause, then...*) Besides everyone knows that I am the most important part of the rainbow.
- ORANGE: What makes you think that?
- YELLOW: Because without the sun there is no rainbow, and I'm the same color as the sun, so obviously I am the most important part.
- GREEN: Without nature, which is green, there would be no sun and no rainbow. So I am the most important part of the rainbow.
- BLUE: Well, without water there wouldn't be a rainbow either. And I'm the color of water, so I must be the most important.
- INDIGO: Well, if that's the case...I'm leaving. I don't need you; I don't need any of you. In fact, I am going to start a rainbow all on my own, and you'll see how everyone will like me more than all of you – put together! (*Exits*)
- YELLOW: (*to VIOLET*) Well, you know what? I agree with Blue. That *you're* not needed. And that if *you* can be an anchor, *anyone* can.
- GREEN: STOP IT. What are you doing? We're the rainbow; we're not supposed to be fighting.

VIOLET: Is that what you think, Yellow, that you don't need me? Well, then fine. I'm leaving.

GREEN: Well, this is just great. (*moving DL to BLUE*) Blue, go after them and bring them all back.

BLUE: Let 'em go, man. We don't need them.

GREEN: Oh yeah? Well, I say we don't need you, Blue.

BLUE: Harsh! Dude, that's so harsh!

GREEN: Truth hurts, huh!

BLUE: This stinks, man. Being the rainbow together used to be fun. Now you're all, like, mean and stuff. All this negative energy is getting me down. I'm leaving. Goodbye. (*Exits*)

GREEN: Well, then there's no reason for me staying around. I'm leaving too.

YELLOW: I don't know what you're going to do, but I'm leaving. Goodbye, Orange. Goodbye, Red.

RED: Bye.

ORANGE: Red, what do we do now?

RED: I'm not doing anything. I came here to be alone. They're all gone, so I am fine.

ORANGE: But, what about the rainbow?

RED: What about it? I never needed any of you. I'm Red, the top color.

ORANGE: Well, let's see how well you do without me. (*Exits*)

RED: Finally, peace and quiet.