

SCENE FIVE (RED and TREE)

RED: *(thinking aloud)* Finally, I can have peace and quiet and be the rainbow all by myself.

TREE: Uh, excuse me, Red, but, what are you doing?

RED: I'm not Red. I am the rainbow.

TREE: *(Laughs.)* You're the rainbow, huh? Yeah, OK. Ha, ha. *(to RED)* Not by yourself you're not. What happen to the rest of you? Did they get lost in the rain? *(laughs at his own joke)*

RED: No. We chose to break up.

TREE: Now why would you do a stupid thing like that?

RED: Hey! It is not stupid.

TREE: It's a stupid thing to do!

RED: *(defiantly)* It is not!

TREE: Stooooo-pid!

RED: Stop it. It isn't stupid. We had good reasons.

TREE: Oh yeah? Like what? This I gotta hear.

RED: Because they all thought they were the most important part of the rainbow. They wouldn't admit that I am the most important part. And that, well, that I'm the **best** part.

TREE: The best part? There is no "best part" of the rainbow, Red. There is no color that is superior to the others. They're all unique, so how can one be better than the others? There's no majority and there's no minority. Just one, big, beautiful thing called a rainbow.

RED: But without **me** the rainbow wouldn't exist.

TREE: Without any of youse the rainbow wouldn't exist! Am I right? Huh? Huh? *(Getting all logical)* If it wasn't meant for certain colors of the rainbow to be in the rainbow, then those colors wouldn't have been in the rainbow in first place. *(pause)* And who wants to see an only-red rainbow anyway?

RED: What's wrong with just one color? *(scoring a point)* All trees are green.

TREE: *(scores back)* Not in the fall they aren't, brainiac! What, you think people pile in their cars every October and drive out into the woods to look at

green trees? Noooo! Every autumn people look forward to watching us trees change from green to yellow, or bright orange, or brilliant red, or deep purple, or golden brown. You see, kid? Without colors, autumn would just be the time you pull all your sweaters out of the back of the closet. Colors, Red. It's the colors that do it. Same for the rainbow. All those colors in one beautiful arch.

RED: *(thinking aloud)* I guess the autumn leaves wouldn't be nearly so beautiful if they were all just red. And an all-red rainbow wouldn't be very interesting either. *(to Tree)* You know what, Tree? I think you're right. I would look pretty foolish up there all by myself, wouldn't I?

TREE: You sure would, kid. You sure would.

RED: Well, I'd better go and find the rest of the rainbow. Thanks, Tree. I'll be seeing you.

TREE: Not if I see you first! Ha! Ha! I love that one.