

THE DESTRUCTIVE COAT

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CHARACTERS

LILLY a leather coat who loves being mean and making fun of people, but today she had a change of heart.

PRECIOUS a purple raincoat who is very sensitive and smart. She cries easily.

MALINA Candice's mom, very nice and helpful

CANDICE a very sweet person

Time: Afternoon

Place: The coat store

At Rise: Malina and Candice walk in store and begin shopping.

MALINA

Surprise Candice, I'm going to buy you a new coat for your birthday!

(LILLY trying to be noticed, is posing.)

CANDICE

(Finds coat)

This coat is perfect. Maybe I'll call her Lilly the leather coat. Mom, this is the one I want.

MALINA

Are you sure? It's been marked down a lot.

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CANDICE

I'm sure, Mom, please. I've got to have it. It's so soft and cuddly.

MALINA

Well ok, Honey!

LILLY

(Happily, to herself)

I am bought at last!

(All three walk out of store happily as lights go down.)

Scene 2

Time: 20 minutes later

Place: At home

At Rise: Candice and Malina enter. Coat walks by the closet checking it out.

CANDICE

(Opens door to house, yells)

Thanks again, Mom.

(CANDICE Exits. MALINA hangs LILLY in closet next to PRECIOUS and leaves door open. Exits.)

PRECIOUS

Hi, I'm Precious, the purple raincoat.

LILLY

Say good-bye to Precious and hello to Lilly.

PRECIOUS

(Looking confused)
What do you mean?

LILLY

It means I'm the new coat and you're the old and Candice is going to start wearing her new favorite coat and that's me.

PRECIOUS

That's just ridiculous. You're mean.

LILLY

I'm not mean. I'm just telling the truth.

PRECIOUS

Well, at least Candice likes me better.

(Under her breath)
I hope.

LILLY

Oh yeah, then why did she buy me?

PRECIOUS

Because it was her birthday and her mother wanted to get her something. Duh!

LILLY

Whatever!

MALINA

(From offstage)
Come outside, I'm taking you to the movies. Make sure you put on your new coat.

(CANDICE grabs LILLY, leaves closet door open.)

LILLY

(To PRECIOUS)
Told you she liked me better.

(Exits)

PRECIOUS

(Sadly)
Maybe she does like her better.

Scene 3

Time: 7:30 pm

Place: Movie Theatre

At Rise: Candice and Malina find seats in the back to sit. Candice throws Lilly on the back of her chair.

(Sound cue, movie starting. Watching Boogy Man. “Boom. Dun, dun, dun. I’ll kill you.”
“Ahh!” yells a lady in the movie.)

CANDICE

(Screams)
Run, he’s right behind you!

MALINA

Honey, we’re in the movies. She can’t hear you.

CANDICE

I know, but still...RUN! Too late.

(LILLY sneaks an old bucket of buttery popcorn that was on the seat and puts it in her pocket.)

Oh, Mom, this movie is getting boring. Let’s get out of here.

(They grab LILLY and leave as the lights go down.)

Scene 4

Time: 10:00 pm

Place: At the closet

At Rise: Lilly is back in the closet with Precious.

(PRECIOUS waits until LILLY goes to sleep.)

PRECIOUS

What’s wrong with me? I’m pretty too.

(PRECIOUS is on her way to sleep.)

LILLY

(Wakes up in the middle of the night)

I should pour popcorn on her so Candice would throw her away and I would be the only coat she has and will always love. Candice wouldn't want an old buttery coat.

LILLY

(Sings lullaby)
Go to sleep, Go to sleep, my darling little raincoat.

(PRECIOUS is still asleep and LILLY starts to pour the popcorn on her.)

PRECIOUS

(Wakes up)
I knew you would try to do something evil.

LILLY

(Innocently)
Now, whatever do you mean? I would never try to mess you up! I'm just enjoying a bucket of popcorn.

PRECIOUS

Then why were you tipping it over me?

LILLY

Tipping? Me? Never! I was just stretching!

PRECIOUS

(Sadly)
Why do you wish to destroy me?

(Fake crying, but LILLY thinks it is very real, and sad.)

LILLY

(Feeling sorry because PRECIOUS is crying so hard.)
We need to stop fighting and apologize. Who's going first?

PRECIOUS

(To herself)
It's not going to be me!

(Cries really loud and is full of sniffles.)

LILLY

(Trying to calm PRECIOUS down)
Ok, ok, I'm sorry. Maybe we can take turns letting Candice wear us.

(PRECIOUS continues to cry.)

LILLY

She can wear me on the sunny and warm days because I'm leather and she could wear you on the cold and rainy days because you're a raincoat. How do you like that plan?

PRECIOUS

(Smiles happily)
I love your plan.

(PRECIOUS and LILLY hug.)

The End