

Ricky the Robot and his Time Machine

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STORY

Ricky the Robot is from the future where humans don't exist. He has read books about humans and wishes to be one. His parents send him in his time machine to find out more.

CAST (10-15) DURATION: 15 mins

NARRATOR	CAVE PEOPLE
RICKY	PIRATE 1
RICKY'S DAD	PIRATE 2
RICKY'S MUM	PIRATE 3
DRAGON ACTORS	PIRATE CREW
ARTHUR	PUPPY
STONE ACTORS	TIME MACHINE

Scene 1 – Ricky's House

RICKY busy reading lots of books; walking back and forward to the book shelf.

NARRATOR: Little Ricky was a robot who lived on a planet far away from earth and loved to read books about these strange creatures called human beings.

RICKY: Wow! These human creatures are amazing! They do all sorts of wonderful things.

NARRATOR: And Ricky would always dream about meeting a human one day.

RICKY: Oh man I wish I could see a human being, and maybe even have one for a friend!

RICKY'S MUM and DAD enter.

NARRATOR: Watching Ricky were his parents, who knew how much Ricky wanted to see a human for himself, so they gave him a chance.

RICKY'S DAD: Your mother and I would like to send you on a trip.

RICKY: Really?

RICKY'S MUM: Of course! You have read so many books about humans that we think you should go and see some.

RICKY: Really really?!

RICKY'S DAD: Yes, really really! And we are going to let you use the family time machine to get you there.

RICKY: Cool!

Ricky's parents drag the time machine on – it's made from actors (approx. 4-8).

NARRATOR: And so Ricky's mum and dad pulled out the time machine and switched it on.

TIME MACHINE ACTORS buzz and whir (improvise)

NARRATOR: And as soon as the machine was warmed up it was time for Ricky to go.

RICKY enters time machine.

RICKY'S DAD: And when you need the time machine to come to you, just press the red button on your hand.

RICKY'S MUM: Good luck sweetie!

TIME MACHINE beeps and buzzes and RICKY'S PARENTS exit.

NARRATOR: Ricky felt strange. He'd never got to travel in the time machine by himself before, so he was very excited. The first place he landed was something he remembered from one of his books.

Scene 2 – Forest

RICKY exits the time machine which exits. He then walks around.

RICKY: Mmm, I think they call this a forest.

NARRATOR: And Ricky was right. But this was a dangerous forest for there lived a huge and scary dragon!

DRAGON enters (3 actors) and roars at Ricky who doesn't flinch.

DRAGON: ROAAARRRR!!!!

RICKY: That was interesting.

NARRATOR: The Dragon was very angry he couldn't scare Ricky so he tried to breathe fire!

DRAGON: Prepare to be burned alive!

DRAGON breathes fire (e.g. actors carry streamers over Ricky)

NARRATOR: But the fire also did nothing to hurt the little robot.

RICKY: Hey this is fun! Do it again!

DRAGON: That is impossible! You can't be human!

RICKY: You're right. But I hope to see one soon. Do you know any?

DRAGON: (laughing) I sure do! (rubbing his stomach)

ARTHUR enters with ROCK (actors curled up, holding a sword)

NARRATOR: And it wasn't long before Ricky got his chance to meet one.

ARTHUR: Stand back! I will slay this dragon! (struggles with sword) As soon as I...argh!...get this...argh!...sword out from this stone!

NARRATOR: Ricky was very excited to finally meet a human.

RICKY: Hello there, my name is Ricky and I'm looking for a human who might be my new friend, who might you be?

ARTHUR: I'm King Arthur, well I hope to be one day. Y'see I have to slay this dragon to prove to everybody I can be king, but I can't get this sword out from this stupid stone! It must be stuck!

RICKY: Would you like me to help? I heard that's what friends do.

ARTHUR: That would be marvellous!

NARRATOR: So Ricky helped Arthur remove the sword from the stone, which wasn't very hard at all for a robot.

RICKY pulls out the sword from the stone and hands it to Arthur.

RICKY: There you go!

ARTHUR holds the sword high. DRAGON looks scared.

ARTHUR: By Excalibur, I pledge to slay this scary dragon!

DRAGON: Uh-oh!

DRAGON exits.

RICKY: So does that mean we can be friends?

ARTHUR: I'm sorry strange tin man, I haven't got time for new friends, I have to slay a dragon! ARGH!!!!!! (runs off after Dragon)

NARRATOR: So little Ricky was a little sad but he kept hoping.

RICKY: That's okay, he did look very busy. Perhaps I'll find another human to be my friend.

TIME MACHINE enters and RICKY gets in.

NARRATOR: So Ricky hopped back into his time machine and tried a new place to find a human friend.

TIME MACHINE whirs and beeps.

Scene 3 – Cave

NARRATOR: The next place found Ricky in a dark cave...a very long time ago.

CAVE PEOPLE sit around some sticks shivering cold. They 'ooh' and 'ahhh' their own language until Ricky enters.

RICKY: Hello there. I'm Ricky and I'm looking for a human friend.

CAVE PEOPLE surround him, very curious.

NARRATOR: But the cave people didn't understand a word he said.

CAVE PEOPLE make more noises.

RICKY: I'm sorry, that does not make sense to my program. And why are you so cold? Perhaps you need a light.

RICKY lights up their pile of sticks with fire. Cave people go crazy over it.

NARRATOR: And what Ricky didn't know was that these early humans had never seen fire before.

RICKY: Excuse me? I'm trying to find a friend. Do you know of any?

NARRATOR: They were so distracted they didn't care anymore for Ricky so he decided to move on.

Ricky enters time machine.

Scene 4 – Island

NARRATOR: On the next trip, Ricky found himself on a beautiful tropical island. He didn't know why people thought it was beautiful, but in the magazines he read, the humans always looked so happy so he thought he must be able to find a good human friend here.

RICKY walks out of time machine, admiring the island.

RICKY: I hope I find a friend soon, it's getting a bit lonely – I think that's what they call it. Yes, lonely.

NARRATOR: But it wasn't long before Ricky wasn't to be alone.