

"COPYCATS"

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Benji is sitting practicing his magic trick. Molly is spinning and dancing around him constantly asking to be his assistant. He says no every time but she persists.

MOLLY

(She spins around him while persisting)

Benji, can I please, please, PLEASE be your assistant? I already have a tutu!

BENJI

No! The Great Benjini works alone! Dance in the corner by yourself.

Khloe enters in a rush

KHLOE

Sorry I'm late. My mom wouldn't let me come out to the clubhouse until I cleaned my room. Did I miss it? Did they show up yet?

MOLLY

No we've been waiting forever but nothing's happened yet.

BENJI

Well since we're still waiting, let me do my magic trick for you. I'm really good at it.

Benji tries to do a simple magic trick 3 times and fails each time

KHLOE

It's ok Benji. Just keep practicing and you'll get it!

MOLLY

I'm been watching him try to do this all day. It's so easy.

Molly does it perfectly.

MOLLY

Walla! I guess I should be called the Great Mollini and YOU are my assistant!
(She laughs to herself)

KHLOE

Wow Molly! That was really...

BENJI

(Interrupting) That's not fair! How did you do that? You cheated!

MOLLY

I'm not a cheater Benji! I can be The Great Mollini and do magic tricks just like you, ya know! You don't own magic Benji!

Molly turns away from Benji pouting.

BENJI

No way! I am the one and only Great Benjini and I work with no one!

As they argue, the audience sees beams of color balls start to fly around and land on the stage. The bins then appear. Each is the color that represents each kid. Khloe's is purple, Molly's is pink, and Benji's is green.

KHLOE

Guys stop fighting and look! The bins are here!

BENJI

See Molly? If you weren't being so annoying, we would have seen them appear!

MOLLY

That's not true Benji! You were being mean and missed the bins yourself.

KHLOE

Guys stop it! You know how important these bins are. They contain all the pieces of the story book I accidentally dropped. If we don't start looking for new props, we won't have time to create a new story today before dinner. Come on!

They all go to the stage and stand by their colored bin

KHLOE

Pulling out a stick... I got a stick.

MOLLY

Pulling out a mop head... Eww I got a mop?

BENJI

Pulling out a letter J... I got the letter J.

KHLOE

My prop is boring

MOLLY

My prop is smelly

BENJI

My prop is weird

KHLOE MOLLY BENJI

All these props are so ordinary

KHLOE

(Has an idea)

I know who we need. Ms. Stella! She's a storyteller. She'll know what to do with these random objects.

They call upon Ms. Stella on a computer/Ipad. Ms. Stella is on a jungle safari when they call.

KHLOE MOLLY BENJI

Hi Ms. Stella!

KHLOE

Where are you today?

MS. STELLA

Hi kids! I am on a safari looking for a story for my new book, "Adventures from the Jungle!"

KHLOE

Ms. Stella, the bins appeared on the stage but the objects we pulled out aren't really fun to use or make a story with.

MS. STELLA

Well, don't forget. You have to turn on your imagination.

KHLOE MOLLY BENJI

Oh yeah!

They all turn on their imaginations by flicking their hands on the side of their head like turning on a light switch.

KHLOE

All right...my imagination is on! Well this stick could be a sword that a knight uses to defeat the evil dragon! Or a wand used by a magical fairy to grant wishes!

MOLLY

Ooo I love fairies!

KHLOE

Me too! I want this stick to be a magic wand! (*Looks over at Benji*) But I won't call myself The Great Khloini, don't worry.

Benji smiles slightly.

MOLLY

My turn! Now that I turned on my imagination, this isn't just a stinky old mop head, it's a pom pom for a cheerleader!

BENJI

You would choose a cheerleader. You're such a girl.

MOLLY

(*Insulted*) Fine. If I put it on like this, it could also be a lion!

BENJI

Now that's cool. But the letter 'J'? That's still too weird.

MS. STELLA

Use your imagination! It can be anything you want!

BENJI

Yeah! It could be Captain Hook's HOOK!

MOLLY

No that's too scary

BENJI

And a lion isn't?

MOLLY

I'm a nice lion

BENJI

Well, I can be an animal too. This also looks like an elephant's trunk! I like that!

KHLOE

We have our pieces but where is our story going to take place?

MS. STELLA

Hm...that is a tricky question. Do you guys at home know where lots of animals like lions and elephants live? (*Pretends to listen for answers and looks around*) That's right it could take place in the jungle!

KHLOE

Perfect!

MS. STELLA

Now you have all the pieces. It is time to put them together and perform a story.

They pull down the backdrop to prepare and exit the stage.

MS. STELLA

To everyone who is watching, make sure to look for the objects from the bins in the story. Shout out when you see one! Alright, places everyone!!!

Benji enters

KHLOE V.O.

Once upon a time in a jungle far, far away, there lived Big Brother Lion and Little Sister Lion.

BENJI

(In a deep tough voice...) Hello! I am Big Brother Lion!

MOLLY

(Copying him...) Hello! I am Little Sister Lion!

BENJI

(Breaking lion character...) Hey stop copying me! That was my introduction

KHLOE

(From offstage...) Alright you guys. Let's get back to the story.

Molly and Benji get back into their lion characters

Fade into JUNGLE SCENE

KHLOE V.O.

Big Brother Lion was great at all things.
He was the strongest lion...

Benji lifts a large branch over his head

KHLOE V.O.

And he could roar the loudest.

Benji roars

KHLOE V.O.

Little Sister lion wanted to be just like him. She would try to be a strong lion

Molly tries to lift a large branch over her head

KHLOE V.O.

And tried to roar just as loud as him

Molly tries to roar

Benji enters and Molly copies him

KHLOE V.O.

But all this copying only made Big Brother Lion annoyed. And the more she followed him and copied him, the more annoyed he got.

The picture freezes. We hear Ms. Stella

MS. STELLA

Do you remember what object Molly pulled from the bin? What prop reminded her of a lion? *(Animated boxes appear on the screen one by one as she says each prop.)* Was it the stick? The mop? Or the Letter

J? *(Pause)* That's right. The mop! *(The box with the mop lights up)*

Unfreeze

BENJI

You copy what I do and you copy what I say

I wish you would just stop it, and go away and play

You're being very annoying! *He storms off*

MOLLY

I copy what you do and I copy what you say

Cause all I want to be, is just like you some day

I'm sorry if I'm being annoying. *She leaves saddened*

KHLOE V.O.

Big Brother Lion decided to visit the magical wizard who lived nearby

Benji walks to Khloe, who is now a magical fairy that suddenly appears

BENJI

Hi Magic Fairy!

KHLOE

Ah, Big Brother Lion. What is it that you wish?

BENJI

Little Sister Lion keeps copying me because I am the strongest lion and I can roar the loudest. I wish I were a different animal she couldn't copy. I wish I were a monkey!

KHLOE

For me to grant you your wish, I first need to hear the magic word.

BENJI

Please, may I be a monkey?

As Khloe waves her wand, the picture freezes. We hear Ms. Stella

MS. STELLA

Do you remember what object Khloe pulled from the bin? What prop did she turn into a magical wand? (*Animated boxes appear on the screen one by one as she says each prop.*) Was it the stick? The mop? Or the Letter J? (*Pause*) That's right. The stick! (*The box with the stick lights up*)

Unfreeze

KHLOE V.O.

And with the wave of her magic wand, the magical fairy turned Big Brother Lion into Big Brother Monkey.

BENJI

Thanks magical fairy!

KHLOE V.O.

Big Brother Monkey was great at all things. He could hold so many bananas...

Benji walks holding as many bananas as he can comfortably

KHLOE V.O.

And he could swing to the top of the highest tree

Benji swings across the scree making a "Tarzan" noise. Then CRASH

THEATRE SCENE

BENJI

(Lying offstage in a huge pile of stuff)

I'm okay.

MOLLY

(Onstage) Good because it's my part of the story now.

As she begins, fade to JUNGLE SCENE

KHLOE V.O.

Little Sister Lion wanted to be just like her brother so she became Little Sister Monkey. She tried to hold all those bananas...

Molly walks carefully having a hard time holding them all

KHLOE V.O.

And she tried to swing to the highest branch

Molly swings not as confidently

KHLOE V.O.

But all this copying only made Big Brother Monkey annoyed. And the more she followed him and copied him, the more annoyed he got.

BENJI

You copy what I do and you copy what I say

I wish you would just stop it, and go away and play

You're driving me bananas! *He storms off*

MOLLY

I copy what you do and I copy what you say

Cause all I want to be, is just like you

some day

I'm sorry if I'm being annoying. *She leaves saddened*

KHLOE V.O.

Big Brother Monkey decided to visit the magical fairy once again

Benji walks up to fairy Khloe

KHLOE

Big Brother Monkey, what is it that you wish?

BENJI

Little Sister Monkey keeps copying me because I can hold so many bananas and swing really high. I wish I were a different animal she couldn't copy. I wish I were an elephant!

KHLOE

For me to grant you your wish, I first need to hear the magic word.

BENJI

Please, may I be a elephant?

KHLOE V.O.

And with the wave of her magic wand, the magical fairy turned Big Brother Monkey into Big Brother Elephant.

BENJI

Thanks magical fairy!

KHLOE V.O.

Big Brother Elephant was great at all things. He stomped around the loudest...

Benji walks stomping

KHLOE V.O.

And he could squirt water the farthest.

As Benji squirts water from his trunk, the picture freezes. We hear Ms. Stella

MS. STELLA

Do you remember what object Benji pulled from the bin? What prop did he turn into an elephant's trunk? *(Animated boxes appear on the screen one by one as she says each prop.)* Was it the stick? The mop? Or the Letter J? *(Pause)* That's right. The Letter J! *(The box with the Letter J lights up)*

Unfreeze

KHLOE V.O.

Little Sister Monkey wanted to be just like her brother so she became Little Sister Elephant. She tried to stomp the loudest...

Molly tries to make a stomp. Not as loud

KHLOE V.O.

And tried to squirt water as far as him

Molly tries to squirt water but only a few drops come out.

KHLOE V.O.

But all this copying only made Big Brother Elephant annoyed. And the more she followed him and copied him, the more annoyed he got.

BENJI

You copy what I do and you copy what I say

I wish you would just stop it, and go away and play

You're being very annoying! *He storms off*

MOLLY

I copy what you do and I copy what you say

Cause all I want to be, is just like you some day

I'm sorry if I'm being annoying. *She leaves saddened*

KHLOE V.O.

Big Brother Elephant and Little Sister Elephant ran to the magical fairy

Molly and Benji both come up to fairy Khloe

KHLOE

Big Brother Elephant, why do keep asking for the same wish? I turned you into a monkey and you were not happy. I turned you into an elephant and still you are not happy.

BENJI

My little sister keeps copying me and it is annoying. Make her stop please!

MOLLY

I'm only copying you because I think you are the best big brother ever. You are great at all things and I want to be just like you some day!

BENJI

Wow, I never thought of it like that. Thanks little sister. From now on, I will be a better big brother. Let's be lions again.

KHLOE

The magic word?

MOLLY AND BENJI

Please, can we be lions again?

KHLOE V.O.

And with a wave of her hand, the magical fairy turned both Big Brother and Little Sister back into lions. And the next time Little Sister Lion tired to be really strong or roar the loudest, Big Brother Lion was right there cheering her on. And they all lived happily ever after. The end.

Molly and Benji turn back into lions. Benji helps Molly lift a large branch and they practice their roars together.

They come play with Khloe and then all three take a bow.

As they come up... THEATRE SCENE

The kids walk to the couches

KHLOE

Wow, that was so much fun! You know guys, I think the story was on to something. Benji, you always get upset whenever Molly wants to do the same things as you, but maybe it's because she looks up to you.

MOLLY

Khloe's right. I think you are a terrific big brother! I wish I could be as cool as you.

BENJI

Aww Molly. You are! You may even be cooler than me...

Molly and Benji hug and laugh.

KHLOE

(Pulling out the book) Well guys, here it is! Our story is in the book where it belongs.

Khloe shows to book to Molly, Benji, and the audience. We see pictures of the story we just saw.

MOLLY

This is great! I can't wait to fill up more of the blank pages.

BENJI

Me too! But Molly we better get going. Mom doesn't like it when we're late.

They say goodbye as Molly and Benji leave

Close up on Khloe

KHLOE

Well, I sure learned a lot, and had so much fun making up a story. It's time to go but always remember: Whether you're loud as a lion or quiet as a mouse, performing is fun at Khloe's Klubhouse! See you later!