

The Heroic Adventures of Tiny and Squid

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This is the story of Tiny and Squid, two friends who go on an adventure to become Epic Heroes, only to learn the importance of being an everyday hero - something the world really needs. The audience joins Tiny and Squid as they compile their List of Necessary Hero Stuff and adventure around their own city in search of an Epic Hero Opportunity. 6 non-gendered characters that can be performed by anyone, this radio play is appropriate for students in Grade 3 - 8.

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Characters:

- **Narrator:** The one who keeps the story on track; M/F
- **Tiny:** A person who is small in stature but large in dreams. Likes to be in charge and worries about doing things the wrong way; M/F
- **Squid:** A person who is large in stature and huge of heart. Squid's BFF, very kind and very positive; M/F
- **Squid's Adult:** The adult person who lives with Squid and keeps them healthy and safe; M/F
- **Young Person:** Someone playing soccer in a vacant lot; M/F
- **Older Person:** Someone who is hungry; M/F

Location/Time

- **Squid's house, morning.**
- **Bus stop on a busy street corner, morning**
- **City sidewalk, late morning**
- **Library Park, Midday**

- St. Mark's Parking Lot, Afternoon
- Squid's House, Dinner

Sound Effects:

- City/Morning Sounds
- Babies Cries
- Small rocks hitting a window
- Window opening
- Screen door opening and slamming shut
- Walking up and down the carpeted stairs
- Unfolding paper
- Tinfoil crinkling
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- Traffic sounds
- Backpack zippering open and closed
- Glass bottles clinking together
- Bell on top of store door
- Tennis shoes walking on sidewalk pavement
- Kids playing soccer
- Soccer ball being kicked
- Children playing in a park
- Wrappers crinkling
- Soda being opened in a glass bottle
- Loud belch
- Basketball game played on playground
- Church bells ringing

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Act 1

Scene 1

(sfx - Morning sounds in the city - buses, birds, babies, etc. Then, we hear pebbles hitting a glass window)

Narrator: The city is waking up. The birds are singing from the telephone lines. Mr. Tordahl is getting on the express bus to go to his job at the big department store

downtown. Ms. Rodriguez is soothing her new baby. The sun is rising on a beautiful spring day. Tiny stands on the front lawn of Squid's house. They are throwing pebbles at Squid's window. They do not have good aim, and may have hit other windows in the process...

(sfx -window opens. It is an old window and clearly takes some effort.)

Narrator: Squid leans out the window.

Squid: (Loud whisper) Jeez, Tiny. What are you doing? It's like 5 am on a SATURDAY. You are going to wake everyone up!

Narrator: We hear a voice from inside the house.

Squid's Grown Up: (annoyed at being woken up) Squid, will you PLEASE stop shouting? Ms. Rodriguez is trying to get that baby back to sleep. And tell Tiny to stop throwing stuff at the house?

Squid: (to their Grown Up) Sorry! (to Tiny) Tiny. Why don't you just come in. You know. Like you do every morning...? (Squid chuckles good naturedly)

Tiny: I was trying to be dramatic. Hang on. I'll be right in.

(sfx - screen door opening and slamming shut.)

Tiny: (calling upstairs) Sorry.

Squid's Grown Up: (muffled harrumphing)

(sfx: shoes climbing the stairs.)

Narrator: Tiny has met Squid at their house every morning as long as they can remember. They usually have breakfast in Squid's kitchen, but this morning is different. Tiny has arrived early. Really, really early.

Tiny: Hey, Squid. So, you ready? Today's the day! We are gonna be HEROES!

Squid: Of course I'm ready! But, why don't you go through the List of Necessary Hero Stuff one more time, you know, just to make sure I didn't forget nothin'.

(sfx - paper unfolding)

Narrator: Tiny takes a large piece of paper out of their pocket and proceeds to unfold it.

Tiny: Ok. Ready?

Squid: Ready.

Narrator: As Tiny reads the List of Necessary Hero Stuff, Squid holds up each item to confirm they have it.

Tiny: Backpack

Squid: Check. One backpack.

(sfx - backpack zipper opening)

Squid: Did I ever tell you that this backpack belonged to my uncle? He was in the Navy. He was sure a great guy, always helping out my grandma whenever she asked...

Tiny: Yeah. Heard it. Notebook and pen.

Squid: Check. Don't tell anyone. I swiped this from the kitchen drawer. Mr. Tordahl gave it to us for our grocery list. He told us that if we leave a list in his mailbox, he will stop and pick stuff up for us on his way home from work. I guess there's a Target or something on the bus route. It was super helpful when my little brother was so sick last winter, do you remember that?

Tiny: Yeah. He's super awesome, for an old guy. Snacks

Squid: Check.

(sfx - tinfoil crinkling)

Squid: Peanut butter and marshmallow on rye for me and ham and cheese on whole wheat with mayo AND butter for you. Also, (whispering) I got a couple of Fanta's from the basement.

(sfx - glass bottles clinking together)

Squid: They are in glass bottles, so I grabbed the bottle opener, too.

Tiny: Perfect. Ok, last but not least - Map

Squid: Oh, shoot. I forgot the map. Good thing you read the List of Necessary Hero Stuff. We would have been out of luck.

Tiny: (Totally bummed out!) Well. I guess we aren't gonna be heroes today after all. We don't have all of the stuff from the List of Necessary Hero Stuff. Dang it, Squid! You've had that list for like 2 days!

Squid: I'm sorry. (Coming up with a new idea) You know, we could stop at the Corner Store before we get on the bus. If we ask real nice, I bet N'Shell would just give us one.

Tiny: (perking up) Yeah. I bet she will. Good idea.

(sfx - backpack zipping up)

Squid: So, we are going to be heroes today after all! Today is going to be so dope!

Tiny: Let's go!

(sfx - feet going down the stairs)

Squid's Grown Up: (calling after Squid and Tiny) Eat something, please. There's a bag of apples on the counter!

Squid: Will do!

Tiny: Thank you!

Squid's Grown Up: And, hey! Be home before we eat tonight - got your phone?

Squid: Got it! See ya!

(Sfx - screen door opening and slamming shut.)

Squid and Tiny (laughing and chattering, dying down as they get further from Squid's house.)

Narrator: And, so they are off on an adventure. Or, as Tiny would like you to know, they are off on an Epic Heroic Adventure!

OPTIONAL COMMERCIAL BREAK (This is an optional commercial break. Students may write and perform a brief 30 second commercial in this break.)

Scene 2

(sfx - city traffic - ongoing)

Narrator: We rejoin our heroes-to-be as they sit at the bus stop on the corner of 26th and Lark Avenue. Tiny and Squid did indeed ask nicely and they received a map from N'Shell at the Corner Store. They are waiting for their Epic Hero moment.