

*ELIAS (10) runs toward his jungle decorations, picks them up, and looks around the room frantically. He runs to his closet, opens it, and shoves it all inside.*

*CHARLIE, who's lying on the bed, looks up from reading his comic book.*

CHARLIE

Woah woah woah what're you doing, that's my jungle stuff!

ELIAS

Oh! uh... Mom told me to clean up.

CHARLIE

Ugggh typical Mom.

ELIAS

Yeah.

CHARLIE

Tell her you'll clean your room when humans clean up the rainforests!

ELIAS

ok maybe.

*Charlie gets out of bed, starts organizing the bedspread.*

CHARLIE

Should I make the bed too?

ELIAS

*(putting his shirt collar over his chin and nervously chewing it)*

No! leave it. I think... yeah.

CHARLIE

Good good good, take a stand for the rainforests.

ELIAS

Hey, can I ask you something?

CHARLIE

Yeah sure thing buddy.

ELIAS

How do I like... act cool?

CHARLIE

Oh easy! It's all about confidence.

ELIAS

Okay, how do I be confident?

CHARLIE

I gotchu.

*Charlie demonstrates for Elias, who attempts to follow along.*

CHARLIE (CONT'D)

First thing's first, you gotta take a wide stance...

ELIAS

Wide stance

CHARLIE

really steady your legs...

ELIAS

steady

CHARLIE

And then swing your neck at your opponent!

ELIAS

Yeahh I dunno if that'll work today.

CHARLIE

I mean it's pretty fool proof, but—

ELIAS

I have a friend coming over.

CHARLIE

Oh my gosh yes for our deep sea voyage this afternoon! Smart planning, we could always use another set of paws on deck!

ELIAS

He's a human, his name's Adam.

CHARLIE

Oh. Cool. Cool cool cool

ELIAS

He is! And he's so much cooler than me, which is why I'm like I don't know but it's just like he's the coolest boy in our class cause he's super funny and he's like the fastest runner ever like he can always beat everyone in tag or kickball, but we always team up so we always win together, and he's like nice when he wins, not like some of the other guys, you know, not everyone's nice, but Adam I don't know he's just like cool, and he's got the coolest lightsabers, I played with them at his house, they're awesome cause they light up and have the sounds — like the JER JER and the CLSH — which are so much better than mine, cause mine are just plastic cause Mom says I can't get the cooler ones, and his are fun, so I played with those at his house cause he said those were his favorite toys, those and his video games, and then I said I wanted to show him my favorite toy too, so he's coming over here to meet you.