

Reader's Theatre

The Case of the Mysterious Kidnapping

Characters:

Detective K C Karst

Geo Erode

Eddy Erosion

Grandmother Wendy Weathering

Lissy Limestone

Narrator

Audience: Eddy (cheer), Lissy (ah!!), Geo Erode(boo), Grandmother Wendy (yahoo!!)

Narrator: Tune in, tune in. (pretend to be listening through a ear piece) We have just received a news report. Wendy Weathering the Grandmother of Lissy Limestone is missing! We believe that she has been kidnapped and is being held for ransom by Geo Erode. A villain who loves caves and wants to keep it all for himself.

Wendy: Yes, I have been kidnapped! Save me! Please!

Geo: I have taken her and why have I done this? Because somebody has taken my cave and it is missing and I want it back.

Eddy: I'll call KC Karst, the famous park ranger detective. He will help us find some clues.

Lissy: Oh, you are so wonderful and know just what to do, please save my Grandmother!!

Eddy: (dialing a phone and then talking into the receiver) Hello, Detective Karst? Yes this is Eddy Erosion. Lissy's grandmother is missing and we think that she has been kidnapped by Geo Erode. We have to find her!

KC: Hmmmm, this is a very interesting case. I will do my best to find her.

Eddy and Lissy: Oh, please hurry, she needs our help! We have to get her back! (Hurry and run off the stage)

Geo: (Comes onto the scene, holding tight to Wendy) I will never tell where your Grandmother is until I know where my cave is before it starts to erode. (Continues to walk off, practically dragging Wendy behind him)

(KC, Eddy and Lissy come together from a hidden corner)

KC: Did you hear that? We need to find the cave! As soon as we find the cave and get it back to him, he WILL have to give Wendy back! He said the cave might start to erode. (Pause and show that you are thinking)

Eddy: I saw a huge rock slide when I was hiking and the mountain is slowly eroding from water and rocks.

KC: Perfect! That may be a clue—let's go!

Narrator: KC, Eddy and Lissy speed off to find the rock slide and soon find some rocks that have moved down the mountain.

KC: Quick! We must follow the movement! Move it! Move it!

Lissy: Look, it's a crack in the rock!! It must be a fault!

KC: He must have taken Wendy through this fault line.

(All three characters walk off the scene, as Geo and Wendy come in)

Geo: I hear a sound--someone is coming!

Wendy: Help me! Help!

(Coming in again from another side as Geo and Wendy exit)

Eddy: Look!! The water is seeping in through this opening.

KC: What luck!! This is exactly what we are looking for. Wendy must be in there!

Lissy: Whoa! This place is made of limestone. And the water is dissolving the rock and leaving behind the calcite which is making a- CAVE! I know that Geo Erode loves caves and he wants his back. We are on the right track!

Narrator: KC, Lissy and Eddy continue to enter the cave and start looking for more clues.

KC: Let's split up so we can look in more places! Lissy and Eddy you go that way and I'll go this way. Don't forget to use your radios.

(They split up and start looking around the cave.)

Lissy: (talking into a radio) KC, where are you? I found the most beautiful stalagmite and stalactite that are so close to becoming a column. The water has dripped into the cave and deposited the calcite creating the different formations. It's so cool!

KC: What a discovery!! We must be getting closer to your grandmother.

Wendy: Oh please, please, please help me!

Geo: I will not give you back until they return what is mine!

Narrator: As KC, Lissy and Eddy are going through the cave they have discovered some more clues that will help solve the case.

KC: (talking into the radio to Lissy and Eddy) Lissy! Eddy! I have found a beautiful room that I know must have been carved out by a river. There is a lot of erosion, too. There is also a big flowstone mound. I think we are getting deeper into the cave.

Wendy: (Echo in Cave) Help Me!!! Help Me!!!

Lissy and Eddy: Did you hear that!?!

KC: (enters and reunites with Lissy and Eddy) I heard that!! That was a strange echo. I am pretty sure they were screaming for help.

Narrator: Lissy, Eddy and KC all looked at each and then hurried and turned to go down another tunnel toward the sound of the echo.

Lissy: (entering another cave room) Oh!! Grandma!! We found you!

Eddy: Geo, you no good coward!

KC: That is just the way it goes in the world of greedy cavers.

Wendy: Thank you so so much!

Lissy: Oh Eddy, you are my hero!!

Geo: You might have found me and have saved your grandmother but I will still find more caves and keep them all to myself. Nobody will ever get my caves.

Narrator: And once again, KC Karst gets his man!