

LEOPOLD: THE LOST ELEPHANT

Animated Pilot: "Great-er Expectations"

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TEASER

EXT. BOTSWANA - OKAVANGO DELTA - DRY PLAINS - DAY

A single file of ANTS returns to the colony with food in tow.

A large EYE rises over the ants, like the sun, to the song "Also Sprach Zarathustra" by Richard Strauss.

The Eye belongs to LEOPOLD (7), a newborn African elephant, who encourages the ants while munching on a leafy snack.

LEOPOLD

Good find, Zoe. Mia, Nicely done.

He spots a worker ant, IVY, frantically looking for food of her own to offer.

GERTRUDE (O.S.)

Leopold. Leopold!

Behind Leopold, a herd of AFRICAN BUSH ELEPHANTS trek on their yearly migration to the watering hole.

In front, GERTRUDE (40s), the Matriarch and Leopold's mother, beckons with her trunk for Leopold to come over.

Leopold picks at his teeth, fishes out a nice ant-size LEAF. He places it near Ivy. Her eyes widen at the feast.

LEOPOLD

Here, it'll be our little secret.

BODE and OX (12), Leopold's older tormenting brothers, notice Leopold talking to the ants.

BODE

(snickering)

Check it out.

OX

Must be the only friends he's got.

Ivy reaches for the leaf -- Bode stomps down where the leaf was and crushes it. Ivy YELLS after Bode in ant-gibberish.

GERTRUDE (O.S.)

Leopold, stay with the herd.

Leopold sighs and leaves a disappointed Ivy.

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