THE VAIN LITTLE MOUSE

Script

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CHARACTERS

Narrator

Rosie

Leo

Rooster

Dog

Cat

Children (audience participation)

SCENE 1. The Boring Book

(NARRATOR enters yawning, holding a huge, old book.)

Narrator: ***(Yawning)*** Hello, children. Welcome to the theatre. Today... a very sad story. The Vain Little Mouse. ***(Opens the big book)*** Once upon a time... a mouse.

(ROSIE enters running, smiling, waving her hands happily.)

Rosie: Hello! I am Rosie!

Narrator: ***(Serious, closing his book a bit)*** No, Rosie. You look so happy. No "hello". You should say "Good morning" to the audience. Shh... Quiet. ***(To the audience)*** Rosie is a... Sad Mouse.

(Rosie stops. She looks at the audience, confused. She makes an exaggerated sad face:)

Narrator: Rosie can't jump. ***(Rosie tries to jump, Narrator stops her)*** No, Rosie! No jumping.

Narrator: Rosie can't dance. ***(Rosie tries to dance, Narrator stops her)*** No, Rosie! No dancing.

Narrator: Danger alert: In my book, a good mouse is quiet... because there is a BIG, BAD CAT looking for dinner!

Rosie: ***(Gasping)*** A cat? Oh, no!

Narrator: Yes! So sit down, Rosie. Be quiet.

(Rosie sits on the floor. She looks incredibly bored. She stands up, stamps her foot, and says firmly:)

Rosie: NO!

Narrator: ***(Shocked)*** No?

Rosie: ***(To the kids, pointing at the Narrator)*** Children... Is this boring? Yes or No?

(The children will scream: YES!)

Rosie: Yes! Very boring! ***(Acts out sleeping)*** Zzzzzz... No, thank you! I am a Happy Mouse! ***(She jumps)*** I like to dance! ***(She shakes her hips)***

Narrator: But Rosie... the story! The book! We have no story! We have no animals!

Rosie: We can make a new story together! Look at my house, it needs cleaning!

Narrator: ***(Sighs)*** Okay... back to the book. Rosie cleans the house. Like this. Very serious. ***(To the kids)*** Children! Stand up! Let's clean! Action one: SWEEP. ***(To the kids)*** Repeat with me: SWEEP!

Children: SWEEP!

Narrator: Action two: WASH. ***(To the kids)*** Repeat: WASH!

Children: WASH!

Narrator: Action three: DUST. ***(To the kids)*** Repeat: DUST!

Children: DUST!

Narrator: ***(Satisfied, slow voice)*** Perfect. Now, Rosie sweeps, washes, and dusts... for three hours. In silence.

Rosie: ***(Stopping her broom, looking desperate)*** Oh, no, no, no! ***(To the kids)*** Boys and girls, is this cleaning fun?

Children: NO!

Rosie: No! This is so boring! We don't clean in silence... we clean with MUSIC! ***(She does a dance pose)*** It's time to sing and dance! Are you ready?

Children: YES!

Rosie: One, two, three... MUSIC!

SONG: "The Happy Cleaning Dance"

[CHORUS]

Come on children, dance with me,

Happy, happy, as can be!

One, two, three, let's go,

Show me what you know!

[VERSE 1: SWEEP]

Sweep, sweep, sweep the floor,

Sweep, sweep, sweep some more!

Sweep, sweep, sweep the floor,

Now let's dance through the door!

(Repeat Chorus)

[VERSE 2: WASH]

Wash, wash, wash the door,

Wash, wash, wash some more!

Wash, wash, wash the door,

Now let's dance through the door!

(Repeat Chorus)

[VERSE 3: DUST]

Dust, dust, dust the chair,

Dust, dust, blow it in the air!

Dust, dust, dust the chair,

Now let's jump everywhere!

(Repeat Chorus)

SCENE 2. The Shiny Coin

(At the end of the song, ROSIE is sweeping the final corner of the stage. Her broom hits something... CLINK! She stops and looks down with wide eyes.)

Rosie: ***(Gasping, dropping the broom)*** Oh, wow! Look, children! Look! A coin! A big, shiny gold coin! It's mine!

(LEO the mouse enters running, full of energy, wearing his cool hat. He hears Rosie.)

Leo: Rosie! Hello! Did you say... a coin? A gold coin?

Rosie: ***(Showing him the imaginary coin)*** Yes, Leo! Look at it shine!

Narrator: ***(Steps forward, very serious, opening his big book)*** Stop! A coin? Money is a big responsibility for a small mouse. You must use the coin for... boring things. ***(To the kids)*** Children! Should Rosie buy... A SACK OF POTATOES?

Leo: ***(Making a funny face)*** Potatoes? Nooo! Boring! ***(To the kids, jumping)*** Boys and girls! Should Rosie buy... A ROCKET TO THE MOON?

Children: YES!!!

Narrator: ***(Shaking his head)*** No rocket! Dangerous! Rosie should buy... NEW SOCKS! GREY SOCKS!

Leo: ***(To the kids, acting like a monster)*** Grey socks? Nooo! Louder, children: Nooo! Should Rosie buy... ONE MILLION ICE CREAMS?

Children: YES!!!

Narrator: ***(Frustrated, looking at Rosie)*** Ice cream is bad for your teeth! Rosie, listen to the book. You must be a modest mouse. Being vain is bad!

Leo: ***(He steps between the Narrator and Rosie, pointing at his own hat)*** Hey! No, no, no! Look at me! I am vain! I love my cool hat! Am I a bad mouse, children? No! I am a GOOD MOUSE! Being happy with yourself is GOOD! It's beautiful!

Rosie: ***(Inspired, looking at her coin and then at the audience)*** Thank you, Leo! And thank you, Mr. Narrator. But I found the coin, it is my coin, and I decide! ***(Very empowered and happy)*** I don't want potatoes. I don't want grey socks. I want... A BIG, RED, SHINY RIBBON!

Leo: ***(Clapping)*** Yay! A red ribbon! Brilliant!

Rosie: ***(To the kids, smiling)*** Because I want to shine! I want to look beautiful for myself!

Narrator: ***(Surprised, closing his book)*** Well... this is changing the story completely. I must follow you with my book to see what happens! Let's go to the shop!

Rosie: ***(Jumping)*** To the shop! One, two, three... GO!

SCENE 3. The Beautiful Mirror

(ROSIE goes backstage. LEO and the NARRATOR remain on stage. The NARRATOR holds up a big, funny, empty picture frame that represents a mirror. LEO is very excited, looking out for Rosie.)

Leo: ***(Looking backstage, jumping)*** She is coming! She is coming! Children, look!

(ROSIE enters wearing a GIGANTIC, super shiny red ribbon on her head. She walks like a fashion model, smiling and making funny poses. She walks right in front of the imaginary mirror.)

Rosie: ***(Looking at herself in the mirror, gasping)*** Oh, wow! Look at me! Look at my ribbon! It is big, it is red, it is beautiful!

Narrator: ***(Shaking his head, looking serious through the mirror frame)*** Oh, Rosie, Rosie... No, no, no. You look... too bright. You look too happy. The book says: “A good mouse is a quiet mouse.” Don't look at the mirror. It is not good to be vain!

Leo: ***(Runs to Rosie, circling her and clapping)*** Don't listen to him, Rosie! You look AMAZING! You look like a superstar mouse! Boys and girls, does Rosie look beautiful? Yes or No?

Children: YES!

Leo: Yes! She shines like a star! Rosie, give me a high-five!

Rosie: ***(High-fives Leo, then looks at the Narrator)*** Mr. Narrator, looking beautiful does not make me a bad person. I am a good mouse, I love my friend Leo, and I love my new ribbon!

Leo: ***(To the Narrator)*** That's right! Feeling happy with your body and your style is a SUPER POWER! ***(To the kids, pointing to his own body)*** Children, do you love yourselves?

Children: YES!

Rosie: ***(To the kids, jumping)*** Yes! Let's celebrate! Stand up, everybody! Stand up! Let's look at the mirror and sing together! One, two, three... Music!

SONG: "The Happy Body Song"

[VERSE 1]

Touch your head, touch your toes,

Look at my ribbon and look at my nose!

Touch your head, touch your toes,

Give a big smile and strike a pose!

[CHORUS]

Look at me, look at me, happy and free,

I love myself, as much as can be!

One, two, three, happy and free,

I love ME! I love ME!

[VERSE 2]

Listen with ears, look with eyes,

My big red ribbon is a beautiful prize!

From my head to my toes,

That is the way my happiness grows!

(Repeat Chorus)

SCENE 4 . The Angry Narrator

(The song ends with big applause. ROSIE is posing proudly. The NARRATOR is completely stressed out, tearing his hair out.)

Narrator: ***(Shouting, very angry)*** NO! NO! NO! This is a disaster! The song is wrong! The ribbon is wrong! This is NOT my book! I am leaving! I quit!

(The Narrator slams his big book shut, puts it under his arm, and starts walking away very fast, stomping his feet.)

Leo: ***(Running after him, waving his hands)*** Wait, Mr. Narrator! Wait! Don't be angry! Come back!

Narrator: ***(Stopping for a second, looking back)*** No! A vain mouse is a bad story!

Leo: ***(Putting his arm around the Narrator's shoulder, walking him offstage)*** No, my friend! Listen to me... when you love yourself, you are much happier! Smile, Mr. Book! Let's go and have some tea and I will explain. Smile! Look at me! Happy, happy!

(LEO pushes the NARRATOR offstage, talking and gesturing happily. ROSIE is left alone on stage.)

SCENE 5. The Pretenders Pass

Rosie: ***(To the children, laughing)*** Oh, Leo is a good friend. ***(She walks downstage, very independent)*** And now... look at me! I have a clean house, a shiny ribbon, and a big smile. I don't need anything else. I am completely happy!

(Suddenly, loud, energetic rock music plays. THE ROOSTER enters wearing cool sunglasses and combing his crest with a giant comb. He struts like a model.)

Rooster: ***(Striking a pose)*** Oh yeah! The king is here! Hello, Rosie. Wow, look at you! But listen, baby... that red ribbon is too big. You need feathers! And you need to stop jumping around. A lady mouse must be quiet and look at me!

Rosie: ***(Crossing her arms, making a face)*** Excuse me? No jumping? No ribbon? That is so old-fashioned! That's old-fashioned! No, thank you! Do you sing a song when you are happy?

Rooster: ***(Proudly)*** Oh, yes! I sing every morning! But... ***(He looks around, whispering)*** ...very fast, because THE CAT hates my voice! Anyway, do you want to hear it?

Children: YES / NO!

Rooster: ***(Screams horribly out of tune right next to Rosie)*** COCK-A-DOODLE-DOOOOOOOO!!!

Rosie: ***(Covering her ears)*** Oh, no, no, no! Stop, please! ***(To the kids)*** Children, is the Rooster QUIET or LOUD?

Children: LOUD!!!

Rosie: Yes! Very loud! And you want to change my style? No, thank you, Mr. Rooster!

SONG: "No, Thank You!" (The Rooster Version)

[CHORUS]

Rosie & Children: No, thank you! No, thank you!

I love my red ribbon,

I love my happy dance!

No, thank you! No, thank you!

Goodbye, my friend!

[VERSE]

Rosie: You want me to be quiet? ***(Making a quiet gesture)***

No, no, no! That is old!

I am happy! I am bold!

(ROSIE & CHILDREN repeat Chorus)

(Waving)

Rooster: Okay! Bye-bye, Rosie!

(The Rooster exits. Suddenly, fast music plays. THE DOG enters running on the spot.)

(Stopping, to the kids)

Dog: Hello! Run, run, run! One, two, three, four! ***(Sees Rosie)*** Wow! Rosie! Beautiful ribbon! But look... you cannot wear a red ribbon. You need a soldier uniform! And you must march like me! One, two! One, two!

(Shaking her head)

Rosie: A uniform? Marching? No, Mr. Dog. That is very old! That's so old-fashioned! I like to dance my own dance. Do you sing a song at night?

(Standing like a soldier)

Dog: Oh, yes! I bark at NIGHT! To scare THE CAT away! Children, do you want to hear my night song?

Children: YES / NO!

(Barks ultra loud and fast)

Dog: WOOF! WOOF! WOOF! ATTENTION! WOOF! WOOF!

(Jumping in shock, covering her ears)

Rosie: Oh, no, no, no! Stop, please! ***(To the kids)*** Children, at night... do you like to SLEEP or do you like WOOF, WOOF?

Children: SLEEP!!!

Rosie: Yes! We like to sleep! No, thank you, Mr. Dog. You are very brave, but I don't want a soldier in my house.

SONG: "No, Thank You!" (The Dog Version)

[CHORUS]

Rosie & Children: No, thank you! No, thank you!

I love my red ribbon,

I love my happy dance!

No, thank you! No, thank you!

Goodbye, my friend!

[VERSE]

Rosie: You want me to march? ***(Marching)***

No, no, no! That is old!

I am happy! I am bold!

(ROSIE & CHILDREN repeat Chorus)

(Giving a high-five)

Dog: Okay! No problem! Run, run, run! WOOF!

(The Dog exits running at full speed. ROSIE turns to the kids, sitting down, feeling very calm.)

SCENE 6. The Lesson of Friendship

Rosie: ***(Sighing happily)*** Phew! The rooster wants to change my ribbon. The dog wants to change my dance. They are so old-fashioned!

(LEO enters running, holding a little flower or a drawing he made for Rosie.)

Leo: Rosie! Look! I made this for you! Because you are the best friend in the world!

Rosie: ***(Looking at Leo, then at the kids, completely touched)*** Oh, Leo... thank you! ***(To the kids, with a big smile)*** Boys and girls... look at Leo. He loves my ribbon. He loves my dance. He doesn't want to change me!

Leo: Change you? No way! You are perfect, Rosie!

Rosie: ***(Happily)*** You know what, children? I don't need any pretenders. I don't need a husband! Having a good friend like Leo is all I need to be completely happy! High-five, Leo!

Leo: ***(High-fives Rosie, jumping)*** Best friends forever! Yay!

SCENE 7. The Dangerous Cat & The Rescue

(Slow, sleepy, or sad violin music plays. LEO goes to the side to tidy up the house. THE CAT enters walking very, very slowly, dragging his feet. He looks perezoso... lazy. He sees Rosie.)

Cat: ***(Yawning big)*** Ohhhh... Hello, Rosie... Look... at... your... ribbon. Beautiful.

Rosie: ***(Smiling)*** Hello, Mr. Cat! Do you sing a song at NIGHT?

Cat: ***(Nodding slowly)*** Oh, yes. Listen, children...

(The Cat closes his eyes and makes a super long, low, crying meow.)

Cat: MEOOOOOOOOOOOOW... ME-OW... MEOOOOOOOOOOOOW...

Rosie: ***(Making a funny face)*** Oh, no, no, no! Stop, please! Your song is too sad. No, thank you, Mr. Cat. Bye-bye!

SONG: "No, Thank You!" (The Cat Version)

[CHORUS]

Rosie & Children: No, thank you! No, thank you!

I love my red ribbon,

I love my happy dance!

No, thank you! No, thank you!

Goodbye, my friend!

[VERSE]

Rosie: You want me to be sad? ***(Making a sad face)***

No, no, no! That is old!

I am happy! I am bold!

(ROSIE & CHILDREN repeat Chorus)

(At the end of the song, ROSIE turns around, completely satisfied, thinking the Cat is going to leave like the others.)

(Waving her hand)

Rosie: Goodbye, Mr. Cat!

(GIRO DRAMÁTICO: El Gato cambia su cara por completo. Sonríe como un villano y abre sus garras hacia ella, muy despacio, a sus espaldas.)

(To himself)

Cat: Oh... goodbye? No, Rosie... I don't want to dance... I want to EAT the mouse! Yum, yum, yum!

(The Cat takes a stealthy step towards Rosie. Rosie is oblivious.)

(To the kids)

Rosie: Children? Why are you shouting? Is there a problem?

Children: THE CAT!!! BEHIND YOU!!! DANGER!!!

(Turns around fast)

Rosie: Ah!

(Lunges forward with a big roar)

Cat: MEOW!!! I WANT TO EAT YOU, ROSIE!

(Screaming)

Rosie: OH NO! HELP! HELP!

(LEO enters running like a superhero, shouting bravely.)

Leo: Stop, bad cat! Don't touch my friend Rosie! I am LEO THE MOUSE! CHARGE!!!

(Leo jumps in front of the Cat, but the Cat easily grabs Leo by his jacket. Leo is trapped!)

(Laughing like a villain)

Cat: Oh, look! A little snack! First, I'll eat the boy mouse! Yum!

(Kicking his feet)

Leo: Oh, no! Help, Rosie! He is too big!

(With a fierce face, completely empowered)

Rosie: Oh, no! Not my friend Leo! ***(She grabs her big broom like a warrior)*** One... two... three... GIRL POWER!

(Rosie runs at the Cat and starts hitting him with the broom. Thwack! Thwack!)

Rosie: Bad cat! No, no, no! Leave my friend alone! Go away!

(Dropping Leo, jumping and rubbing his bottom)

Cat: Ouch! Ouch! Ouch! My tail! My tummy!

ROSIE & LEO

(Together with the kids, shouting)

GO AWAY, CAT! GO AWAY!

(Terrified, running away offstage)

Cat: Oh, no! These mice are crazy! Help! Bye-bye!

(The Cat disappears. LEO falls to the floor, breathing fast. ROSIE drops the broom and runs to help him up.)

(Hugging Leo)

Rosie: Leo! Are you okay?

(Smiling)

Leo: Yes! Wow, Rosie... you are AMAZING! You are a super-mouse! Thank you for saving me!

(Smiling, to the kids)

Rosie: And thank you, children! We are a great team!

SCENE 8. The New Story!

(LEO and ROSIE are celebrating. Suddenly, the NARRATOR enters slowly. He looks surprised, holding his big book. He is not angry anymore; he looks amazed.)

Narrator: ***(Looking around, with big eyes)*** Wow... No more cat? Rosie is safe? Leo is safe?

Rosie: Yes, Mr. Narrator! We are safe!

Leo: ***(Proudly)*** Rosie is a hero! She has GIRL POWER!

Narrator: ***(Looking at his book, then at the children)*** But... this is NOT in my book! In my book, the cat eats the mouse! ***(To the kids)*** Children... do you like my old book? ***(Shows the book)*** Yes or No?

Children: NO!!!

Narrator: ***(Smiling, throwing his hands up)*** Me neither! This new story is much better! ***(He opens his book, takes a giant crayon or marker, and crosses out a page dramatically)*** Bye-bye, old story! ***(He writes in the air with the crayon)*** Welcome... HAPPY Rosie!

Rosie: ***(Happy, hugging the Narrator and Leo)*** Thank you!

Narrator: ***(To the audience, proud)*** And the moral of the story is... Love yourself! Be happy! Be free!

Leo: ***(To the kids)*** And stand up! Let's dance! One last time!

FINALE SONG: "The Best Friends Song" (Remix)

(A high-energy remix plays. All three actors dance together on stage.)

[CHORUS]

All Actors & Children: Look at us, look at us, happy and free!

Best friends forever, as much as can be!

One, two, three, let's jump and shout,

That's what friendship is all about!

Yeah!

[VERSE 1]

Leo: ***(Points at Rosie)*** She has the power, she is so brave!

Rosie: ***(Points at Leo)*** He is my friend, the best one to save!

All: ***(To the kids)***

We are a team, we can play and run,

Being yourself is so much fun!

(ALL repeat Chorus)

[OUTRO]

All: I love ME! ***(Hands on chest)***

You love YOU! (Pointing at the audience)

One, two, three... BYE-BYE!

(Bowing together)

All Actors: THANK YOU!

The End