

Be Careful What You Eat

An original play by Hayden Proctor

Characters

Hayden

Jason

Scene 1

Time: Present day

Setting: The pond on the green way- Hayden and Jason walking towards the ponds together

Hayden: What a beautiful day to go feed the ducks.

Jason: Ducks! Quack! Quack! Ducks!

Hayden: Yes Jason, ducks say quack.

(*Jason pretending to be a duck and pecking at pieces of bread.*)

Hayden: (*laughing and smiling*) Yes Jason, that's what ducks do.

(*As Jason eats a piece of bread, a puff of smoke rises around him.*)

Hayden: (*alarmed*) Jason come here!

(*As the smoke drifts away, we see only a duck where Jason was standing.*)

Hayden: (*shocked and very alarmed*) Jason! What happened!

(*Hayden grabs the duck. It flails around like crazy.*)

Jason/Duck: (*angrily*) Quack! Quack!

Hayden: We need to get you home and fix this!

(*Run towards house*)

Scene 2

Setting: At home- Hayden panting as he runs inside the house with Jason/duck in his arms.

Hayden: Ok Jason, lets get you back to normal.

Jason/Duck: (*Panicked*) Quack! Quack!

Hayden: (*Determined*) Ok, what might get you back to normal?

Jason/duck: (*wildly flapping towards the bread.*) Quack! QUACK!

Hayden: NO! No bread for you. We don't know what else could happen!

Hayden: (*thoughtfully*) Maybe... if we try having you take a nap.

(*30 minutes later*)

Hayden: (*exhausted*) Well that took awhile! But I finally got him to sleep! Now we wait.

(*3 hours later.*)

Hayden: Well, he's up. Let's go see if he's back to himself.

(*Hayden runs to the kitchen and gets a full bottle of milk, then runs to Jason's bedroom and opens the door.*)

Jason/Duck: (*angrily*) Quack! Quack!

Hayden: Ok, so that didn't work. Let's try something else. Maybe some of your favorite things will work!

Jason/duck: QUACK!

(*Hayden carrying the duck goes into the school room/play room.*)

Hayden: (*determined*) OK, let's try your favorite things to get you back. We should probably start with play-do since it is your favorite thing.

(*Hayden puts the duck on the counter and puts out the play-do stuff*)

Jason/duck: (*in disgust*) Quack.

Hayden: OK then. Let's try trucks.

(*Hayden gets a handful of truck toys and puts them in front of the duck.*)

Jason/duck: (*looks at then questionably*) Quack?

Hayden: OK, what else might work?

(Hayden sits down on a chair and looks like he is thinking hard. Meanwhile, the duck fly's up and starts pecking at the bread.)

Hayden: Are you hungry? You can't have bread. But maybe...that might work...maybe your favorite food will change you back!

(Hayden goes and looks in the pantry.)

Hayden: Let's see, what do you like? Let's try granola.

(Hayden goes and unwraps the granola and puts it in front of the duck)

Jason/duck: (Disgustedly) Quack.

Hayden: Ok, what else do we have.

(Hayden walks back to the pantry)

Hayden: Let's try cheese balls.

(Hayden walks back with some cheese balls and puts one in front of the duck.)

Jason/duck: (Excitedly) Quack!

(The duck gobble it up and five feathers disappear in a poof of smoke.)

Jason/duck: Quack! More. Quack!

Hayden: (surprised and happy) Jason! Your talking again! And some feathers disappeared!

(Hayden gives the duck the whole container of cheese balls. The duck gobble it all up and in a poof of smoke Jason is back.)

Jason: (hopefully) Feed ducks?

Hayden: (laughing) Not right now.

THE END