

ISAAC'S FIRETRUCK

a short play for drawing and vox sound effects  
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## CHARACTERS

FIRETRUCK. . . an optimistic firetruck.

ELOISE. . . a dashing hero-type.

ALAMANDRA. . . a raucous neighbor.

MITZI. . . a plucky neighbor.

## SETTING

Isaac's neighborhood.

## TIME

Almost bedtime.

ELOISE	Isaac has a Firetruck.
FIRETRUCK AND AUDIENCE	<b>Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!</b>
FIRETRUCK	Squirt!
ELOISE	Thanks to Isaac's Firetruck, our neighborhood is very safe.
MITZI	Okay, I'll just light this one – last – candle.
ALAMANDRA	Yes, happy birthday to me!
MITZI	Whew, so many! Better make a wish before this cake melts.
FIRETRUCK AND AUDIENCE	<b>Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!</b>
FIRETRUCK	Splash!
ALAMANDRA	Hey – that's my birthday cake! Aww.
FIRETRUCK	You are welcome!
ELOISE	Isaac's Firetruck has a red bucket full of water for big blazes, a stripy squirt bottle for minor conflagrations, and a purple pot of baking soda that the Firetruck flings onto kitchen fires.
FIRETRUCK AND AUDIENCE	<b>Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!</b>
FIRETRUCK	Ffffooop!!

ALAMANDRA                    That's my flambée!

MITZI                            Let's eat out.

ELOISE                        Isaac's Firetruck is always on the lookout.

ALAMANDRA                    Ahh, I need a cigarette.

FIRETRUCK                    (*gasp*) A fire! Squirty-squirty-squirty!

ALAMANDRA                    Hey!

FIRETRUCK                    You're welcome!

MITZI                            Why are you all wet?

ALAMANDRA                    Ah, nuts.

FIRETRUCK AND  
AUDIENCE                    **Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!**

ELOISE                        I'm Eloise. Our neighborhood's my spaceship, so I  
gotta keep it safe. I wear a red cape and a T-shirt with  
a colored splot I drew with many magic markers – so  
that everyone can see me, when there's an emergency.

EVERYBODY AND  
THE AUDIENCE                **Crazy Space Sounds!**

ELOISE                        Okay, there's a comet coming. So hold still – I'm here to  
save you!

MITZI                            But we're playing Crazy 8's!

ELOISE                        Don't wiggle!

ALAMANDRA	<i>(getting saved)</i> Woops!
<u>SFX</u>	<u>SLIDE WHISTLE</u>
MITZI	Ah, nuts.
ELOISE	Please hold hands and look both ways before we cross the galaxy.
EVERYBODY AND THE AUDIENCE	<b>Crazy Space Sounds!</b>
ELOISE	Between Isaac's Firetruck and me in my red cape, our spaceship – or as some adults say, neighborhood – is very safe.
ALAMANDRA	No, wait, that's dinner – wait, I'm grilling!
FIRETRUCK	Splash!
MITZI	Hey, why are you all wet again? And our hotdogs?
FIRETRUCK AND AUDIENCE	<b>Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!</b>
ELOISE	On the 4th of July, Isaac's Firetruck put out all the fireworks.
FIRETRUCK	Fffffoop!
ALAMANDRA	Ah, nuts!
ELOISE	And it put out the fireworks on New Year's Eve.
MITZI	Happy New Year!

FIRETRUCK                      Squirty squirty!

MITZI                              Happy New Year! You're all wet again.

FIRETRUCK AND  
AUDIENCE                      **Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!**

ELOISE                            Isaac's Firetruck put out every birthday candle, every Hanukkah menorah. It put out the Kwanzaa candles, the Diwali lights and Christmas trees.

MITZI                              No, wait, no, wait – those are electric!

FIRETRUCK                      Safety first!

ALL THE ACTORS              (a vocal electrical short circuit)

ALAMANDRA                    Nuts, it's that kid with the splot again.

MITZI                              But that red cape does look good.

ELOISE                            Thank you. I saved Isaac six times from a supernova just this morning – and on Tuesday, from an asteroid that I found in our yard.

EVERYBODY AND  
THE AUDIENCE                **Crazy Space Sounds!**

ELOISE                            Yes, you and your Firetruck are safe now, Isaac – 'til another Magellanic Cloud emerges.

FIRETRUCK                      Thank you!

ELOISE                            But no matter how often I rescue everybody –

Okay, Exoplanet HD eleven-23 1-B's careening toward our orbit. So when I say duck, we duck!

SFX

SLIDE WHISTLE

ELOISE

– nobody but Isaac and his Firetruck liked me.

ALAMANDRA

An exoplanet? Nuts – we're in the shower.

MITZI

And we're playing Crazy 8's!

EVERYBODY AND  
THE AUDIENCE

**Crazy Space Sounds!**

ELOISE

And while everyone loved Isaac, no one loved his Firetruck.

ALAMANDRA

That weehoo-ing messed my birthday cake all up.

MITZI

And you pulled a muscle, when you ducked that Exoplanet.

SFX

SLIDE WHISTLE

MITZI

So we don't want either one of you patrolling anymore.

FIRETRUCK

Weehoooooo?

ELOISE

Without me, you're at the mercy of the universe.

ALAMANDRA

I'll take my chances.

MITZI

People need to cook their dinner.

ALAMANDRA

And they need some fireworks.

FIRETRUCK                    But 'fire' works, is fire. I'm just trying to help.

ELOISE                        Well! I'm gonna find a different galaxy to save. Maybe, hey, M-101. Or UGC Eleven 597, yeah.

FIRETRUCK                    But what'll I do? Hooooooooo. . .

ELOISE                        Isaac filled the Firetruck's red bucket. He made sure the purple pot was full of baking soda and topped up the water in the stripey squirt bottle. But without a fire to put out, the Firetruck just moped.

FIRETRUCK                    Weeehooooooooo. . .

ELOISE                        Psst! Hey, psst – c'mere.

FIRETRUCK                    What.

ELOISE                        I was gonna go save Saturn, but I see a fire!

FIRETRUCK                    Really?

FIRETRUCK AND  
AUDIENCE                    **Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!**

ALAMANDRA                    Finally! A cigarette without those crazy kids. Ahhhh.

ELOISE                        See? A fire!

FIRETRUCK                    Where's my squirty bottle?

ALAMANDRA                    No, no, no – don't get me wet again. And you, short, red and with the splot – yeah, what do you care?

ELOISE                        Well! I care because, because – 'cause there's no smoking on my spaceship!



ALAMANDRA I'm done anyway. So there!

FIRETRUCK Look! She threw her cigarette.

ELOISE A litterbug!

FIRETRUCK And it's still burning!

ALL THE ACTORS Smolder-smolder – Spark-spark-spark-spark –

ELOISE No smoking and no litterbugging on my spaceship!

ALL THE ACTORS Flame-flame-flame-flame–

FIRETRUCK The grass is catching fire!

ALAMANDRA Help! That fire's heading toward my house!

ELOISE I will rescue you! Don't wiggle.

ALAMANDRA *(getting rescued)* Wooooops!

FIRETRUCK And I will put the fire out!

FIRETRUCK AND AUDIENCE **Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!**

FIRETRUCK First, my red bucket full of water – splash! Now the baking soda – fffoop! And my stripey squirt bottle – squirty-squirty-squirty!

MITZI Look, the fire's going out!

ALAMANDRA Thank you very much.

FIRETRUCK My pleasure.

FIRETRUCK AND  
AUDIENCE

**Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!**

ELOISE

Now everybody invites Isaac's Firetruck to birthday parties, barbecues and festive celebrations, so it can enjoy the party – and make sure that nothing burns that isn't supposed to.

FIRETRUCK

That was a nice party. Are you done now, with the grilling?

MITZI

Yes, I am. Thank you for asking.

FIRETRUCK

I'll just put that barbecue out. Splash!

FIRETRUCK AND  
AUDIENCE

**Weehoo Weehoo Weehoo!**

ELOISE

And thanks to me and my red cape –

MITZI

And your T-shirt, with the splot.

ALAMANDRA

We put splots on our shirts! See?

MITZI

We ran out of purple.

ALAMANDRA

Yes.

ELOISE

Don't worry – I've got plenty. Here –

ALAMANDRA

Super!

MITZI

Can we help you? We want to keep our neighborhood –

ALAMANDRA

You mean "spaceship."

MITZI Spaceship, yes – safe from renegade galactic clusters.

ELOISE Teamwork, yes! But I'm in charge.

MITZI Okay!

ALAMANDRA Ooh, what's that? An asteroid?

EVERYBODY AND **Crazy Space Sounds!**  
THE AUDIENCE

ELOISE Come on – when I say duck, we duck!

*EVERYBODY DUCKS!*

ALL THE ACTORS *(a ducking sound)* Woops!

SFX SLIDE WHISTLE

FIRETRUCK The End!