



BIRDS OF A FEATHER:

A Hī Hā Production

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*There is bad news on T.V. tonight! The Baddies are bringing in the bulldozers!
Can the birds of Manu Bush Reserve put aside their differences and unite to
save their home... or will the bush be destroyed forever?*

Dances (by Aro):

Kākā

Tūī

Tauhou

Kererū

Riroriro

Korimako

Costumes:

4 orange high-vis vests for Baddies

Manu masks (video provided) for all birds

Props:

Microphone

Handcuffs

Sound effects:

T.V. news theme music

Bulldozer/heavy machinery noise



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CHARACTERS:

Dance Groups: Kākā team, Tūī team, Tauhou team, Kererū team, Riroriro team, Korimako team

Main Characters: 1 lead bird from each team: Kākā, Tūī, Tauhou, Kererū, Riroriro, Korimako; Trevor (newsreader); Jemma-Lee (reporter); **BADDIES:** Andy, Mandy, Brandy, Sandy; DOC Ranger; Rat

SETTING:

A clearing in native bush

[News theme music]

TREVOR: Tēnā koutou i tēnei pō. Good evening. This is the news. We're crossing live to Manu Bush Reserve, where a dramatic stand-off is taking place between rival groups each claiming the reserve as their own. It looks like chaos out there, Jemma-Lee.

JEMMA-LEE [nodding]: Indeed it is, Trevor, indeed it is.

TREVOR: Jemma-Lee, can you tell us who the people in orange jackets are?

JEMMA-LEE [nodding]: Indeed I can, Trevor, indeed I can. They're workers from the company Builders and Developers Disrespectfully Ignoring Environmental Sustainability, or **BADDIES**. They plan to bulldoze Manu Bush to build a carpark.

ALL BIRDS: A carpark? Nuh-uh! *[Action: folding arms, shaking head]*

BADDIES: Dozers, crash and smash and push! Let's dig up this stupid bush!

TREVOR: And can you tell us who the things with wings and beaks are?

JEMMA-LEE: Well obviously they're birds.



TREVOR: Yes I know that but I have to ask you stupid questions so you can nod and say: 'Indeed I can, Trevor, indeed I can.'

JEMMA-LEE [nodding]: Indeed I can, Trevor, indeed I can. There are six different species of native birds here in Manu Bush, but each species claims that they are most deserving and should have exclusive rights to the land. It's an explosive situation here tonight.

KĀKĀ: The bush is ours!

KĀKĀ TEAM: We're the sweetest! Coolest! Loudest! We are Kākā! We're the proudest! **[Action: flexing arm muscles]**

TŪĪ: Ehara te kūmara! You ain't all that! The bush belongs to the Tūī!

TŪĪ TEAM: Kia manawanui, Tūī! Kia manawanui, Tūī! **[Action: making heart with arms]**

TAUHOU: We're silvereyes, Tauhou, and we were here first!

TAUHOU TEAM: Two, four, six, eight, who do we appreciate? Tauhou! **[Action: clapping]**

KERERŪ: You weren't here first! You just didn't see us 'cos we'd had a real big feed and we were sleeping!

KERERŪ TEAM: Who? Who? Kererū! Who? Who? Kererū! **[Action: stamping]**

RIRORIRO: Oh be quiet, you lot! Grey warblers own this bush and no one else!

RIRORIRO TEAM: Riroriro! Sing it! Shout it! We're the boss! No doubt about it! **[Action: shaking fists above head to the left, then right]**

KORIMAKO: Stop warbling on! The bellbirds own Manu Bush, and that's final!

KORIMAKO TEAM: North, South, East, West! Korimako! We're the best! **[Action: punching upwards, left then right arm]**

TREVOR: Those birds sure are a noisy bunch! And what about the Baddies? Why do they want to build a carpark?



ALL BIRDS: A carpark? Nuh-uh! [*Action: folding arms, shaking head*]

JEMMA-LEE: Excuse me, Baddies, could you tell me your names, please?

ANDY: I'm Andy.

MANDY: I'm Mandy.

BRANDY: Brandy.

SANDY: Sandy.

JEMMA-LEE: Weird!

ANDY: You calling us weird?

JEMMA-LEE: Yes. No! It's just that ... you rhyme.

ANDY: No we don't.

JEMMA-LEE: Um, yes you do. Your names rhyme, Andy.

ANDY: Mandy? Brandy? Sandy?

MANDY, BRANDY, SANDY: Yes, Andy?

ANDY: She says our names rhyme.

MANDY, BRANDY, SANDY: No they don't.

ANDY: They don't rhyme.

JEMMA-LEE: Okay... let's just move on... Why do you want to bulldoze the bush and build a carpark?

ALL BIRDS: A carpark? Nuh-uh! [*Action: folding arms, shaking head*]

JEMMA-LEE: Andy?



ANDY: Cos cars are big. Mandy?

MANDY: Um, they're cool. Brandy?

BRANDY: Noisy! Vroom, vroom! Sandy?

SANDY: You have to park them somewhere. So why not here?

BADDIES: Dozers, crash and smash and push! Let's dig up this stupid bush!

KĀKĀ: It's not your bush! Manu Reserve belongs to the Kākā! We're the best!
And we're gonna prove it!

[Dance: Kākā]

To be continued...