

INT. SCIENCE CLASSROOM - NIGHT

11 TEEN WOOD FROGS and Nukka all squat on stools at paired off tables in a highly decorated science classroom.

One table of frogs build slingshots from sticks and rocks.

Another table carves clumps of soapstone to build & test DIY soapstone lamps. The lamp SPARKS, blinks, then burns brightly, the students celebrate with a high-five.

PROFESSOR SILAP, an elderly male Wood Frog with a Wallace Shawn energy observes each table as he excitedly hops to the front of the classroom.

On Professor Silap's desk squats a frog skeleton, tie dyed bandana wrapped around its head, with a fishing pole stuck in the crease of its thigh bone.

PROFESSOR SILAP
Excellent work, just wonderful!

Professor Silap points his long finger at a colorful world map. On the board next to the map are various protest posters on climate change ("What can YOU do?").

PROFESSOR SILAP (cont'd)
Now see here, this long section of land that looks kind of like a garter snake that somebody splattered in rainbow paint? That is the gulf of Mexico and Central America. We have tons of distant relatives down there! Or at least we do for the time being... their species have been declining rather rapidly over the last few years. Some have even disappeared altogether.

UIRI, a young male surfer-dude type, CROAKS loudly, chuckles at himself.

The FEMALE FROGS in class giggle.

Nukka looks at him, rolls her eyes.

NUKKA
(raises her hand)
What do you mean, *disappeared*?

Nukka grimaces in Uiri's direction.

PROFESSOR SILAP
I mean they're dying.

WHOLE CLASS
(fearful)
Ohhhhh.

PROFESSOR SILAP
Unfortunately the humans have been disregarding how their practices affect many species of frogs and other creatures of nature. They chop down trees, which take the homes of many away, and dump chemicals into the ground that cause the spread of many diseases. Some of the more sensitive of our kind have not been able to sustain the strength to survive. Plus, these awful practices are changing the earth's temperature making it dangerous for survival all over the world!

ONE OF NUKKA'S CLASSMATES WITH FEARFUL WIDE EYES

PROFESSOR SILAP (cont'd)
This is why it's of the utmost importance to do everything we can to help fight this pandemic.

Uiri raises his hand.

UIRI
But that makes no sense. What can I do? I'm just one frog all the way up here in Alaska.

PROFESSOR SILAP
You can do your individual part! Keep your community alive and strong. And the best way to do that is to find a mate and procreate!
(the class giggles) Buuuut, that will be the first lesson after the thaw.
Class dismissed!

The shrill of the school bell RINGS. All frogs hop up, grab their bags, file out of class excitedly. School's out for the Great Freeze.

PROFESSOR SILAP (cont'd)
Enjoy the freeze! Be careful how deep you burrow this year! Tell your parents! The earth is changing!

Students push each other out of the classroom, ignore Professor's warning.

INT. SCHOOL HALLWAY - NIGHT - CONTINUOUS

Nukka stands at her locker, pulls out books and puts them into her bag.

Uiri sidles up next to her, flirtatious & cool. Nukka looks at him, rolls her eyes.

NUKKA

Nope. Don't have time for you.

Nukka SLAMS her locker door shut in his face, turns to walk away. Uiri chases after her.

UIRI

Hold up! Why are you always so cold?

NUKKA

(continues walking)
I'm an amphibian.

UIRI

Ha ha. Come on Nuk, give me a chance.

Nukka stops walking, turns, puts her hands on her hips.

NUKKA

My name is Nukk-a. Not Nuk. And I can't. I promised my mother I'd come straight home.

UIRI

Just say yes to a date after the thaw then. Come on. *One* date.

NUKKA

I'm not interested.

UIRI

Why not? I've got the loudest croak at school! Anyway, you heard Professor, it's our *duty*.

NUKKA

(scoffs)

Ha! I don't believe a word of that. No way that *my* dating *you* could save our kind. We're doomed. We have been and will continue to be. Now if you don't mind!

Nukka storms off angrily. Uiri calls after her.

UIRI
What kind of life you think you're
gonna have if you don't find a mate?!
Man...(scowling) women.

Uiri sulks off in the other direction.

FROGS: THE MOVIE