

Clangers
"The Star Seal"

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FADE IN:

EXT. LOOKING AT THE EARTH AND MOON - NIGHT

NARRATOR

There it is... Planet Earth. Lots of wonderful things can be found here, like buildings and rivers and mountains. I wonder, if we zoom out into outer space, would we find even more wonders, waiting to be discovered?

ZOOM OUT OF EARTH

PAN TO AND ZOOM IN ON CLANGERS' PLANET

NARRATOR (cont'd)

Ah, here's the Clangers' Planet. Many wondrous events also happen here. Let's go down and look, shall we?

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. CLANGERS' PLANET SURFACE - DAY

As SMALL (5), a curious and innovative Clanger who loves to draw and go fishing, and TINY (3), Small's younger sister who enjoys making music and exploring her world, play cottonball

TINY

To me! To me!

SMALL

Okay.

As Small throws ball

And Tiny catches it

And throws it back

CLOSE-UP OF SMALL LOOKING UP

SMALL (cont'd)

(surprised)

Wow!

As ball bounces off Small's nose

And gets his attention

As Tiny is annoyed

TINY

Small!

NARRATOR

It looks like Small has spotted something, and is off to tell the others.

As Small jumps down crater

And lid rings

As a disappointed Tiny is left alone

NARRATOR (cont'd)

Poor Tiny. She was really enjoying that game. Oh well, she best go inside for some soup. That'll cheer her up.

As Tiny nears door

As a Skymoo flies over

And calls

TINY

Hello, Skymoo.

As Tiny hurries inside

As Skymoo keeps calling

CUT TO:

INT. LIVING CAVE - MOMENTS LATER

As Tiny comes down

As MOTHER (33), caring mother of Small and Tiny who loves gardening, MAJOR (31), eccentric inventor and safety-conscious father of Tiny and Small, and GRANNY (64), Major's mother who is fond of knitting and napping, drink soup

And listen to an excited Small

As Tiny joins in

SMALL

There was a strange sort-of creature
up there too, though I couldn't
figure out what it was.

NARRATOR

Small is explaining that he had seen
a strange creature in the sky, but he
doesn't know what it was.

As everybody is curiously surprised

As Major has an idea

MAJOR

Aha! This calls for an investigation.

CUT TO:

EXT. CLANGERS' PLANET SURFACE - LATER ON

As music boat is prepared

As Major and Small get her into position

And board

And take off

CUT TO:

INT. TINY'S BEDCAVE - CONTINUOUS

As Tiny puts on radio hat

And light turns blue

TINY

Hello?

As there is no reply

And a disappointed Tiny puts radio hat down

CUT TO:

EXT. IRON CHICKEN'S NEST - LATER

As music boat approaches

As Major and Small talk to IRON CHICKEN (28), good friend of the Clangers who likes collecting junk

NARRATOR

Ah, the Iron Chicken is already busy with a visit from Major and Small. No wonder Tiny couldn't get through to her.

MAJOR

If I could have a look at it with your telescope, that would be very useful.

IRON CHICKEN

Yes, of course.

As Iron Chicken steps aside

And Major comes onto nest

As Major looks through telescope

MAJOR'S POINT OF VIEW LOOKING THROUGH TELESCOPE. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE SKY ALL AROUND, UNTIL SUDDENLY...

GRANDAD

Arrrrrrrrrrrr!

As Star Seal swooshes down

As GRANDAD (69), Major's unknown inventor father-turned-rich pirate, chops cheese wheel from music boat

And music boat falls uncontrollably

SMALL

Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaah!

NARRATOR

Oh no! Small is going to crash land without that part of the music boat. What a mean creature that was.

CUT TO:

EXT. CLANGERS' PLANET SURFACE - CONTINUOUS

As music boat crash lands

As a shocked Small falls out

And dusts himself off

As Star Seal descends

SMALL

Not again!

As Star Seal lands nearby

GRANDAD

Steady now.

As Grandad jumps off

And investigates ruined music boat

NARRATOR

My goodness, it's another Clanger! I
can't help but wonder what he's
looking for.

As Granny and Mother race outside

And check on Small

As Granny looks up

And can't believe her eyes

GRANNY

Grandad Clanger?

As Granny goes over

And embraces Grandad

GRANDAD

I never thought I'd see you again.

GRANNY

Me likewise. What brought you home,
dear?

GRANDAD

Just the usual.