

Raised To Be a Penguin
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[Setting: A boat dock]

{Egg rolls onto boat, and the boat takes off to Antarctica}

[Scene opens at the Arctic]

{Egg rolls off into a penguin patch. Eggs crack with baby penguins popping up}
Mama Penguin

Here we have: Christine, Colleen, Dean, Eugene, Francine, Maxine, Pauline and now
we are just waiting on you little guy.

{Last egg cracks}

Mama Penguin

And now heres....

{Mama Penguin looks at Baby Penguin strangely}

Mama Penguin

You're a special one so we shall call you... Hugh

{Hugh Smiles}

[Setting: 1 year goes by]

{All Penguins and Hugh go into Penguin Academy}

Professor P

Welcome young little penguins, I am Professor P. "P" as in Penguin! This is the Penguin Academy as you will learn to be the best little penguin you can be. By the time you are done here, you will be living the daily routine of walk, waddle, fish, defend, and sleep.

[inner thought/day dream of Hugh]

Hugh

Oh, this is so exciting! I can't wait to live this new life and run with the big dogs. Well not technically. Let me me rephrase. Oh, this is so exciting! I can't wait to live this new life and run with the big penguins.

Professor P

Excuse me young sir

{Hugh wakes up}

Hugh

Yes Professor

Professor P

What kind of penguin are you exactly? You are shaped oddly, yellow feathered, and (pauses) QUACK!

Hugh

Oh no, don't worry, I am a penguin. I was born in the hatch of Mama Penguin along with Christine, Colleen, Dean, Eugene, Francine, Maxine, and Pauline.

Professor P

Okay, that sounds convincing enough. Young Penguins are you ready to take on Penguin Academy

Class of Penguins

YES!

Professor P

It will not be easy. Being a penguin is hard work. You must past the following courses.

Course 1, basic waddle, in this course you will learn to waddle the correct and most efficient way possible. Course 2, Sleep, there is a correct way to sleep and if you don't sleep that way you are a fool. Course 3, Foods I, this course is all about getting food in our environment. Course 4, Mating, this course is about the loved ones that come your way. Course 5, Defense, you will learn all about defending yourself whether is be another penguin or a walrus. Final Course, department, this is our last course because you are about to rereleased into the wild.

Maxine

What if we fail a course?

Professor P

If you fail at least one course, I am not letting you graduate. I will not let any penguin out of the academy who can not provide a safe life for themselves.

Eugene

Thanks for looking after us Mr P

Professor P

First off, Its "Professor" P, but Eugene this is my job. I get paid to look after you. Class is dismissed! See you bright and early tomorrow kids.

Class

See you tomorrow Professor P

[Setting: Mama Penguin's Home}

Mama Penguin

Okay babies, time for bed! You all have a big day ahead of you.

Christine, Colleen, Dean, Eugene, Francine, Maxine, Pauline, and Hugh

Goodnight Mama

Mama Penguin

Hugh, can I talk you please?

Hugh

Of course Mama

[Other kids go to bed]

Mama Penguin

How was your first day at the academy?

Hugh

It was “egg” cellent

Mama Penguin

Are you fitting in? Do they like you? How is your Professor?

Hugh

Well, to be totally honest, the Professor called me out today.

Mama Penguin

What?

Hugh

He asked if I was really a penguin in front of the class. I was so embarrassed.

Mama Penguin

What did you tell him?

Hugh

I told him “Of course.” I am a penguin right mama?

Mama Penguin

Yes indeed! I’m so sorry baby. Why didn’t you tell me sooner?

Hugh

I just felt really insecure and started questioning life.

Mama Penguin

If any of this happens again please tell me. Do I need to say anything to the academy?

Hugh

Please don’t say anything mama! I already have enough on my plate with this “not being a penguin” nonsense. I know I am a penguin, and thats all that matters. Right?

Mama Penguin

Yes, now get some rest. I will be praying that things will be easier at the academy.

Hugh

Thanks mama! Goodnight!

[Setting: Penguin Academy]

Professor P

Sleep is the most common skill used in a penguin life. It is also most commonly messed up.

Colleen

Why does it matter what way you sleep, shouldn't it only be about being comfortable?

Professor P

If you know so much then you come teach the class.

Hugh

Why are you raising your temper? She just asked a simple question.

Professor P

Oh, I'm raising my temper. I got my eye on you quackers.

Hugh

I can't help that I quack, I was born with it.

Professor P

You were also born with non penguin features.

Hugh

Why are you so mean?

{Hugh waddles out of the class room}

Professor P

Okay. When you sleep you must sleep in the upright standing position. Normally we just tuck our heads below the wing.

[Setting: Mama Penguin's House}

Mama Penguin

Hugh, what are you doing home so early?

Hugh

I waddled out of the classroom and came home.

Mama Penguin

You can't just leave the academy.

Hugh

Hugh might can't leave, but "Quackers" can.

Mama Penguin

Oh no

Hugh

I keep getting told i'm different.

Mama Penguin

Hugh, different is a good thing. It just means you aren't a copy of everyone else.

Hugh

Different may be good to you, but I hate it.

Mama Penguin

Hugh, I know its hard being told you are different but I think I should tell you something.

Hugh

What is it?

Mama Penguin

Ever since you were born I knew you were different. Knowing that you weren't like the rest of us made my mind run like crazy.

Hugh

What did you do?

Mama Penguin

I went on "Igloo" gle and looked up your symptoms.

Hugh

Well what did you find?

Mama Penguin

Hear me out when I say this.

Hugh

Oh no. Do I have like 5 more years to live? What is i'm terminally ill? AM I A PREMATURE PENGUIN?

Mama Penguin

No!

Hugh

What is it woman?

Mama Penguin

Excuse me, It's Mama to you!

Hugh

Sorry, mama!

Mama Penguin

You aren't a penguin Hugh.

Hugh

Then what am I?

Mama Penguin

You are a duck.

Hugh

What is a "Duck?"

Mama Penguin

Ducks are cool! Flap your wings.

Hugh

I'm.. I'm flying!

Mama Penguin

Just because your a duck doesn't mean you aren't one of us. You are a penguin now.
It's not about who you were born as, it's about who you make yourself into.

Hugh

You're right! Excuse me Mama.

[Setting: Penguin Academy]

Hugh

Professor P, may I speak to you?

Professor P

Go ahead Quackers.

Hugh

It's Hugh sir.

Professor P

Okay! What do you have to say?

Hugh

I just want to say I know I'm different. I am a duck. I was born and raised to be a penguin though, which makes me a penguin. A wise penguin told me " It's not about who you were born as, it's about who you make yourself into."

Professor P

I knew you weren't a penguin and that's why I push you harder.

Hugh

Huh?

Professor P

Hugh, You weren't born as a penguin. You were born as a duck. You are going to have a harder time. That is why I push you.

Hugh

Thank you Professor P

Professor P

Sure

[Setting: 1 year later at Penguin Academy Graduation]

Professor P

When your name is called please come receive your graduation certificate.

{Class stands up}

Professor P

Christine, Colleen, Dean, Eugene, Francine, Maxine, Pauline, and finally Hugh.