

STOOL WITH A PLANT POT

An onion is in a pot of dirt. Maybe on a stool. This will moved around by Operator like a puppet.

V.O. (DAVID ATTENBOROUGH)  
Presenting the humble onion.

Dramatic orchestral music plays. OPERATOR slowly spins the pot

V.O.  
This member of the allium family is used across the world in culinary endeavors. Who would have thought that such an influential ingredient would have a humble beginning as a seed.

OPERATOR takes the onion out of the pot and hides it behind their back

V.O. (CONT'D)  
We start with a seed. It traveled here through the northwestern winds that typically blow in this region of Idaho in late fall. With water, sun, and a little bit of heat the seed starts to exert the force equivalent to a Boeing 747.

OPERATOR stabs a piece of grass into the pot.

V.O. (CONT'D)  
Over the course or the the next 60 days this sprout will grow into a majestic plant.

Dramatic music plays again (beat) OPERATOR removes the blade of grass from the pot and replaces it with a green onion.

V.O. (CONT'D)  
Of course now that it is more conspicuous, the onion sapling is more vulnerable to competitors.

LEEK appears. OPERATOR moves GREEN ONION to look at LEEK. They exchange looks.

V.O. (CONT'D)  
In this lawless garden it truly is survival of the fittest.

LEEK slowly tries to grow above GREEN ONION, but GREEN ONION is speedy and OPERATOR replaces the GREEN ONION with an ONION. LEEK falls over.

V.O. (CONT'D)

But today, it looks like our sapling has prevailed and reached full maturity. (Beat) But alas, the life cycle of an onion is never easy. (Beat) Another adversary is around the corner.

ARTICHOKE appears on the edge of the stage

V.O. (CONT'D)

It's a battle of the layers and only the stronger of the two will survive.

Dramatic music starts slowly fading in.

V.O. (CONT'D)

The onion has an elaborate root system and a lower center of gravity.

OPERATOR gently sways the ONION.

V.O. (CONT'D)

The artichoke is defensive by design with a waxy waterproof coating to protect from potential predators.

ARTICHOKE also gently sways.

OPERATOR

(Whispers to onion) I believe in you.

V.O.

The artichoke makes a move. This could mean life or death for these vegetables.

ARTICHOKE stays still

V.O. (CONT'D)

Suddenly.

OPERATOR Lifts onion from pot and holds a rock next to it.  
OPERATOR screams and smashes ARTICHOKE with the rock.

V.O. (CONT'D)  
(Beat) The cycle of life  
continues.

OPERATOR  
Maybe now my mom will love me!

BLACK OUT