

THE FLYING DOGTOR

Episode 7

TITLES

CUTS

Crafty, raiding plane

Redback

store of bags

children

homestead

Elvris

Dogtor at tea with

children

TELESTRIP

Shed

Crafty

Redback

Elvris

Redback, map

Telestrip follows

map throughout

description.

Elvris, over map

THE BODGIE BIRD

THEME

(Recap:)

Crafty Carson Carpetbag and the Redback family raided the Flying Dogtor's plane and stole some scientific rain-making powder. They planned to use lots of it to make a flood which would drive the bush children and Granny Goanna out of their homestead, and they called in Elvris Eagle—who could fly it up and drop it over the clouds for them. All of this they planned stealthily, quite unknown to—

(singing) The Flying Dogtor.

Down in the old shearing shed by Steamy Swamp, Crafty Carson Carpetbag, Old Man Redback, and Elvris Eagle held a secret meeting to plan details.

Old Man Redback pored over an old map of the area and explained his scheme to the others.

'Here is Steamy Swamp,' he said, 'And this little cross marks where we are now. This is the old dry creek-bed, where water hasn't flowed over the stones since the Great Flood of '92...

Now that big cross shows where the homestead is (—that's where the overgrown Goanna and the bush children are skulking now—with that drongo Dogtor). And here is the old dry creek bed continuing up the gully...

Now what we want you to do, Elvris, is this: You drop the scientific and industrial rainmaking powder on to clouds directly over the line of this old creek bed where it twists higher up the gully into the hills. Then the rain must fill the gully, the creek must flood, the homestead must be swamped, and—Whacko—all those simulated symbols of sentimentality, and

SLOW DISSOLVE to still
drawing: Elvris with bag
 on white ground. Camera
 sweeps over him to give
 effect of upward soar.

DISSOLVE to telestrip:
 Aerial view

Elvris

Cut to still of Elvris

Repeat soar up

Cut to telestrip

cut to still: repeat

Cut to telestrip

rain effect

creek bed

Dogtor

Window

Plane

Dogtor

Plane

Rain effect, thicker

Colin

Elvris

Polly

Dogtor

Rain effect, heavy

FADE

that dismal Dogtor, will be flushed right out of the homestead--and then we'll take it over! "

So Elvris Eagle took a bag of rain-making powder and carried it up into the sky... up and up almost as high as he could fly ...until the ground below looked remarkably like Old Man Redback's map.

When he was over the old dry creek bed, he picked out a fat looking dark grey cloud, and he let the bag of powder go!

He dropped again to earth, and as he passed under that cloud he felt the first few heavy spots of rain issuing from it. Elvris picked up another bag and carried it up again--up and up until he found another cloud higher along the line of the gully.

Then he dropped again, picked up another bag and went up again--higher than ever and further up, the gully.

And each time he dropped down again he felt more drops on his back, and found more water falling around him, and noticed the beginning of a trickle in the old dry creek bed. Rain effect

Inside the homestead the Flying Dogtor heard the drops of rain falling on the roof and he went to the window. That's strange (he thought). The rain I started was all over. Why should it start again? Then he noticed his plane, with its boot open. The Dogtor raced outside, followed by the bush children. He looked in the plane and saw at once that the bags were missing. 'This is serious,' he said. 'Crafty has stolen my rainmaking kit...But how is he getting it up there?'

Colin Kanga pointed up through the rain. There was Elvris carrying up another bag. 'It's Elvris Eagle, the Bodgie Bird,' said Polly Possum. The Dogtor jumped into his plane.

"Well, somehow I've got to stop him," he said, "before we all drown in the flood."

V.O. END TITLE: What will happen when the Flying Dogtor meets the Bodgie Bird in mid air? See 'The Dog Fight', next episode of