



Introduction to the Animated Series

Series Overview

In a distant galaxy, an elite team of five young rebels called the Cultivators fights to protect and preserve the many special plants and animals that help provide real, delicious food in Galaxy 4755, despite super-villain Ken Mortimer's attempts to control and alter the galaxy's natural food reserves using his army of Bureau Bots. The Cultivators rocket through the galaxy on their spaceship (and living quarters) Clavis, receiving guidance and intel from The Collection, an advanced space station manned by teen earthling Tricket and her sidekick Lo-Fi.

Each three-act episode of RAD Lands features nine animated minutes of The Cultivators on a mission, whether it's to protect a farm, save an endangered crop, or protect animals from the Bureau Bots. Between acts, Tricket shares fun videos that help the audience learn even more about nutrition and making healthy choices

Meet the Characters!

- **Tricket** (The Host) – A spunky, creative, techy teen earthling who lives and works on the space station The Collection, which stores and protects plants from all over the galaxy
- **Lo-Fi** (The SideKick) - Tricket's loyal friend and sidekick, a clumsy but lovable homemade robot
- **Logan** (The Regular Kid) - A spoiled kid plucked from Earth by the Cultivators
- **Brace** (The Fighter) - The protector of the group, Brace is a tough fearless teen girl with uncanny physical abilities and a mysterious past
- **Aster** (The Guide) - The oldest of the group, Aster grew up in the wild and loves freedom, adventure and fun
- **Lee** (The Healer) - The youngest of the group, Lee is a free spirit with a big heart
- **Seventy-Seven** (The Helper) - A fragile hovering robot companion and knowledge bank of facts
- **Tragen** (The Animal "Friend") - A wild mutant bear with a unique bond to the Cultivators
- **Mortimor** (An Inventor Turned Villain) - The main antagonist and inventor of the Bureau Bots
- **Bureau Bots** (The Enemy) - Hordes of mindless robots, disrespectful of nature and bent on controlling the food system at whatever cost



EPISODE 1: Logan

Summary

In Episode 1, we meet the Cultivators as they tackle their first challenge with their reluctant new crew member, Logan. Tricket and Lo-Fi monitor the Cultivators from the Collection Space Station as they work to protect nutritious foods from the people who are trying to destroy them for profit. When we join the Cultivators, they are under attack by the Bureaubots and must rescue the rare Wondree plant, which is naturally delicious and full of nutrients. It's in danger due to evil Ken Mortimor and the Bureaubots! They want to eliminate fresh food and replace it with Tasty Flavor Cubes, which are nothing but processed junk! Can the Cultivators stop Mortimor and save the Wondry plant in time? Can the crew help people choose real, fresh food over less healthy foods? Will Logan learn to love working with the Cultivators or will he quit and return to Earth?

Special Activity: Snack Stick

In this episode, we also learn how to make simple healthy snacks in Snack Challenge! For this activity, brainstorm with your child on designing their own snack stick! Next time you're at the grocery store, help your child choose the best ingredients to make their snack stick. Discuss with your child where the ingredients come from.

EPISODE 2: Golocks

Summary

Farmer Briggs' cute Golocks lay delicious eggs, but they're all gone! Unfortunately, Logan is too busy playing a video game to pay attention. He puts the Cultivators in danger as they travel to the Nuvo System help find the Golocks. Once there, Farmer Briggs tells the crew that an army of robots from the Bureau of Nu-Food stole the Golocks. Logan and Brace hurry off to save the Golocks in the factory where Mortimor wants them to lay eggs non-stop! Will they be able to save the Golocks? Will Brace learn to appreciate the benefits of Logan's gaming skills?

Special Activity: Own Your Omelet

This episode shows children gardening, while Chef Amanda reveals the secret to creating the perfect omelet. For a fun and delicious activity, help your child to make the perfect omelet! When you're at the grocery you can talk with your child about healthy toppings and organic food and eggs versus regular food. Remember that the best food is super fresh and local, if possible!



EPISODE 3: Big

Summary

The crew is playing a game aboard the ship, but Lee is too small to enjoy the fun. Logan, who seems to be getting more comfortable with the Cultivators, defends her. Tricket interrupts the game to tell them that some farmers need help on Planet Vlasp. The crew discovers that Croblon plants are growing way too big and are not as flavorful as they once were. Farmer Knox, Ricky, and Tex reveal that they made a deal to grow Croblon exclusively for Mortimor and that Bureau Bots have been watering the plants with a chemical called Growdaze. Lee is accidentally sprayed with the chemical and grows huge and malformed! Will the Cultivators be able to save the Croblon plants? Will they be able to get Lee back to her normal size and shape? Will Lee learn to appreciate her unique gifts and contributions to the crew?

Special Activity: Snack o' Tacos

In this episode, Snack Challenge contestants compete to create the best-looking and tastiest tacos! Another clip shows the importance of balance in different ecosystems. For this activity, help your child make their own tasty tacos! While you're in the grocery store, talk with your child about how the best tacos are made with a variety of fresh ingredients. You can also talk about the kinds of ecosystems where people live to grow different ingredients.

EPISODE 4: Alagada

Summary

Tricket is preparing guacamole when the Cultivators report on a successful mission. They rescued some of the Milsap plants that Mortimer was trying to poison on planet Turon, but were not able to save them all. Sadly, Tragen has eaten some contaminated plants and needs a cure. Logan, Brace and Aster return to Turon – and Mortimer – to find Alagada fruit, which can be used to make a healing tea. The crew discovers that Mortimer's poison has affected the remaining Milsap plants. They are growing large and sprouting sharp teeth! Brace and Aster find the Alagada fruit, but are eaten by a giant, hungry Milsap plant. Will Brace and Aster escape the deadly plant? Will Tragen be saved by a healing tea? How will they get away from Mortimer this time?

Special Activity: Wholly Guacamole

This episode is a great way to encourage your child to make guacamole, which is easy to make, delicious, and healthy! While you're buying ingredients at the store, discuss different kinds of foods. For example, avocados, tomatoes and limes are fruits, while onion is a vegetable. Brainstorm with them about new or different guacamole ingredients, such as tropical fruits for a touch of sweetness. Talk with your child about where these different foods come from.



EPISODE 5: Lazy Day

Summary

The Cultivators are on Seventy-Seven's home planet, Prilok, where a Tasty Flavor Cubes factory has been closed. While Aster and Lee to prepare a big dinner feast, Logan tries to enjoy some free time with Brace. He throws a snowball at Seventy-Seven, causing him to short circuit. He travels to the Tasty Flavor Cubes factory and tells the Bureau Bots to start producing the cubes again. Logan and Brace go looking for Seventy-Seven and are surrounded by Bureau Bots! Back at the ship, Seventy-Seven feeds Aster, Lee and Tragen eat a Tasty Flavor Cube and they begin to feel sick. How will Logan and Brace get away from the Bureau Bots? Will the rest of the Cultivators recover from their Tasty Flavor Cube illness? Can Seventy-Seven be repaired?

Special Activity: Taste Test

In this episode, Tricket explains that people eat processed junk because it is designed to taste good. A video clip explains how your tongue is covered with taste buds and that they send nerve signals to your brain. For an activity, work with your child to create a simple pasta sauce using fresh ingredients. (Look online for easy five-star recipes.) Then conduct a taste test to compare your homemade sauce with a jar of store-bought pasta sauce.

EPISODE 6: Finale

Summary

The Cultivators are on an important mission to retrieve the last known Tiffid plant from Twinland Two. The team makes it to the cliff where the Tiffid plant grows and Logan puts the plant in a special box. On Twinland One, Mortimor hears the Cultivators have found a Tiffid plant and orders the Bureau Bots to get the plant. Logan retrieves the Tiffid, but Mortimor captures him moments later and tries to get Logan to trade the Tiffid for a teleport trip back to Earth. Meanwhile, Brace and Aster enter the Bureau of Nu-Food headquarters and are attacked by Bureau Bots. Mortimor shows up with the Tiffid and tells them Logan has betrayed them. The Cultivators are imprisoned. Did Logan really betray his new friends? Will the Cultivators escape Mortimor and save the Tiffids? What will become of the Cultivator crew?

Special Activity: Have an Avocado!

This episode focuses on the many different ways that plants can be used for food, as well as other uses. With your child, research the various ways uses for avocados. For example, the pit can be eaten or made into tea (if prepared properly), used to make a pink dye, or even be used in shampoo. Avocados are also used cosmetically as an exfoliating and moisturizing face mask. It's fascinating (with patience!) to grow an avocado plant from the pit. Use this activity to prompt discussion about where avocados grow and how they get to the store.