

DUMPAROO

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Inspired by my son Reign Every

Begin Flashback:

INT. BRONX ZOO - NEW YORK - KANGAROO CAGE - NIGHT

ON SCREEN TEXT:

BRONX ZOO, NY, 2018

ZOOKEEPER walks into the kangaroo cage holding a baby kangaroo wrapped in a towel. ANNIE, 15; is the mother of the baby kangaroo. She watches while the Zookeeper walks carrying the baby to her. The Zookeeper places the baby kangaroo on the ground in front of Annie.

Flashback:

EXT. BRONX ZOO - NEW YORK - PRESENT DAY

ON SCREEN TEXT:

BRONX ZOO, NY, 2019

Zoo full of customers. There are kids eating popcorn and parents with their children. A crowd of people are standing in front of the kangaroo pen. A TOUR GUIDE enters with a microphone in hand.

TOUR GUIDE

Hello everyone! Are you ready to
see something amazing?

CROWN CHANTS YES.

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

I can't hear you!

CROWD CHANTS YES LOUDER.

A gate opens in the back of the kangaroo pen. The crowd watches with many mouths agape. A Shadow appears and reveals the face of DUMPAROO. Dumparoo smiles wide at the crowd.

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

Ladies and gentleman, I give you,
DUMPAROO!!!

CROWD CHEERS.

TOUR GUIDE (CONT'D)

Dumparoo was born with no legs. He
now walks with prosthetic legs.
Ladies And gentleman, I give you
Dumparoo, the freakish kangaroo!

Dumparoo frowns. Dumparoo walks to the back door of the
kangaroo cage and meets with Annie.

ANNIE

Why the sad face Dumparoo?

DUMPAROO

Did you not hear what the tour
guide said? The freakish kangaroo?

ANNIE

You're not a normal kangaroo, and
you're special. You're not a freak
baby.

DUMPAROO

Why would he say that?

ANNIE

You are unique, and humans don't
understand. If they can hear us
talk, we would be able to tell them
how we feel.

DUMPAROO

Oh, he's right anyway. With these
prosthetic legs I will never be a
hoping kangaroo.

ANNIE

Anything can happen if you believe
in yourself, ok baby.

Dumparoo walks to his bed made of leaves and sticks. He lays
down in the fetal position. A tear rolls down his face as he
falls asleep.

DUMPAROO (WHISPERS TO HIMSELF)

I wish I wasn't so special.

INT. THE BRONX ZOO - KANGAROO PEN - NIGHT

Annie walks over to Dumparoo.

ANNIE

Dumparoo, Wake up.

DUMPAROO
Mom?... What is it?

ANNIE
I gathered your favorite foods to
cheer you up. Apples and Grass.

DUMPAROO
Thanks mom!

ANNIE
I need to tell you something baby.

DUMPAROO
What is it?

ANNIE
The zookeepers are transporting us
to another zoo, the Central Park
Zoo.

DUMPAROO
Oh really? Isn't that where dad
moved?

ANNIE (SAD)
Yes, baby.

DUMPAROO
Why do we have to move mom?

ANNIE
Our zoo is moving in a bigger tiger
cage. There is no room for us here
anymore apparently.

DUMPAROO
Are you nervous about facing dad?

ANNIE
Not really nervous baby, just
concerned.

EXT. BRONX ZOO - NIGHT

Kangaroos are being loaded into the transport truck.

DUMPAROO
I'm scared to face dad. What do I
say to him?

ANNIE

Nothing. He doesn't deserve your words.

Dumparoo and Annie enter the truck and the door is closed behind them.

EXT. TRANSPORT TRUCK - NIGHT

The truck pulls up to a gas station next to a gas pump. The driver gets out of the truck and walks towards the store.

INT. TRANSPORT TRUCK - NIGHT

Annie and the kangaroos are asleep in the back of the truck. Dumparoo is awake. He is curled up in the corner of the trailer rocking back and forth.

DUMPAROO (WHISPERS TO HIMSELF)

I don't know how I am going to face my dad.

Dumparoo hears voices outside and peaks out of a side window.

EXT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

A woman and a child exit the store. A boy named CHRISTIAN, 7, blonde hair, is being pushed in a wheelchair by his mother, BETTY, skinny woman with blonde hair, 40's.

BETTY

Alright Christian, lets get you into your car seat.

Betty places Christian in his car seat and buckles his seatbelt. She walks to the back of her car and folds the wheelchair up. She loads it in the trunk of the car.

DUMPAROO (WHISPERS TO HIMSELF)

I wonder, why that boy is being pushed in a chair?

The truck driver opens the back door of the trailer from the transportation truck. The driver drops his keys on the ground after the doors are opened. The driver bends over to pick them up. Dumparoo jumps out of the trailer and hides behind a car parked next to it.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)

That was close.

The driver closes the trailer and locks the door. The driver gets into the truck, starts the engine, and drives away. Dumparoo chases the truck.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)
Hey, wait! Don't leave me here! Oh
no! Mom is gonna freak.

INT. TRANSPORT TRUCK - NIGHT

Annie wakes up and notices Dumparoo is gone.

ANNIE
Dumparoo!

Annie frantically searches the back of the truck.

ANNIE (CONT'D)
Dumparoo! Where are you!

Annie sits down a corner and cries.

EXT. GAS STATION - NIGHT

Dumparoo hides behind a car and makes his way towards Christian's car. The truck is open.

DUMPAROO (WHISPERS TO HIMSELF)
I need to get to that car.

Dumparoo runs to the car and climbs inside the trunk. Betty is unaware and closes the trunk locking Dumparoo inside.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)
Um...It's dark in here.

EXT. CHRISTIANS HOUSE - NIGHT

The family gets out of the car. Betty opens the trunk. Dumparoo sneaks out of the trunk and runs away before Betty can see him.

DUMPAROO (WHISPERS TO HIMSELF)
I have to stop with these close
calls.

BETTY
Alright, Christian. Lets get inside
and get you ready for bed kiddo.

Betty puts Christian into his wheelchair and pushes him inside the house.

INT. CHRISTIANS HOUSE - CHRISTIANS BEDROOM - NIGHT

Christian sleeps in his bed. Dumparoo peaks his head through an open window. He slides into the room through the window and walks over to Christian's bed.

DUMPAROO (WHISPERS)
Kid?... Hey Kid.

(Christian Snoring)

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)
Kid! Wake up!

CHRISTIAN
AHHHHH!

Christian hits Dumparoo with his pillow. Dumparoo falls on the floor. Christian peaks over the bed to look at the floor.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Who are you?! What are you?!

DUMPAROO
Right now? A dizzy kangaroo.

CHRISTIAN
Wow! My very own talking kangaroo!

DUMPAROO
You can understand me? Typically, humans can't understand what I'm saying.

CHRISTIAN
I guess I'm special.

DUMPAROO
From the looks of it you are.

CHRISTIAN
I can say the same.

DUMPAROO
Don't sound so positive. I wish I wasn't so special.

Dumparoo tries to climb onto Christian's bed. Christian grabs Dumparoo's hand and pulls him up onto the bed.

CHRISTIAN
What's your name?

DUMPAROO
Dumparoo.

CHRISTIAN
Name's Christian

DUMPAROO
Nice to meet ya pal!

CHRISTIAN
What are those? Fake legs? What kind of kangaroo are you anyway?

DUMPAROO
Uh....I was born without legs. My zookeepers got me some prosthetic ones.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Well, I was in an accident when I was younger. I fell down some stairs. I am paralyzed from the waist down.

DUMPAROO
Paralyzed? What's that mean?

CHRISTIAN
It mean's I can never work.

DUMPAROO
Never say never.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Maybe we were meant to meet each other.

DUMPAROO
Yeah. I guess we were meant to find each other.

CHRISTIAN
Makes sense to me!

DUMPAROO
My mother and I are being relocated to another zoo. The Central Park Zoo. Heard of it?

CHRISTIAN

Yeah! I go there all the time with my mom.

DUMPAROO

That's great! Maybe you can visit me sometime.

CHRISTIAN

For sure. Every since my dad left, my mom loves taking me places.

DUMPAROO

Your dad left you?

CHRISTIAN

Yeah, after my accident. Mom told me he couldn't handle my disability.

DUMPAROO

My dad left too, for almost the same reason.

CHRISTIAN

Moms are the strongest, huh.

DUMPAROO

My mom is for sure. She is also probably worried sick about me. She doesn't know I left. It was kind of an accident.

CHRISTIAN

You'd better get back to her.

DUMPAROO

I guess you're right.

The door opens and Betty enters Christian's room.

BETTY

Ah! What is that?

CHRISTIAN

It's a kangaroo mom.

BETTY

What's it doing in your room?!

CHRISTIAN

He's lost. He climbed through my window.

Dumparoo walks towards Betty. Betty backs up.

DUMPAROO

Name's Dumparoo. I'm disabled just like your son. I had to meet him.

BETTY

You talk?!

DUMPAROO

You can understand me too?!

BETTY

This is all way too strange. We need to get you back where you came from.

DUMPAROO

Central Park Zoo is where I am headed.

BETTY

Look, it's late. I'll take you there in the morning. You can sleep in Christian's room for the night.

DUMPAROO

Gee thanks!

BETTY

I need a drink. (Sigh)

Betty leaves the room and closes the door behind her. Dumparoo turns around to look a Christian.

DUMPAROO

SLEEPOVER!

CHRISTIAN

Oh yea!

MONTAGE

- Dumparoo and Christian play cards on the bed.
- Dumparoo pops a wheelie in Christian's wheelchair and falls backward. They both laugh.
- Dumparoo and Christian sit on the bed and read scary comic books. Both Christian and Dumparoo put their books down and hide under the blanket.
- Dumparoo and Christian sit on the bed watching a movie.

-Dumparoo and Christian both fall asleep under the covers.

END MONTAGE

INT. - CHRISTIAN'S HOUSE - THE NEXT DAY

Dumparoo and Christian wake up; both yawning. Betty opens the door and enters the room.

BETTY

You fellas need to get ready. We need to take Dumparoo back to the zoo.

DUMPAROO

Yeah, my mom has to be worried sick.

CHRISTIAN

I wish you didn't have to go.

EXT. -CHRISTIANS HOUSE - DAY

Betty places Christian in his car seat and buckles his seatbelt.

BETTY

I have an extra car seat for you, Dumparoo.

DUMPAROO

I have never been in one.

BETTY

It'll keep you safe in the car.

Betty places the extra car seat in the car and buckles Dumparoo in.

DUMPAROO

This is comfortable.

BETTY

Are you guys hungry?

CHRISTIAN AND DUMPAROO

Yes, Ma'am!

BETTY

Ok, Let's get you boys something to eat.

Betty backs the car out of the driveway and drives off.

EXT. PIZZA PICNIC - DAY.

The car pulls up to a parking lot. There is blue and red neon sign on the front of the building.

SIGN:

PIZZA PICNIC

DUMPAROO
What's a Pizza Picnic?

CHRISTIAN (LAUGHS)
My favorite place, it's delicious.

DUMPAROO
We usually eat grass at the zoo.

CHRISTIAN
Yuck!

INT. PIZZA PICNIC - DAY.

Betty, Christian, and Dumparoo enter the *Pizza Picnic*. They are greeted by the mascot of the company, PIZZA NICK. He's dressed as slice of pizza with a big pepperoni face.

PIZZA NICK
Hey there kiddos! My name is Pizza Nick. Are you ready to play some super awesome games and join my picnic?

Pizza Nick looks down at Dumparoo.

PIZZA NICK (CONT'D)
Hey there, you don't look like a kid.

DUMPAROO
I'm a kangaroo, but you don't like a delicious piece of pizza.

PIZZA NICK
Are you being wise, punk?

Betty
Wait, Nick. He's harmless.

PIZZA NICK
Okay Betty. Since I know you I will
let it slide for a price.

BETTY
What is that?

PIZZA NICK
A date with me?

Pizza Nick removes his pepperoni mask to reveal a handsome
man named ANTHONY, 30's.

BETTY (BLUSHES)
Ok Anthony, anytime.

ANTHONY
Let's chat, honey.

BETTY
Sounds good to me.

CHRISTIAN
Oh man, here we go again.

DUMPAROO
What's wrong?

CHRISTIAN
My mom, she is always flirting with
guys like Nick.

DUMPAROO
Maybe she's lonely.

CHRISTIAN
She's supposed to spend time with
me.

DUMPAROO
I know what she feels like. My mom
has always felt lonely and cries
all the time. She's felt that way
since my dad left.

CHRISTIAN
I just don't want to be replaced.

DUMPAROO
You wont. Your mom loves you. She
takes great care of you. I can
tell.

CHRISTIAN
Do you hear that?

Dumparoo and Christian look out of a window and see an ice
cream truck.

DUMPAROO
What's that?

CHRISTIAN
Ice cream truck. Let me guess, you
never had ice cream either?

DUMPAROO
Nope.

CHRISTIAN
Lets go.

DUMPAROO
What about your mom?

Christian looks over at her mom staring into Anthony's eyes.

CHRISTIAN
I think she's preoccupied.

DUMPAROO
Cool, lets go.

EXT. ICE CREAM TRUCK - DAY

Christian and Dumparoo head to the ice cream truck when it
starts driving away.

DUMPAROO
It's getting away.

CHRISTIAN
Hop on my wheelchair, we can catch
it.

DUMPAROO
Mush!

Christian begins pushing the wheels on his wheelchair forward
chasing the ice cream truck. The truck heads toward a steep
hill.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)
I hope you're a good driver.

CHRISTIAN
The best pal!

Christian and Dumparoo are getting closer to the ice cream truck when suddenly a truck pulls out in front of them causing Christian to swerve into a pile of trash. Dumparoo goes flies off of the wheelchair and into an open dumpster.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Dumparoo, are you ok?!

Christian looks into the dumpster to see Dumparoo laying on his back.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Are you ok?

DUMPAROO
I'm good bro.

CHRISTIAN
Dumpster Dumparoo.

DUMPAROO
My new nickname?

CHRISTIAN
Yeah.

Christian looks around with a nervous look.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Um... Dumparoo. I have no idea where we are.

DUMPAROO (LAUGHS)
No difference to me. I've been lost since yesterday.

CHRISTIAN
I need to find my mom.

DUMPAROO
Don't panic, dude. We came down the hill from that way.

Dumparoo points right.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)
Well.. Maybe that way?

CHRISTIAN
We are in so much trouble.

DUMPAROO
Lets just get our heads together.
We are smart kids. We can figure
this out.

INT. PIZZA PICNIC - DAY

Betty is still talking to Anthony at a booth and eating
pizza.

ANTHONY
So when can I come to your place,
babe?

BETTY (GIGGLES)
When I say the time is right.

ANTHONY
Oh, come on.

Anthony leans in to kiss Betty. Betty pushes him back.

BETTY (GIGGLES)
When I'm ready.

ANTHONY
Ya know what? I'm out of here.

BETTY
Fine. Whatever.

Betty looks around.

BETTY (CONT'D)
Christian it's time to go buddy.

Betty looks around again.

BETTY (CONT'D)
Christian? Christian?

Betty looks around. She faints. Anthony turns around and sees
Betty on the ground.

ANTHONY
Are you OK?

Betty sits up and lets out a loud SCREAM!

ANTHONY (CONT'D)
It's ok, we'll find them. I'll help.

BETTY
Thanks.

Betty and Anthony run out of the pizza place while Betty frantically dials 911.

OPERATOR
911, What's your emergency?

BETTY
My son is missing! Help!

EXT. NEW YORK CITY - DAY

CHRISTIAN
What if I never see my mom again?

DUMPAROO
Ya know, your whining is not helping.

CHRISTIAN
Are you kidding me? I'm handicapped and I am separated from my mom.

DUMPAROO
Well, I am too.

CHRISTIAN
Look at that Dumparoo.

Christian points toward a PIZZA PICNIC delivery car.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
I bet that car can take us back to *Pizza Picnic*.

DUMPAROO
Good idea. I'm an expert at sneaking into cars.

CHRISTIAN
How so?

DUMPAROO
I snuck into yours didn't I?

CHRISTIAN
Good Point.

Dumparoo is sitting on the back of Christians wheelchair. They pull up behind the delivery car. The DELIVERY DRIVER gets out of the car. The driver walks towards a house.

DUMPAROO

Alright get in the back seat.

Christian and Dumparoo get into the back seat of the car.

CHRISTIAN

What do I do with my wheelchair?

DUMPAROO

Leave it behind for now.

Christian and Dumparoo crawl into a pizza delivery bag in the back seat and close the flap.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)

It smells like feet in here.

CHRISTIAN

I don't know if that's the smell of pizza or the silent fart I just let out.

DUMPAROO

That's gross dude.

CHRISTIAN

Be quiet, he's coming.

The driver gets back into the car and drives away.

INT. PIZZA BAG - DAY.

Christian and Dumparoo are bouncing around inside the bag while the car is hitting potholes on the road.

DUMPAROO

Does this guy know how to drive?

CHRISTIAN

Ow, ow, ow.

The car stops. The driver gets out of the car and opens the back door. He picks up the bag with Dumparoo and Christian inside.

CHRISTIAN (WHISPERS) (CONT'D)

Oh no.

DUMPAROO

What?

CHRISTIAN

We are about to be delivered.

DUMPAROO

Hope they like butt smell as a topping.

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY.

The driver knocks on the door outside of the apartment building. A CUSTOMER; 27, Male with glasses, answers the door.

DELIVERY DRIVER

How you do uh? Twenty two fifty guy.

CUSTOMER

Here is twenty three.

DELIVERY DRIVER

Fifty cent that is it?

CUSTOMER

Well first of all this bag smells like fart.

DELIVERY DRIVER

You know what. Keep the damn bag and your fifty cents. You need it more than I do. I am done with this job.

Driver walks away mumbling in Italian.

INT. CUSTOMER'S APARTMENT - DAY

The customer takes the bag to his dining room. He pushes some garbage off the table onto the floor and places the pizza bag on the table.

CUSTOMER (WHISPERS TO HIMSELF)

That is one heavy pizza. Did they take a dump on the pizza to? I need a plate.

The customer walks away to the kitchen.

DUMPAROO

The coast is clear. Lets get out of the bag.

Christian and Dumparoo climb out of the bag. They get off of the table and crawl behind a dirty sofa. The customer comes back to the table.

CUSTOMER

Alright! Now for some delicious fart pizza.

The customer opens the pizza bag and sees nothing inside.

CUSTOMER (CONT'D)

What in the blue heck is this?!

(Customer screams)

EXT. APARTMENT BUILDING - DAY

Birds scatter from the top of the building in fear of the loud scream.

INT. TRANSPORT TRUCK - DAY

Annie is sitting in the back of the truck with tears in her eyes.

ANNIE (WHISPERS TO HERSELF)

Oh Dumparoo, I will stop at nothing to find you. Where have you gone?

EXT. CENTRAL PARK ZOO - EVENING

The transport truck pulls up to the front entrance of the zoo. The truck stops at the security gate and continues on through the gate.

INT. CENTRAL PARK ZOO - EVENING

The truck driver backs the truck into the entrance for the kangaroo pen. The driver gets out of the truck and walks to the back to unload the kangaroos. Annie exits the truck along with the others to enter the pen.

ANNIE (WHISPERS TO HERSELF)

How am I ever going to find Dumparoo while locked in here?

Annie hears something breathing heavily behind her. DEREK; a tall, brown, and heavyset kangaroo is leaning against the fence.

DEREK

Why would you want to find that boy? Good riddance I say.

ANNIE

How can you live with yourself talking about your son like that?

DEREK

I live pretty good here baby. Why don't you give daddy a big kiss?

ANNIE

I would never kiss you after how you disowned your son you piece of trash.

DEREK

You know you still got it for me baby. We had some hot and heavy nights under the stars.

ANNIE

I would cut off my hind legs before we ever even came within 5 feet of each other again.

DEREK

He is a shame to our species. Why do you defend him. Most zoos would have put him down already.

Annie slaps Derek.

ANNIE

What the hell is wrong with you? If I ever hear you say one more thing about my son again.

DEREK

What? What are you gonna do to me?

ANNIE

Ill die trying to kill you myself. At least I will know I died for my sons honor.

Annie sits down against the fence and begins to cry. Derek sits down next to her.

DEREK

Look, what if I can help you get out of here to find him?

ANNIE

Why would you help me? Why should I even trust you?

DEREK

Because there is an upside for me. I can get free of these walls and you can find your son.

ANNIE

I loved you Derek. I loved our family. You ruined every dream I have ever had with you. My son cries every night thinking about what you have done to me, not about what you have done to him. He is selfless unlike you. I also am glad you don't recognize him as OUR son.

DEREK

Sounds like he will be a better roo than me. I can not say I am proud of what I did. I just got scared ok.

ANNIE

Yea well you damaged him more than you will ever know.

DEREK

Just let me help. I can at least make that right with you.

ANNIE

I am only going to say yes because I need my son back. If you pull something on me, something to hurt me, I will do everything I can to kill you.

DEREK

Understood.

Derek extends his hand to Annie.

ANNIE

You are not touching me.

DEREK

Fair enough. Get some rest. I have
a plan for tonight.

Annie lays down for a nap. Derek stares off as the sun sets
rubbing his hands together.

INT - Christian's House - Night

Betty is sitting on the couch and watching tv crying. The
news is on the television. Anthony sits down to comfort her.

(Television)

"Tonight, a seven year old boy and a small kangaroo with no
legs are missing in the New York City area. The NYPD have put
out an all points bulletin and advised media outlets that
there is a ten thousand dollar award for any information
leading to their location."

BETTY

I can not believe this. This is all
my fault.

ANTHONY

This is not your fault.

BETTY

How is it not my fault Anthony?! I
let my primal urges get the better
of me and now my disabled son is
missing in a dangerous city with a
kangaroo that has no legs!

ANTHONY

Primal urges huh?

BETTY

That is what you took from that?!

ANTHONY

I'm sorry.

BETTY

Oh Anthony, what am I going to do?

ANTHONY

Lets go drive around and see what
we can find. Lets see if we can
find any sign of them.

BETTY

Ok. I can't just sit here.

INT. APARTMENT BUILDING - NIGHT

Dumparoo and Christian are fast asleep behind the sofa where they are hiding. Dumparoo's head is lying on Christian's butt.

(Christian Farts)

DUMPAROO
Oh my God dude!

CHRISTIAN (WAKING UP)
Huh? Dude be quiet.

DUMPAROO
Dude you just ripped one right in my face?! I taste what you ate this morning.

CHRISTIAN (LAUGHING)
Sorry guy.

Dumparoo throws up.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)
Sick dude!

DUMPAROO
Now I am for sure.

CHRISTIAN
Ok we need to get out of here.

DUMPAROO
I am going to check and see if that guy is asleep.

CHRISTIAN
Why can't I check?

DUMPAROO
What are you going to do stand up and look? You don't have your wheelchair stupid.

CHRISTIAN
Oh yea. No need for name calling.

DUMPAROO
Sorry. Payback for the fart.

Dumparoo gets up and slowly moves his walking sticks to navigate across the apartment.

He makes his way down a narrow hallway and peaks around a corner into a bedroom. Dumparoo sees the customer sleeping.

CHRISTIAN (WHISPERS)
Dumparoo? Is it clear?

DUMPAROO (WHISPERS)
Yes he is asleep. Lets head for the door.

Dumparoo and Christian head for the door. Christian is crawling in front of Dumparoo. Dumparoo opens the door and the alarm goes off.

CHRISTIAN
Oh man!

The customer wakes up and runs down the hallway with a bat. He sees Dumparoo and Christian with impaired vision because he does not have his glasses on. The customer begins swinging the bat. He knocks over a lamp and breaks his flat screen tv with the bat.

DUMPAROO
I have an idea.

The man is walking towards them while they are standing by a window. Dumparoo throws his walking sticks on the floor. The customer trips over them and falls through the window to the outside. They look down and cringe after they watch him crash into the dumpster outside.

CHRISTIAN
Good idea.

DUMPAROO
Coast is clear. Lets go.

CHRISTIAN
How am I going to move around? I don't have my wheelchair.

Dumparoo looks around. He sees a drone and some rope and smiles.

DUMPAROO
Ok, so this rope is attached to your shirt and the other end is attached to the drone. Use the control and hover over me as we walk.

CHRISTIAN
Are you sure this is a good idea?

DUMPAROO

Of course. The zoo uses these to monitor the animals. It is full proof.

CHRISTIAN

Well, here goes.

Christian turns on the controls for the drone. The drone lifts him off of the ground.

DUMPAROO

Man that looks fun.

CHRISTIAN

I feel like a bird.

Christian is soaring around the inside of the apartment.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Oh man this is amazing!

DUMPAROO

Slow it down Christian.

CHRISTIAN

No way.

Christian moves the lever on the control up to far and it gets stuck.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Uh oh!

(Christian screams)

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Help!

Christian flies around the room and then shoots out of the broken window. Dumparoo looks out of the window as Christian is flying over the city.

DUMPAROO

Christian!

EXT. NEW YORK CITY - NIGHT

Dumparoo leaps out of the window. The customer stands up from inside the dumpster. Dumparoo lands on his head and knocks him unconscious again. Dumparoo falls to the ground with his walking sticks.

DUMPAROO

I have to keep up with Christian.

Dumparoo is moving as fast as he can to keep up with Christian. Dumparoo sees some twin boys playing with pogo sticks in the street.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)

He kids! Look its the ice cream truck!

The twin boys look the opposite way of Dumparoo. Dumparoo steals the pogo sticks and begins to hop down the street.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)

Oh my gosh! I am hopping. I am hopping! I feel like a real kangaroo!

Dumparoo hops down the street on the pogo sticks to catch up to Christian. Christian is swerving in the air attached to the drone. Christian is dodging trees and cars that are coming at him. He is dipping closer to the street.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)

Hang on buddy!

Christian looks back at Dumparoo. He looks forward and suddenly gets caught in a tree branch. Christian is hanging by his underwear from the tree. Dumparoo stops and looks up at Christian hanging.

DUMPAROO (CONT'D)

I see butt streaks in those underwear pal. I think you have been doing more in your pants than just farting.

CHRISTIAN

Get me down!

The tree branch breaks and Christian falls to the ground.

CHRISTIAN (CONT'D)

Ow.

DUMPAROO

Are you ok?

CHRISTIAN

Yea. Lets do it again!

DUMPAROO

Oh boy.

INT. CENTRAL PARK ZOO - KANGAROO PEN - NIGHT

Annie is sleeping under Derek's awning. Derek is standing over Annie.

DEREK
Annie? Wake up.

ANNIE
Ah!

DEREK
What?

ANNIE
I forgot how ugly you are.

DEREK
Very funny.

ANNIE
Couldn't be more serious.

Derek extends his hand to help Annie up. Annie refuses the gesture and stands up.

ANNIE (CONT'D)
I said you are not touching me.
What is your plan?

DEREK
There is a late night security van
that comes in. I watch it every
night. It comes around 3 A.M.

ANNIE
That is in 5 minutes.

DEREK
I know. We need to hop in the back
of that van before it leaves. It
will pull into the kangaroo pen
last.

ANNIE
Why have you not tried this before?

DEREK
I have. I need help opening the
door. I need to lift the latch
while you open the door.

ANNIE
Why were you trying to escape
before?

DEREK
To see you.

ANNIE
Oh that's crap.

DEREK
It is true. I missed you.

ANNIE
Well the feeling is not mutual.

Annie and Derek see headlights approaching the kangaroo pen.

DEREK
That is it. Come on.

Derek and Annie hide behind some bushes close to the entrance gate. The van stops feet away from where they are. The SECURITY GUARD exits the truck.

DEREK (CONT'D)
Lets go.

Annie and Derek hop over to the van. Derek lifts the latch while Annie pulls open the back door. They climb inside and close the back door. The Security Guard returns and pulls out his radio.

SECURITY GUARD
All clear. Heading home.

The van exits the security gate and drives away from the zoo.

