

LAZER SLOTH

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EXT. OREGON ZOO - NIGHT

A yellow toy duck sits on the walkway leading up to a wrought iron gate.

Exiting the zoo, two shadowy figures carry animal cages and a small cardboard box. A high pitched NOISE erupts from within.

BOX CREATURE

Ahh-Eee!

MAX, 30's, slender, dressed in black, loads the cages into the back of a white van. He lifts his ski mask.

MAX

You're off to a better place.

TOBY, 29, muscular, also dressed in black, sticks his fingers through the bars of a cage.

TOBY

Cute little buggers.

The critter CHOMPS onto Toby's finger!

TOBY (CONT'D)

Owww!

MAX

Shhhh!

Toby sucks his finger, then notices the stuffed duck.

TOBY

Mr. Ducky!

MAX

Forget the toy, doofus!

Toby hesitates, grabs the duck, then dashes to the van.

As the van drives off, we see that the back door is AJAR.

INT/EXT. VAN - DRIVING - LATER

The van travels down a dark and winding road.

Max drives as Toby munches on a sandwich.

MAX

The boss should be happy.

TOBY
(between bites)
He's gonna love 'dem.

MAX
You shut off the security cameras
in the office, right?

Toby stops chewing, cheeks stuffed like a hamster.

TOBY
(mouth full)
Was I supposed to?

MAX
You idiot!

The van makes a sudden U-TURN as they approach the road sign:

WELCOME TO MCMINNVILLE - THE HEART OF OREGON WINE COUNTRY!

A tomato from Toby's sandwich SPLATS against the windshield.

BACK OF THE VAN

The door on the back of the van swings wide open!

The cages lurch forwards, pushing the cardboard box closer and closer to the edge.

The van straightens out in the opposite direction.

The box SLIDES OUT and goes SOARING through the air!

BOX CREATURE
AHHHHHH-EEEEEEEEEEEEEE!

EXT. SOUTH YAMHILL RIVER - CONTINUOUS

The box tumbles and slides down a hill until it crash lands upside down against a tree.

From within the box, a long, furry arm with three long claws reaches out into the darkness.

BOX CREATURE
AHH-EEE!

The claws dig into the grass as the furry arm retracts back into the box.

The cardboard rattles and shakes.

A NEON PINK BEAM OF LIGHT SHOOTS OUT OF THE BOX INTO THE DARK SKY ABOVE AND SEEMINGLY INTO OUTER SPACE.

We soar high above the tree tops of a thick forest, as several more beams of light shoot up from random areas.

Something is on the move.

EXT. MCMINNVILLE, OREGON - MORNING

Brightly colored hot air balloons float high above the Evergreen Air Museum, green fields and modest houses.

A plane soars through blue skies and puffy clouds.

EXT. MURPHY HOUSE - BACKYARD - MORNING

LOGAN MURPHY, 9, pops out the top of a Douglas Fir tree as the same plane flies overhead. He wears a brown leather flight jacket and aviator sunglasses.

LOGAN
(into walkie)
Sergeant! This is Adventure Boy!
Do you read me? Over!

JAKE, a boisterous Golden Retriever, pith helmet strapped around his head, BARKS from the base of the tree trunk.

Logan peers through a set of binoculars.

LOGAN'S POV

A young girl, red baseball cap, pedals her bike down the road towards Logan's house.

LOGAN (CONT'D)
Area secure.

Logan shimmies down the tree like a monkey down a fireman's pole. As he hits the ground, we see he is wearing an ADVENTURE BOY T-shirt.

INT. MURPHY HOUSE - KITCHEN - CONTINUOUS

A photograph on the refrigerator shows Logan riding the shoulders of a handsome army pilot. Same flight jackets. Same mop of brown hair. Matching smiles.

KAREN MURPHY, 34, wears a white chef's coat smeared with food stains. She slaps together a PB&J.

A story on the MORNING NEWS plays on a small kitchen TV.

REPORTER

(on TV)

The zookeepers at The Oregon Zoo were devastated this morning when they discovered several of their baby animals had been stolen...

Logan slides in from the back door, nearly slips on the linoleum.

KAREN

Hey monkey. How was the view today?

LOGAN

I'd rate it as *code awesome*.

Logan brushes the leaves and twigs off his shirt.

KAREN

You better change your clothes, Grandpa's on his way.

LOGAN

I don't want to see Grandpa.

KAREN

Why not?

LOGAN

He just wants to talk about Dad.

KAREN

It's good to talk about your father.

LOGAN

Why? He's not here anymore.

This hits Karen hard.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

I gotta go catch lizards.

Karen tucks the sandwich into a plastic bag.

KAREN

It's important to spend time with
your family, Logan.

Karen glances at the photograph on the refrigerator.

DING DONG!

LOGAN

Please Mom, can I go?

Logan gives Karen the puppy dog eyes.

DING DONG! DING DONG!

Karen hands him his lunch-box.

KAREN

Give me a hug.

LOGAN

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Logan gives Karen a quick hug and runs to the front door.

KAREN

Love you!

LOGAN

I know! C'mon, Jake!

Jake barrels into the house, flies past Karen and chases
Logan down the hall.

EXT. MURPHY HOUSE - FRONT YARD - CONTINUOUS

HAILEY, 9, cute tomboy with a backwards ball cap, greets
Jake with a good scratch behind the ears.

HAILEY

Did you know that Golden
Retrievers were made to retrieve
ducks for hunters?

Logan grabs his bike from the front porch.

LOGAN

They're also really good search
and rescue dogs.

HAILEY

That's so true.

Hailey pulls out a small ANIMALS OF THE WORLD HANDBOOK as they push their bikes down the driveway.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

Are you sure it was a chameleon you saw? It was probably a *salamander*.

Hailey points to a picture of a salamander in the book.

LOGAN

It wasn't a salamander, it was a chameleon! Besides, what kind of adventure would that be?

HAILEY

That's so true.

Logan hops on his bike.

LOGAN

Last one to Goose's house is a moldy peach!

The kids pedal off down the quiet residential street.

EXT. FIELD - DAY

A beetle crawls along a log.

ZAP!

A NEON GREEN LASER BEAM BLASTS THE BUG OFF OF THE LOG.

The furry arm with three long claws retrieves the insect.

We hear the sound -- CRUNCH CRUNCH. And then...

CREATURE

Mmmm!

EXT. GOOSE'S HOUSE - FRONT YARD - DAY

Logan lifts an iron door knocker shaped like an alien.

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK!

GOOSE, 9, striped golf shirt two sizes too small, answers the door with a green lizard mask on his head.

GOOSE

RAWR!

Logan grabs the mask.

LOGAN

Gimme that.

Jake BARKS and ducks behind Logan.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

You're gonna scare the neighbors.

GOOSE

You *are* the neighbors.

Goose fixes his hair. It's shaggy and hides one eye.

HAILEY

You look like an emo alpaca.

GOOSE

Thanks!

The kids laugh as they walk down the driveway.

Goose's house is a large craftsman home with peeling off-white paint, windows veiled in tin foil and several satellite dishes on the roof. UFO chasers live here.

LOGAN

We're gonna catch a chameleon!

Logan fist pumps. He's stoked.

HAILEY

I brought my butterfly net.

GOOSE

My dad says chameleons are aliens
in disguise, hiding in plain sight
while they observe us
(making air quotes)
'*human cattle*'.

Logan's eyes drift downwards at the mention of Goose's dad.

LOGAN

Your dad's weird.

GOOSE

No he's not! He's the coolest!

LOGAN
 Whatever. Let's go.

Hailey and Goose exchange looks. Touchy subject.

The kids pedal off down the street.

EXT. POWER PLANT - AFTERNOON

A hydro electric power station HUMS behind chain link fences next to a green field and sparse trees.

Warning Signs: DANGER - HIGH VOLTAGE - KEEP OUT!

The kids scale a four foot tall gate. They lift their bikes up and over then ride away through the grass.

EXT. FIELD - AFTERNOON

A brown LIZARD scurries over a branch.

GOOSE (O.S.)
 See anything?

Logan picks up a rock and peeks underneath.

LOGAN
 Negative.

Hailey spreads a patch of grass.

HAILEY
 Did you guys know that lizards can make their tails come off?

LOGAN
 I knew that.

GOOSE
 Probably 'cause they're cousins with alien life-forms.

Goose looks under a log. A mass of wood bugs scatter.

GOOSE (CONT'D)
 Cool.

Goose scoops up the bugs and puts them on Hailey's shoulder.

HAILEY
 Hey!

Hailey picks off the insects and carefully releases them back onto the ground.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

And they have no eye lids.

LOGAN

They could never be an army pilot then. Army pilots gotta have eye lids. And eyes.

HAILEY

That's so true.

GOOSE

What happens if an army pilot gets diarrhea while flying?

LOGAN

Code brown.

Hysterical laughter. That was a good one.

EXT. FIELD - MOMENTS LATER

Goose throws a stick in frustration. Jake runs after it.

GOOSE

How are we supposed to find a chameleon in a buncha' bushes?

A NEON PINK LIGHT FLASHES BEHIND THE TREES!

HAILEY

Did you guys see that?

Jake BARKS relentlessly.

LOGAN

Jake!?

EXT. BEHIND THE BUSHES - CONTINUOUS

Jake SNIFFS at a cardboard box under a tree. He WHINES cautiously.

LOGAN

He found something.

GOOSE

Maybe it's a treasure!

Hailey emerges from the thicket.

HAILEY
What is it, guys?

LOGAN
Probably just garbage.

Logan takes a PUFF from his inhaler.

GOOSE
One man's garbage is another man's
trash!

HAILEY
That doesn't make sense.

GOOSE
Oh yeah.

Logan lifts the cardboard box to reveal...

Absolutely nothing. Well that was anti-climatic.

CREATURE (O.S.)
Ahhh-eeee!

The kids spin around to see --

A BABY SLOTH HANGS FROM A TREE BRANCH.

LOGAN
Holy crackers!

HAILEY
Oh my gosh!

It looks like a teddy bear crossed with a monkey.

Large, brown eyes. Flat nose. Furry body. Pudgy tummy.

GOOSE
Alien! Ahhhhh!

Goose runs but trips on a branch and falls to the ground.

GOOSE (CONT'D)
Ouch.

SLOTH
Ahh-eee!

It's the cutest little high pitch sound.

LOGAN
What *is* that?

Hailey consults the pages of her handbook.

HAILEY

I think it's a...

The sloth reaches out with both arms.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

...Sloth?

Hailey picks up the sloth as it wraps its furry limbs around her.

GOOSE

Careful...

Goose hides behind Logan for safety.

LOGAN

How did a sloth get out here?

HAILEY

I don't know, but we have to take it to the SPCA. It might be hurt.

Jake SNIFFS the sloth. He WHIMPERS, then licks its face.

GOOSE

Its UFO probably crashed nearby. We should just leave it here.

Logan pats the sloth's head. It blinks.

LOGAN

It's not an alien.

GOOSE

How would you know? I'm not ready to be abducted, okay?

Sloth WHIMPERS. Seems kind of sad.

LOGAN

He's probably missing his family.

Sloth YAWNS. It's adorable. Hailey melts.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

(to Hailey)

We could call the SPCA from your house?

HAILEY

My mom'll kill me if I bring home another animal.

LOGAN

My grandpa's at my place. I don't wanna go there right now.

Logan and Hailey look at Goose.

GOOSE

What about the chameleon?!

EXT. BIKE TRAIL - MOMENTS LATER

The kids ride bikes down a gravel trail. A tree lined creek separates the path from acres of farmland.

The sloth pops its head out of Logan's backpack.

A female JOGGER passes by and does a double take!

EXT. GOOSE'S HOUSE - FRONT YARD - AFTERNOON

The kids bikes are strewn across the yard.

A small, rusted yellow car is in the driveway.

INT. GOOSE'S HOUSE - DINING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

ROSWELL, 17, pale and freckled, wears a short black cape clasped around his neck. He pushes up his glasses as he inspects an elaborate Dungeons and Dragons game board set up on the dining room table.

Goose, Logan and Hailey watch Roswell from the opposite side of the table. The sloth pack rests on the floor where Roswell can't see.

Hailey nudges Goose to say something.

GOOSE

Hey Ros, I know you don't like me that much but see, I was wondering if you could give my friends and me a ride --

ROSWELL

-- No.

GOOSE

Okay, see ya later!

Logan grabs Goose before he can escape, turns him back to face his brother.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

Oh, I guess I wasn't finished... see *Hailey* wants to uh, adopt a kitten, and...surprise her Mom for her birthday, and that's today!

Hailey grins nervously.

HAILEY

That's so true.

Roswell polishes a set of red dice, ignoring her.

ROSWELL

Take the bus, worm.

GOOSE

We can't, because... the bus doesn't allow animals! Yeah, that's it.

ROSWELL

The only people allowed in my chariot are *me*, and my lady, (medieval bow) Patricia. Now leave me, my kingdom awaits!

Roswell twirls his cape and points a SWORD at Goose.

The kids hurry out of the room.

A small hand swipes a SET OF KEYS off the shelf!

INT. ROSWELL'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

The sloth is strapped into a child's car seat in the back of the 'chariot'. Hailey buckles him in. CLICK.

Logan is in the driver's seat with Goose riding shotgun.

HAILEY

Why does your brother have a kiddie seat?

GOOSE

It's for his Red Dragon.

HAILEY

Um, *okayyyy*.

Logan looks at the gears.

LOGAN

What does the R stand for?!

GOOSE

Really fast?

Goose taps his fingers on the dash anxiously.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

C'mon guys, if Ros catches us stealing his chariot --

LOGAN

-- not stealing. *Borrowing*. To reunite a son with his parents!

Goose keeps watch through the windshield.

HAILEY

How do you know it's a boy?

LOGAN

Check if it has a peener!

HAILEY

Ew!

Hailey takes a peek under the sloth's belt.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

I don't see anything.

LOGAN

No nuts?!

Goose reaches over and turns the keys in the ignition.

Loud boy band music BLASTS from the stereo!

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Make it stop!

SLOTH

AHH-EEE!

Goose fiddles with the radio tuner dial, but it has no effect. The windows shake from the bass vibrations.

GOOSE
It's not working!

Hailey covers the sloth's ears.

HAILEY
Eject! Eject!

Goose opens his door and dives out!

HAILEY (CONT'D)
The CD! Eject the CD!

Logan reaches for the EJECT button when --

PEW PEW!

RED LASERS SHOOT FROM THE SLOTH'S EYES, INCINERATING THE
CD PLAYER!

The music stops. Smoke rises from the center console.

Logan and Hailey turn to the sloth in SLOW MOTION, shell
shocked, eyes wide like saucers.

SLOTH
Ahh-eee!

Goose peers back into the car.

GOOSE
What did I miss?

EXT. EVIL COMPOUND - AFTERNOON

The white van from last night is parked outside a mansion
surrounded by brick walls and lush forest.

Max attaches a new license plate to the van as Toby plays
a game on his phone.

MAX
Screwdriver.

Toby passes him a hammer from the tool box.

MAX (CONT'D)
Quit it with the games, Toby!
That's how mistakes are made.

Toby stashes his phone in a pocket.

TOBY

Like last night, I know. Sorry, bro.

MAX

Yes, like last night.

TOBY

Next time I'll make sure the back door is shut properly.

MAX

I would hope so... Wait, what?!

An ARMED GUARD approaches the van.

ARMED GUARD

Hans wants to see you. Now.

Max and Toby exchange worried looks.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - STUDY - MOMENTS LATER

The study features cherry paneled walls, a coffered ceiling and tropical plants.

HANS OFFA, 30's, wears a white sport coat with a bright red shirt underneath. He stares out the window.

TOBY

You wanted to see us, boss?

Hans turns around to face Max and Toby, who stand nervously before him. He's quite handsome for a bad guy.

HANS

You've done well, boys.

MAX

Thank you, boss.

TOBY

Thanks, boss.

Hans bends down and pets a baby llama as it CHOMPS a handful of grass.

HANS

There's just one teeny, tiny problem.

TOBY

What's that?

Hans runs a hand through his long, silky hair and cracks his neck. Creepy.

HANS
Where's the *Bradypus torquatus*?

Toby looks confused.

MAX
We loaded it into the van, but --

HANS
-- But what, Max? It grew wings,
and flew away?

Hans blindly feeds more grass to the llama, more than it
can chew.

TOBY
Oh no, they don't fly, boss. They
just hang from trees, mostly.

Max punches Toby in the shoulder.

TOBY (CONT'D)
Oww!

HANS
I want answers --

MAX
-- We musta just put it in the
wrong place. We'll go get it
right now.

HANS
See that you do.

The llama SPITS at Hans, covering his face in green
saliva. Max and Toby's eyes nearly pop out of their head
with fear.

HANS (CONT'D)
W-I-N-S-T-O-N!!!!

WINSTON ENGLEMIRE, 70's, black tuxedo, appears from
behind a leopard print curtain. He speaks with a proper
British accent.

WINSTON
Yes, sir.

HANS
Look at my face.

WINSTON
Right, sir.

Winston produces a handkerchief from his pocket and cleans Hans' face as if he were a child.

HANS

This llama is useless. It has no special talents. I want it gone.

Hans places the llama's leash into Max's hand.

TOBY

But it's just a baby --

HANS

(to Max and Toby)
Get rid of it! And get me that hairy pillow! Or you'll be the ones hanging from trees!

Max and Toby exit, pulling the llama along with them.

INT. LOGAN'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

A typical nine-year-old boy's bedroom: skateboards, model airplanes, and *several* posters for Adventure Boy.

Think DIEGO meets YOUNG INDIANA JONES.

Logan wears the flight jacket over his pajamas as he sits on his bed with the sloth.

LOGAN

How did you do that earlier? Were those lasers?

The sloth blinks.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

You're not really an alien, right?

The sloth reaches out for Logan. He scoops him up into his arms.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

I think I'll call you Lazer.

INT. MURPHY HOUSE - HALLWAY - NIGHT

Karen arrives at the door to Logan's bedroom.

She turns the knob. Locked. She KNOCKS.

KAREN
Honey? The door is locked.

INT. LOGAN'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Logan covers Lazer with the sheet. Looks like a pillow.

Logan opens the door.

LOGAN
Hi Mom.

KAREN
Catch any lizards today?

LOGAN
Nope.

KAREN
Did you have fun?

LOGAN
Yep.

KAREN
That's good.

Karen sits down on Logan's bed, inches away from the sloth.

KAREN (CONT'D)
Come. Sit.

Logan sits next to his mom. He scratches his forearm.
(he does this when he's nervous)

KAREN (CONT'D)
I want to talk to you about your
Dad.

LOGAN
I don't want to.

Karen pulls Logan's scratching hand off his arm.

KAREN
I know. I love you more than
anything in the world, and your
Dad did too.

Logan looks away.

KAREN (CONT'D)
Sweetie, Grandpa loved your Dad
too. And now you're all that
Grandpa has left of him.

Karen reaches out, turns Logan's face towards her.

KAREN (CONT'D)
It's okay to talk about your
feelings. Do you understand?

LOGAN
I guess so.

KAREN
Okay. That's all. Time for bed.

Karen tucks Logan into bed and kisses him on the forehead. She wipes away a tear as she leaves.

Logan pulls the sheet off of Lazer. He picks him up and holds him in his lap.

LOGAN
I bet your Mommy and Daddy are
really worried about you. Don't
worry, I'm going to protect you
until we find them. Even if you
are an alien.

Logan carries Lazer over to his closet, hangs him from the rack. Lazer latches on as if it were a tree branch.

LOGAN (CONT'D)
Goodnight Lazer.

LAZER
Ahh-Eee!

LOGAN
Shhhh...

Logan turns out the light and climbs into bed.

Lazer YAWNS. His eyes shut. So do Logan's.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - STUDY - DAY

Hans sits in an armchair by the window. He lifts a framed photograph from the shelf.

It's a behind the scenes picture of the original ADVENTURE BOY actor with ROSCOE, the chimpanzee.

WINSTON

You must miss being on set.

HANS

I warned you to *never* mention that!

Hans slams the picture to the floor, glass shatters.

WINSTON

My apologies, sir. It won't happen again.

HANS

Get me Albert on the phone.

WINSTON

Yes, sir.

EXT. SOUTH YAMHILL RIVER - DUSK

Max carefully traverses the cliff with Toby bringing up the rear.

TOBY

You sure this is the spot?

MAX

You got a better idea?

TOBY

No... Hey, I think I see --

Toby trips and tumbles down the cliff.

TOBY (CONT'D)

Woaaa!!!!

MAX

(cringes)
Watch out for that --

Toby SMASHES into the tree, crushing the cardboard box.

MAX (CONT'D)

-- tree.

TOBY

(dazed)
Daddy?

Toby falls sideways and passes out.

MAX

You idiot.

Max picks up the crumpled box. Empty.

INT. MURPHY HOUSE - LOGAN'S BATHROOM/BEDROOM - MORNING

A sleepy-eyed Logan stands at the toilet, takes a whiz.

Lazer wears pajamas and hangs from the shower curtain rod.

LOGAN

You sure you don't have to go?

LAZER

Ahh-eee!

LOGAN

Weirdo...

LATER

Logan splashes water in his face at the sink. Lazer sits on the counter and passes him his toothbrush.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Thanks!

Logan brushes his teeth.

Lazer tips over. Logan props him back up again.

BEDROOM

Lazer is in a cardboard box lined with blankets on the floor.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Okay, don't make a sound.

LAZER

Ahh-Eee!

LOGAN

Shhh! I mean it!

Logan pushes the box into the closet and closes the door.

LAZER (O.S.)

Ahh-Eee!

LOGAN

Shhh!

He jumps into bed and pulls up the covers.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Mom!

A few moments later, Karen appears at the door.

KAREN

Logan, get out of bed sweetie,
we've got to go.

LOGAN

Ughh, I feel sick.

KAREN

You don't look sick.

Karen feels his forehead.

LOGAN

It's dundee fever.

KAREN

You mean *dengue* fever, and we
don't have that here.

LOGAN

Mad dog disease?

Jake GRUNTS and lifts his head.

KAREN

Try again. Now come on. Get your
butt ready for school, we're
leaving in five.

Karen whips the blankets off of Logan and leaves.

A BRIGHT PINK LIGHT FLASHES BEHIND THE CLOSET DOORS!

Logan leaps out of bed and flings them open.

LAZER IS GONE.

LOGAN

Where'd you go?!

Logan turns around.

Lazer is sitting on the bed.

LOGAN (CONT'D)
How did you...? This is crazy!

KAREN (O.S.)
Logan! Let's go! Now!

Logan picks Lazer up and carries him back to the box in the closet.

LOGAN
I gotta go to school. You have to stay here while I'm gone.

Lazer blinks.

LAZER
Ahh-eee.

LOGAN
I know. Just *don't go anywhere!*

Logan shakes his head.

LOGAN (CONT'D)
And NO lasers!

INT. MURPHY HOUSE - HALLWAY - MORNING

Logan hangs a hand drawn DO NOT DISTURB sign on his doorknob as he leaves for school.

INT. CLASSROOM - MORNING

Logan sits at his desk, drawing a picture of Lazer in a notebook. He's flying through space and shooting lasers from his eyes at an asteroid.

The clock TICKS.

Logan looks out the window.

EXT. PLAYGROUND - LATER

Goose hangs upside down from the monkey bars.

GOOSE
Hey look guys, I'm a sloth!

Hailey and Logan laugh.

HAILEY

Did you know sloths move so slowly
that algae grows on their fur?
They use it as camouflage.

LOGAN

Are you sure *all* sloths are slow?

HAILEY

Oh yeah. It's so true.

GOOSE

What if he breaks out of your
room?

LOGAN

Lazer's not going anywhere.

HAILEY

That's such a cool name.

LOGAN

Yeah. It's spelled with a 'z'.

GOOSE

Why'd you call him --

Goose slips from the bars and lands bum first on the
mulch.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

-- Oof!

HAILEY

My mom says being a sloth is one
of the seven deadly sins.

LOGAN

Weird.

HAILEY

She's really into cross fit.

INT. LOGAN'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lazer reaches his long arms outside of the box.

It tips over.

The sloth slowly drags his pudgy body across the floor.

EXT. NEIGHBOR'S YARD - CONTINUOUS

Hailey's Mom ERICA, 30's, wears a tight tank top and yoga pants, as she performs Tai Chi stretches in the backyard.

Her movements are calm and deliberate.

INT. LOGAN'S BEDROOM - CONTINUOUS

Lazer moves like molasses as he crawls along the floor, matching the speed of Erica's Tai Chi outside the window.

Jake, who has been sleeping on his dog bed in the corner, lifts his head, noticing the sloth on the go.

Lazer moves at about one inch per hour.

Jake rests his head back down.

ZAP!

A thick beam of neon pink light shoots up from the sloth and --

LAZER DISAPPEARS!

Jake leaps to all fours, darts around the room sniffing.

The sloth is gone!

Jake BARKS at the air in confusion.

INT. GYMNASIUM - AFTERNOON

Logan, in his gym clothes, plays dodgeball.

He glances at the clock: 1:30 PM.

A ball hits him in the face!

INT. LIVING ROOM - AFTERNOON

ZAP!

The same beam of neon pink light shoots down from the ceiling onto the couch.

LAZER APPEARS between two couch cushions.

LAZER

Ahhh-eee!

A fluffy white Persian cat named JAGGER (*after Antonio Sabato Jr.'s character on General Hospital, not Mick Jagger*), licks his chest fur in front of the television.

The long white fur gets caught in Jagger's mouth. It looks like he's choking on his beard. He strains his head back as far as possible to free himself.

Lazer shoots a single green laser beam from his left eye onto the carpet. It doesn't burn this time.

Jagger sees the laser. He pounces! He's got it under his paws.

Lazer turns around --

-- the green laser darts onto the wall behind the couch.

The cat leaps onto the couch, climbs up onto the back, then SPLATS against the wall to catch the laser.

MEOWWWWWWWWW!

The cat falls behind the couch.

EXT. EVIL COMPOUND - SWIMMING POOL - DAY

Several otters float by, holding paws, as Hans swims by.

Hans climbs the ladder to meet Max and Toby. Max holds the flattened cardboard box.

Winston appears from behind a palm tree and hands Hans a towel.

HANS

You do it.

Winston pats Hans' back dry.

HANS (CONT'D)

(to Max)

That doesn't look like a sloth.

MAX

We're sorry, boss. He got away.

HANS

Literally the slowest animal on the planet Earth, and you expect me to believe that he *got away*?

TOBY

I know, right?

Hans sits on a beach chair next to ROSCOE, a large chimpanzee with salt and pepper hair. We saw him earlier in the photograph with the original Adventure Boy.

Roscoe inspects Hans' hair affectionately.

HANS

Listen up, you two. I've got something big in the works. I need that sloth here *yesterday*. Understand?

MAX

Yes, boss.

The chimp blows a RASPBERRY on Hans' face. He pushes Roscoe away, wipes his cheek with the towel.

HANS

Somebody must have found it. Find them! And take Roscoe. He's past his... *expiration date*.

WINSTON

But sir, it's Roscoe --

Hans stares ice at Winston.

WINSTON (CONT'D)

My apologies, sir.

Max and Toby each take Roscoe's hand and lead him to the house. Roscoe looks around, worried. Hans can't watch.

EXT. LOGAN'S HOUSE - LATER

Logan, Goose and Hailey pedal up to the front of Logan's house and drop their bikes. Logan leads the charge!

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

The kids stumble into the living room.

The couch cushions are up turned, cups and magazines litter the floor. It's a mess.

Jagger the cat sits frazzled in the armchair.

LOGAN

Oh no.

INT. LOGAN'S ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Logan rushes into the room to find the sloth has made it only four feet away from the tipped over box.

LOGAN

Phew! Man, you really are slow!

Hailey and Goose appear at the door seconds later.

GOOSE

There he is!

HAILEY

Check this out, you guys.

The kids gather around as Hailey flips to a page in her animal handbook. Logan picks up Lazer and holds him against his chest.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

The Brazilian Sloth. That looks just like Lazer!

A picture of a sloth in a tree that indeed does look like Lazer.

LOGAN

What else does it say?

Hailey turns the page. She continues.

HAILEY

(reading)

Sloths sleep ten hours a day and only come down from the trees once every seven days to defecate.

LOGAN

That means poop!

GOOSE

How long has it been since we found him?

LOGAN

Two days.

Goose sets his watch.

GOOSE

The countdown is on.

The kids laugh.

LOGAN

What does it say about lasers?

GOOSE

Why would it say anything about
lasers?

Logan and Hailey exchange looks. They lean in to whisper to each other.

LOGAN

Should we tell him?

HAILEY

I don't know if he can handle it.

Goose pokes his head between them and pulls them apart.

GOOSE

C'mon guys, I'm right here! Tell
me what?!

Logan pushes Goose to sit on the bed.

LOGAN

Don't freak out. But --

HAILEY

-- The sloth can shoot lasers from
its eyes!

Gooses's jaw drops. He leaps to his feet.

GOOSE

I told you! I told you it was an
alien, and you guys didn't believe
me! You never believe me!

Logan covers Gooses's mouth with his hand.

LOGAN

Shhhh! My Mom'll hear you!

HAILEY

We can't tell anybody about this.

Goose steels himself.

GOOSE

So what are we gonna do? We can't
hide an alien, guys, the
government --

LOGAN

-- he's *not* an alien!

GOOSE

Then what is he?

Logan sets Lazer down on the bed. He tips over. Hailey
sits next to him and props him back up.

LOGAN

I don't know what he is. But he's
just a kid like us. He's lost,
and he needs our help to find his
home. And we gotta protect him.

HAILEY

Yeah.

LOGAN

So are you in?

Goose fidgets.

HAILEY

Goose!

GOOSE

Alright, alright, I'm in!

Goose pats Lazer on the head. Lazer blinks.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

He is pretty cute.

Logan and Hailey smile.

INT. LIVING ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Karen steps into the house from the back door.

Surveys the destroyed living room.

KAREN
L-O-G-A-N-N-N-N-N-N!

INT. WHITE VAN - DRIVING - NIGHT

Max and Toby drive as Roscoe the chimp sits between them.

TOBY
Why is the boss so obsessed with animals?

MAX
He's trying to find the next big craze so he can land a TV deal.

TOBY
What does Hans know about TV?

Max hands Toby a tattered flyer wedged under the seat.

It's a poster for the Adventure Boy TV series.

TOBY (CONT'D)
Adventure Boy! I loved that show. The original though, I hate the kid that plays him now.

MAX
Hans was the original kid.

TOBY
NO WAY.

MAX
Way.

BEGIN MOVIE REEL FOOTAGE

As Max speaks, we see ancient footage from the mid 1990's playing in 4:3 aspect ratio on the screen.

A ten year old boy, dressed like a Young Indiana Jones, leaps between trees, swinging from giant vines.

MAX (V.O.)
He was a child star.

Young Hans drops from the vine onto a patch of grass, where a young Roscoe the chimp awaits. They high five!

YOUNG HANS
Now that's what I call one hairy adventure!

Young Hans chuckles. Roscoe HOOTS and GRUNTS.

DIRECTOR (O.S.)

Perfect! Cut!

The bell RINGS.

We pull back to reveal a jungle set in a film studio.

Crew members scatter. Hair and Make Up girls swarm Hans.

ALBERT FEDERGREEN, 50's, Jewish, thick frame black glasses, approaches Hans.

ALBERT

Great stuff, kid. Just great.

YOUNG HANS

Thanks, Mr. Federgreen!

ALBERT

Why don't you come see me in my trailer when you wrap?

YOUNG HANS

You got it, sir!

Albert wipes his brow.

ALBERT

Great.

The assistant director calls for another take. The crew springs into action.

MAX

But Hans was turning 11 years old, and that spells the end for a child actor. His voice was already changing.

Hans enters Albert's trailer.

ALBERT

Have a seat, Hans.

MAX (O.S.)

He wasn't cute anymore.

We don't hear the rest of the conversation, but it results in young Hans breaking down in tears.

MAX (O.S.) (CONT'D)

His career was over.

TOBY (V.O.)

Poor Hans! Then what happened?

Young Hans exits the trailer.

His parents shake their heads in disappointment. His mother cries as his father turns her away.

Winston puts an arm around Hans to comfort him.

END MOVIE REEL FOOTAGE

MAX

His parents abandoned him. They took what they could of his fortune and skipped town. Winston raised him ever since.

TOBY

Like Batman!

MAX

Yes. Like Batman, Toby.

Roscoe freaks out and grabs the steering wheel! Max swerves.

MAX (CONT'D)

Ahhh! Get him off me!

TOBY

Roscoe! No!

Toby pulls the chimp back. Max regains his composure.

MAX

Stupid monkey.

Toby covers the monkey's ears.

EXT. ROADSIDE FOREST - NIGHT

A shadowy figure stands in the forest, cloaked in black.

Her face, wrinkled and dirty.

It's Hans' mother, ADELE.

She winces as the van drives by.

EXT. JUNK YARD - NIGHT

The yard is full of old junk cars, refrigerators, washing machines and tires. Fog rolls along the cold ground as Max and Toby lead Roscoe inside.

YELLOW EYES watch from the dark nooks and crannies.

TOBY

Okay, Roscoe, don't be scared.
This is your new home now.

An owl HOOTS, startling Toby. He jumps.

Toby hugs the chimp.

MAX

Toby. C'mon.

Toby slowly releases his embrace.

Roscoe takes a few steps, looks around. He looks scared.

TOBY

Bye Roscoe. Bye.

Max drags Toby away, closing the fence gate behind them.

Roscoe stands alone.

INT. GOOSE'S HOUSE - ATTIC - DAY

The attic is a neatly stocked arsenal of UFO Tracking Equipment. White shelf units line the walls, each labeled describing its contents.

Logan and Hailey stand in awe of the neat gadgets.

GOOSE

Whatever we take we gotta put back
or I'm grounded.

LOGAN

Let's find some stuff to help us
figure out where Lazer came from.

Logan holds Lazer as he inspects the items on the table. He picks a large magnifying glass and looks through it at Goose.

LOGAN'S POV

Goose's face is blown up like a beach ball!

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Ahh!

BACK TO SCENE

Goose snatches the glass out of Logan's hand.

Hailey checks out a stack of unopened boxes for miniature UFO models.

GOOSE

Don't touch those. My Dad's gonna sell 'em some day and make a fortune.

HAILEY

He's not gonna build them?

GOOSE

Are you nuts?! These are mint.

Goose stuffs his backpack with a GO-PRO CAMERA, BINOCULARS, THERMOMETER, LASER POINTER, FLASHLIGHT, MOTION SENSOR and lastly, the EMF METER.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

We better take this too.

Goose points the EMF METER at Lazer. A spectrum of colors from green to red. A green light flashes.

HAILEY

What is that?

GOOSE

EMF meter.

(reciting)

It measures fluctuations in electromagnetic fields to detect the presence of extraterrestrial objects or communication.

The green light moves towards the red side of the spectrum. Logan swats it away before it can get a reading.

LOGAN

He's not an alien.

GOOSE

He shoots lasers from his eyes.

LOGAN

Yeah but there's gotta be some science reason for that.

GOOSE

You sound just like Scully.

HAILEY

Who?

GOOSE

You don't know who Scully is?!

LOGAN

Nobody knows who that is! C'mon guys.

Logan puts on his aviators.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

It's adventure time.

INT. GOOSE'S HOUSE - HALLWAY - MOMENTS LATER

The kids arrive at the bottom of the attic stairs.

Goose pushes the staircase back up into the ceiling, revealing --

ROSWELL STANDS BEFORE THEM.

ROSWELL

What do you think you're doing, turd?

Logan hides behind Goose, keeping Lazer ducked down in his backpack.

GOOSE

Uh, just showing my friends the stuff.

ROSWELL

You're not supposed to go up there without Mom or Dad. When they get back from New Mexico you are so dead.

GOOSE

(to himself)
You have no idea --

HAILEY

-- He was helping me with a science project!

Roswell narrows his eyes, pushes up his glasses.

ROSWELL

Patricia is coming over so get lost, dweebs.

GOOSE

We're going! We're going!

The kids book it down the hallway.

Roswell whips his comb out of his cape and slicks his hair back. He WHISTLES confidently as he flips the sign on his door marked ROSWELL'S ROOM.

The other side says DRAGON'S LOVE DEN.

EXT. JUNK YARD - DAY

Adele, wearing a black shawl, wheels a shopping cart full of tin cans into the center of the dusty junk yard.

Adele places a large plastic bin on the ground, dumps a slop like substance into it, then BANGS the side of her cart with the empty can.

CLANG CLANG CLANG!

ADELE

Lunch time, dearies.

A variety of wild and domestic animals poke their heads out from old cars and junk appliances.

The animals, all a little old, dirty and worn make their way to the trough. They eat together.

Adele is opening up another can when she notices Roscoe, peering out from behind a rusty bicycle.

ADELE (CONT'D)

Roscoe? Is that you?

Roscoe looks around, then cautiously waddles to join the others at the bin.

ADELE (CONT'D)

He cast you away, too, huh.

Adele hands Roscoe an apple. He snatches it, then runs back to the bicycle.

EXT. FOREST - CLEARING - DAY

The kids have returned to the spot they found Lazer.

Lazer hangs from a branch.

Logan pours a bit of water from a bottle onto a leaf and uses it to give Lazer a sip.

SLURP.

HAILEY

That's weird, the box is gone.

Hailey peers around the back of the tree.

LOGAN

Maybe someone just threw it in the garbage.

HAILEY

Who? Nobody comes out here.

GOOSE

We did.

Goose snaps on the NIGHT VISION GOGGLES.

GOOSE'S POV

Logan and Hailey appear as varying shades of bright green.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

Woaaaa....

Lazer looks like Slimer from Ghostbusters -- a round, green blob.

Suddenly, Lazer's eyes flash RED!

GOOSE (CONT'D)

Ahhh!

BACK TO SCENE

Goose whips off the goggles, breathes a sigh of relief.

He takes a few steps away from the sloth.

LOGAN

I don't know what to look for!

Logan slumps down against the tree.

SOMETHING SQUEAKS!

LOGAN (CONT'D)

What the?

Logan lifts his butt to find the yellow toy duck we saw on the walkway outside the zoo.

HAILEY

Lemme see that.

The kids gather around as they inspect the duck.

GOOSE

It's just a chew toy or something.

Lazer reaches out for the duck.

LAZER

Ahh-eee!

LOGAN

Is this yours?

Logan hands the duck to Lazer who hugs it close to his body. Hailey takes a look at the tag on the toy.

HAILEY

...Oregon Zoo!

LOGAN

He's from the Oregon Zoo? But how did he get here?

GOOSE

He must have escaped!

HAILEY

Think about it, brainiac. For a sloth to get from the Oregon Zoo to here would take, like, 127 years.

GOOSE

Oh, yeah. Solid point.

ZAP!

A BRIGHT BEAM OF NEON PINK LIGHT SHOOTS UP FROM THE TREE BRANCH WHERE LAZER WAS HANGING.

LAZER DISAPPEARS!

HAILEY

Whoa!

GOOSE

What just happened!?

ANOTHER BEAM OF PINK LIGHT --

LAZER APPEARS AT THE BASE OF THE TREE.

LOGAN

Oh yeah, did I forget to tell you guys about that?

GOOSE

Holy crackers, he's a time traveler!

A stream of urine sprays from Lazer against the tree.

LOGAN

When you gotta go, you gotta go?

Goose checks his watch.

GOOSE

Uh, guys? Speaking of going... We might want to give him some privacy...

HAILEY

Ewww....

The kids turn their back and scrunch their noses as --

FART.

LOGAN

Anybody bring TP?

The kids laugh.

EXT. GRAVEL ROAD - DAY

The white van is parked on a deserted gravel road surrounded by trees, facing the paved road.

The white van follows close behind.

HAILEY

Do you think the zoo knows he has special powers?

LOGAN

Who knows?!

Goose turns around and notices the van following ridiculously close behind.

GOOSE

Uh, guys?

Logan and Hailey turn around and see Max and Toby.

HAILEY

Who are those guys?

LOGAN

Just stick together. Follow me.

Logan swerves his bike off road down a dirt path. Goose and Hailey follow.

INT. VAN - CONTINUOUS

Max stops the van.

TOBY

What now?

MAX

We go around.

He starts the van up again and speeds off.

EXT. BLACKBERRY FIELD - DAY

The kids ride down a dirt path between two massive blackberry fields.

Logan stops and looks back, seeing no Max and Toby.

LOGAN

We lost 'em.

HAILEY

Good thinking.

Goose brings up the rear, panting.

GOOSE

Who were those guys?

LOGAN

Probably just some creeps.

GOOSE

Could be the Federal Government.

Lazer pokes his head out of Logan's bag. He removes the sloth and lets him wrap his arms around Logan's neck.

Lazer reaches out for a blackberry. Logan picks it for him and offers it.

Lazer sniffs it then swats it away.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

Maybe he wants a hot dog, or some ice cream.

HAILEY

They don't have ice cream in the wild.

GOOSE

He's from the zoo, not the wild. They've got everything there!

Logan nods, good point.

LOGAN

C'mon. Let's cut through Main Street. We'll find him some food then head to the zoo.

Logan plops Lazer back in the pack and they ride off, dust flying.

EXT. PANTHER CREEK - DAY

The kids cross a foot bridge over Panther Creek.

They push their bikes through some forested area.

EXT. FORD STREET - DAY

The kids pop out of the bushes onto Ford Street.

MUSIC and CHEERING can be heard in the distance.

HAILEY

What is that?

GOOSE

It's the festival!

LOGAN

What festival?

Just then the white van appears coming towards them down the road.

INT. VAN - DRIVING - CONTINUOUS

Max spots the kids.

MAX

Bingo.

TOBY

Bango.

Max speeds up.

EXT. FORD STREET - CONTINUOUS

The kids see the van.

LOGAN

Crackers!

GOOSE

Follow me!

Logan and Hailey look at each other. Do they have any choice? They pedal down Ford Street towards the sounds of the festival.

The van follows.

EXT. EVANS STREET - DAY

The kids arrive at the end of Evans Street, which is blocked off with barricades.

The street is bustling with crowds of people funneling towards the nearest cross street.

GOOSE

Come on, guys!

The van SCREECHES up and Max and Toby jump out. They run towards the kids.

MAX
C'mon kids. Just give us the sloth.

TOBY
We ain't gonna hurt ya.

LOGAN
Never!

PEW PEW!

Lazer shoots RED LASER BEAMS from both eyes! RED = BAD.

The lasers just miss Max's head and burn a hole into the side panel of the van.

MAX
What was that?!

TOBY
Woa.

Logan and Hailey follow Goose past the barricades and push their way through the crowd towards the nearest cross street.

MAX
Don't let them get away!

Max and Toby give chase.

EXT. UFO FESTIVAL - PARADE ROUTE - DAY

A huge banner hangs over the street.

'MCMENAMIN'S UFO FESTIVAL'

Loud music plays, the sidewalks full of people of all ages wearing costumes related to aliens, UFO's, and various space creatures.

A family of CONEHEADS. GREEN MEN on motorcycles. ROBOTS. SUPERMEN. SILVER FOIL CAPES. PURPLE WIGS.

A kid in a Storm-trooper costume walks towards them.

STORMTROOPER KID
Hey Goose.

GOOSE

Hey Brian.

A WEINER DOG wearing a UFO costume scuttles past.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

Over here!

Goose leads the kids behind a UFO LANDING FLOAT. It's a grassy field with a crashed flying saucer and several men in green alien costumes waving to the crowd from inside.

The kids walk their bikes along one side of the float as Max and Toby look for them on the other side.

MAX

Where are they? I don't see 'em!

Logan accidentally drops his bike, making him visible to the goons.

TOBY

There's one!

Logan swiftly picks up his bike.

HAILEY

Ride!

Goose and Logan look back and see Max and Toby shoving a group of KIDS WEARING FOIL CAPES to get closer to them.

They jump on their bikes and ride ahead on the parade route.

The kids weave their way through an orchestra of BLUE MEN ON STILTS, playing tubas and drums.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

Excuse me, coming through!

A woman wearing a purple wig and large, alien like sunglasses stops Toby.

WOMAN

I know what I saw! I know what I saw!

TOBY

What did you see?

Max grabs Toby.

MAX

Come on!

Goose leads the kids towards a CLEAR PLASTIC BIOHAZARD TUNNEL like the one in E.T.

GOOSE

This way!

They enter the tunnel.

INT. UFO FESTIVAL - BIOHAZARD TUNNEL - CONTINUOUS

People walk both ways down the tunnel which connects the parade route to an indoor stadium.

LOGAN

Where are we going?

GOOSE

Landing Party. It's on the other side of Main Street.

A barrage of strange people get in their faces.

STRANGE MAN

I want to believe!

HAILEY

So why don't you?

The strange man stops dead in his tracks.

STRANGE MAN

Good question.

EXT. UFO FESTIVAL - PARADE ROUTE - CONTINUOUS

Max and Toby stop in the middle of street. They look all around but can't see the kids.

MAX

Where did they go?

A car HONKS behind them, driven by GROOT from GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY.

TOBY

Hey look, it's Groot!

Max pulls Toby out of the way of the car. He notices the tunnel.

MAX

That way.

TOBY

I am Groot.

INT. UFO FESTIVAL - STADIUM - DAY

The kids exit the plastic tunnel into the large indoor stadium. It's full of vendor tents, live music, street performers, alien themed food, etc.

Goose stops at a tent selling masks.

GOOSE

Hey Billy, can I borrow a mask?

VENDOR

You bet, Goose!

He picks up a YODA MASK and places it on Lazer's head.

GOOSE

Perfect disguise!

The kids push through the crowds towards the exit at the other side of the stadium.

LOGAN

This place is crazy.

PHOTO BOOTH

The kids come upon a black tent with a banner that says 'ALIEN PET COSTUME CONTEST'. The vendor sees the sloth wearing the yoda mask and pulls Logan towards her.

VENDOR

Hey! You gotta enter your pet in the costume contest!

LOGAN

We gotta go --

VENDOR

-- It will only take two seconds!

Logan places Lazer on a black DIRECTORS CHAIR.

The vendor SNAPS a photo. The camera FLASHES.

VENDOR (CONT'D)

Here, free tickets to the concert tonight. We'll announce the winner then.

Goose takes the tickets.

GOOSE

Gee thanks!

VENDOR

What kind of dog is that, anyways?

The kids have already disappeared into the crowd.

INT. UFO FESTIVAL - STADIUM - CONTINUOUS

Max and Toby are walking around the stadium, searching for the kids. Toby spots them at the exits.

TOBY

There they are!

As Max and Toby run past the photo booth, we see the photo of Lazer up on a giant TV screen.

EXT. LANDING PARTY - DAY

An outdoor dance party. A band performs on a stage.

GOOSE

This way!

The kids push their bikes through the sea of dancing weirdos just as --

Max and Toby enter the landing party area.

A woman grabs Max and spins him around to dance.

CRAZY LADY

Welcome to earth, handsome!

Toby spots some alien themed donuts and heads over to get one. By the time Max escapes the woman, it's too late.

The kids are nowhere to be seen.

Toby chomps on a green donut.

EXT. MAIN STREET - DAY

The kids have escaped the festival and Hans' goons.

LOGAN

Nice work, Goose.

HAILEY

I think the coast is clear.

GOOSE

Thanks. Can we stop for space milkshakes? I'm kinda exhausted.

Lazer reaches for Hailey. She takes him.

LOGAN

You can carry him.

Hailey smiles.

HAILEY

Space milkshakes do sound pretty good.

INT. AREA 51 DINER - DAY

Logan, Hailey and Goose sit on bar stools inside this alien-themed novelty diner.

Lazer has his arms wrapped around Hailey's neck.

A kooky WAITRESS slides three SPACE MILKSHAKES onto the counter. They're vanilla ice cream, whipped cream and green syrup swirls with a tiny UFO attached to a long bright blue crazy straw.

The kids SLURP on their milkshakes.

LOGAN

Excuse me, but do you know how to get to the zoo?

WAITRESS

The zoo? Well that's over an hour drive. It's in Portland.

Off Logan's look.

CUT TO:

INT. HAILEY'S BEDROOM - DAY

Hailey's bedroom is decked out with various animal posters, stuffed animals, maps of the world, etc.

Lazer is propped up against a pillow next to a large teddy bear on Hailey's bed. He clings it tight.

LOGAN

I forgot the zoo was so far away.

HAILEY

We went there once in Mrs. Campbell's class. It was a pretty long bus ride.

GOOSE

I was sick that day.

Logan sits down at Hailey's desk and opens her laptop.

LOGAN

Let's see...

Goose plays with a THERMO CAMERA on the bed, points it at Lazer. The LCD screen glows bright orange.

Logan types PORTLAND ZOO into the search engine.

HAILEY

(corrects him)
Oregon Zoo.

He corrects it.

The sound of FOOTSTEPS outside of Hailey's door.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

Oh crackers, my mom! Quick, hide Lazer!

Logan snaps the laptop shut.

ZAP! NEON PINK LIGHT FLASHES. LAZER DISAPPEARS!

Goose shoves the tracking gadgets off the bed.

Hailey's mom Erica opens the door, still wearing her yoga pants.

ERICA

Hey kids! Who wants kale chips?

Erica is holding a wooden basket of dry, burnt kale chips.

HAILEY

Yummm...thanks Mom!

Hailey, Logan and Goose each take a chip. Goose inspects the chip closely then takes a bite.

Goose winces as the chip disintegrates into a pile of green ashes in his mouth.

GOOSE

Blech.

Erica notices, straightens her hair.

LOGAN

Thanks Mrs. Korson.

GOOSE

(eating)

Ya, thanks...

ERICA

You're welcome. What are you kids up to?

HAILEY

Stuff.

Goose turns around and wipes off his tongue with his shirt.

ERICA

Have fun with your stuff then.
I'll just leave these here for you
guys to munch on.

HAILEY

Thanks, Mom.

Erica places the basket on the desk and leaves. Hailey rushes to close the door behind her.

ZAP! Lazer reappears on the bed.

LOGAN

Nice one!

GOOSE

Holy moly.

Hailey holds out a kale chip for Lazer.

PEW!

A neon green laser knocks the chip out of Hailey's hand!

GOOSE (CONT'D)

I don't blame him.

Hailey consults her handbook.

HAILEY

(reads)

A sloth's main diet consists of
the rare hibiscus flower.

GOOSE

Where are we gonna get a *biscuit
flower*?

Logan's back on the laptop.

LOGAN

I wish we could drive. Maybe we
could get the money for an Uber?

Goose packs up his UFO tracking gadgets.

GOOSE

You guys figure out the flower
thing. I'll go see if I can get
Ros to give us a ride.

LOGAN

Good thinking.

Goose throws the loaded pack over his shoulder, then
hurls himself out the window. He lands in the bushes
with a THUD.

GOOSE (O.S.)

I'm okay!

Hailey notices her cactus plant on the desk.

HAILEY

I know where we can find that
flower.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - HANS' BEDROOM - DAY

Hans stands admiring a large animal habitat in his
bedroom. Long branches hang over a bed of soft grass and
moss. A skinny branch pokes out from the bars. It's
covered in those pink HIBISCUS FLOWERS.

Hans plucks a flower from the branch, closes his eyes and inhales its scent.

MAX

It was three kids. On bikes.

TOBY

We had a close encounter, boss!

Hans crushes the flower in his hand and throws it on the floor.

HANS

Kids?!

Hans turns to face Max and Toby.

MAX

You coulda warned us that the sloth shoots lasers from its eyes.

HANS

What are you talking about?

TOBY

It burned a hole clear through the van!

HANS

Are you sure about this?

MAX

It's true. Red lasers.

Hans strides to the other side of the room and reaches into the snake aquarium. He pulls out a large boa constrictor named SIGMUND. It wraps around his neck.

He saunters up to Toby. The snake HISSES in Toby's face.

HANS

Take Sigmund. His time is up.
And get me that sloth by tomorrow
or you're both fired.

Toby GULPS as Hans layers the snake around his shoulders.

TOBY

Was Sigmund on the show with you
too?

Hans clenches his jaw.

HANS

Get out of here. NOW!

MAX

You got it boss.

Toby trembles with fear as Max pulls him to the door.

Winston appears, seemingly out of nowhere, as per usual.

WINSTON

Mr. Federgreen is on the phone for
you, sir.

Hans smiles, grabs the phone.

HANS

Albert! Picture this. Handsome
single guy, takes in a foster kid
with his oddball pet...a baby
sloth *that shoots lasers from its
frickin' eyes!*

Hans smiles, but the smile quickly turns into a frown.

HANS (CONT'D)

What do you mean 'what else does
it do?'?!

CUT TO:

EXT. FORD STREET - DAY

Goose pedals his bike along the side of the country road.
He's wearing the backpack loaded with tracking gadgets.

EXT. SIDE STREET - CONTINUOUS

The white van is parked in the same spot as before.

TOBY

How are we gonna find 'em now?

MAX

Just wait here. They'll be back
to build forts or whatever kids
do.

Sigmund HISSES from the back of the van.

TOBY

Do we have to keep him with us?

MAX

We'll get rid of him later.

Sure enough, Goose rides past on his bicycle.

MAX (CONT'D)

Look!

TOBY

That's the bag they had the sloth
in. It looks full.

Max and Toby exchange looks.

EXT. FORD STREET - CONTINUOUS

Goose WHISTLES as he rides, never turning back to see the
white van following him closely down the road.

Very closely.

INT. GOOSE'S HOUSE - ATTIC - LATER

Goose carefully puts the UFO Tracking Gadgets back in
their appropriate places in the attic.

He places the EMF METER on a shelf, looks around, then
shoves it into his pocket.

GOOSE

(to himself)

Just in case...

ROSWELL (O.S.)

What are you doing, turd breath?

Goose spins around to see Roswell standing there.

GOOSE

Ros! Uh, nothing! Just looking.

ROSWELL

I'm telling Mom and Dad you
touched their stuff.

Roswell turns to leave.

GOOSE

No, wait! I...need a favor.

ROSWELL

Why would I help you?

Goose scratches his head. Good question.

GOOSE

I... got tickets to the Lunar Landing Party! You could take Patricia.

Roswell steps back into the attic.

ROSWELL

Patty's favorite band is playing there... What do you want in return?

GOOSE

We need a ride to the zoo. I know it's super far but --

ROSWELL

-- Let me see the tickets.

Goose shows Roswell the tickets.

GOOSE

Deal?

EXT. NURSERY - DAY

Hailey tucks Lazer into a baby stroller.

LOGAN

Why don't we just carry him?

HAILEY

This is cuter.

A female NURSERY WORKER, 20's, strolls over.

NURSERY WORKER

Hi! Can I help you with that?

The Nursery Worker gets a look at their 'baby'.

NURSERY WORKER (CONT'D)

Oh. My. God! Is that a sloth?

HAILEY

Uh, ya. We're kinda baby-sitting him right now.

NURSERY WORKER

Aren't you kids a little young to be... oh, he's so adorable!

Nursery Worker fans her face with her hand, attempts to keep her composure as she buckles Lazer in. He blinks.

LOGAN

Can you help us find the *hibiscus* flower?

NURSERY WORKER

Sure! Follow me.

Logan and Hailey push the stroller as they follow behind.

THE ATRIUM

They arrive at a collection of pink flowers, each with its own small pot.

NURSERY WORKER (CONT'D)

Here they are! Let me know if you kids need anything else.

The Nursery Worker snaps a quick selfie with Lazer, shakes his three toed hand 'goodbye' and walks off.

HAILEY

(whispers)

Did you bring any money?

LOGAN

No, I thought you'd have some!

Lazer reaches out, grabs the flower and eats it.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Uh, I think we should go to the zoo now.

HAILEY

That's so true.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - STUDY - DAY

Hans taps his fingers on the desk.

Albert, 20 years older, business suit, silver hair, same black frame glasses, sits across from him.

HANS

There's nothing like this on television right now.

ALBERT

I could list ten shows with the same premise. Dog with a Blog --

Hans slams his fist on the desk.

HANS

-- Forget about Dog with a Blog! It's a sloth that shoots lasers from its eyes.

ALBERT

It actually shoots lasers.

HANS

Yes!

ALBERT

I don't know. You're a tough sell, Hans. You haven't had one film credit since Adventure Boy.

HANS

So? Get me an acting coach.

ALBERT

It's not that simple. How's your mother, by the way?

Hans grinds his teeth.

HANS

Did I mention it's a sloth that shoots lasers from its eyes?

ALBERT

Alright. This I gotta see.

HANS

It's on the way here.

Albert gets up.

ALBERT

Stop by the lot next time you're in town.

Hans runs his fingers through his hair and cracks his neck.

HANS

Halt!

(regains composure)
Just, one moment, please.

Hans snaps his fingers. Albert sits back down, adjusts his tie.

Winston appears from behind the curtains.

HANS (CONT'D)
(whispers)
Get me the goons. Now.

WINSTON
As you wish, sir.

Hans smiles awkwardly at Albert.

EXT. CITY STREET - DAY

Roswell's car weaves in and out of traffic.

The white van struggles to keep up.

INT. ROSWELL'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Roswell notices the CD player is toast.

ROSWELL
What happened to my tunes?!

GOOSE
Uh, it was an accident, see --

Goose turns around and sees the white van behind them.

ROSWELL
That is definitely a TPK!

GOOSE
Uh, a TPK?

ROSWELL
Total Party Kill!

Roswell pulls the steering wheel to a hard right, changes lanes.

GOOSE
Ros, maybe you should slow --

ROSWELL
-- A TPK is worse than Metagaming.

GOOSE
I don't know what Metagaming is!

INT. LOGAN'S ROOM - DAY

Lazer hangs upside down on a tree branch that Logan has rigged above his bed. His eyes are closed.

Logan and Hailey sit on the bed.

LOGAN
I think he's sleeping.

HAILEY
He's had a big day.

LOGAN
I wish we didn't have to give him
back.

HAILEY
Me too.

Lazer lets out a little SNORE.

Logan and Hailey laugh.

LOGAN
That was pretty cute.

Hailey smiles at Logan. It's a sweet moment, when...

URINE FALLS FROM ABOVE AND LANDS ON LOGAN'S HEAD!

LOGAN (CONT'D)
Ugh!

Hailey covers her mouth and jumps off the bed.

HAILEY
Oh my gosh.

Logan is drenched in sloth pee.

HAILEY (CONT'D)
(laughing)
Did you know that sloths only go
pee once a week?

LOGAN
I thought they were supposed to
climb down from the tree first.

HAILEY
Everybody's different.

HONK HONK! It's coming from outside.

Logan and Hailey look out the window...

EXT. LOGAN'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Goose leans against the yellow car and waves.

GOOSE
Hey you guys! Look what I got!

INT. LOGAN'S ROOM - CONTINUOUS

Logan leans out the window.

LOGAN
Stay there! We're coming down!

INT. LIVING ROOM - MOMENTS LATER

Logan and Hailey creep down the stairs and tip toe down the hallway towards the front door.

KAREN
Where are you off to!?! Why are you all wet?!

Busted! Logan turns back.

LOGAN
Going to Goose's house.

Karen sniffs the air. She smells Logan's shirt.

KAREN
Phew, you stink!

LOGAN
Uh, I had an accident.

KAREN
On your head? Get your butt in the tub. I don't want you going over to Gooses's smelling like that.

LOGAN
But Mom --

KAREN
-- No butts!

Logan turns back to Hailey.

HAILEY
It's okay, I can do it.

LOGAN
(whispers)
Meet me at the dirt bowl in thirty
minutes.

HAILEY
(whispers)
You'll never make it!

Logan holds out his pinky finger. They lock pinkies.

It doesn't get more solid than that.

Hailey nods and leaves with the sloth pack.

INT. ROSWELL'S CAR - DAY

Hailey climbs into the back seat of the car and puts
Lazer on her lap.

Roswell sees the sloth in the rearview mirror.

ROSWELL
What is that thing?

HAILEY
It's a sloth.

ROSWELL
I thought you were adopting a
kitten.

Hailey looks at Goose.

GOOSE
Oh, yeah, did I say kitten? I
meant sloth. Yeah, that's what I
meant.

ROSWELL
You're rolling some serious
damage, worm.

GOOSE
Just take us to the zoo. Please?
I gave you the tickets.

Lazer YAWNS.

ROSWELL

Fine. Humanoid.

HAILEY

Wait! Logan is meeting us at the dirt bowl in thirty minutes.

GOOSE

What?! Why?

ROSWELL

The one at Panther Creek?

HAILEY

Yeah, you know it?

ROSWELL

We used to go for walks there with Mom and Dad all the time.

GOOSE

Aw man, I don't wanna go *there*...

Roswell smiles devilishly. They drive off.

INT. MURPHY HOUSE - KITCHEN - LATER

Karen eats spaghetti with Grandpa Murphy, 60's, AIR FORCE T-shirt, white hair and tanned arms.

Logan runs down the stairs, pulls a shirt over his head.

KAREN

Logan! Come eat supper with your Grandpa.

No escape this time. He joins them at the table.

LOGAN

Hi Grandpa.

GRANDPA MURPHY

Hi Logan! Staying out of trouble?

LOGAN

Yeah...

GRANDPA MURPHY

Well that's no fun, is it?

Logan smiles. He winds the spaghetti around his fork.

GRANDPA MURPHY (CONT'D)

How's school?

LOGAN

Fine.

KAREN

These days he's all about catching lizards with his friends.

Karen uses a spoon to swirl spaghetti around her fork, just like Logan.

GRANDPA MURPHY

You should go to the field by the hydro plant. Lots of lizards there.

LOGAN

That's where we go! But we didn't catch any last time.

GRANDPA MURPHY

Patience is a virtue.

Grandpa shovels a huge clump of spaghetti into his mouth.

SLURP.

LOGAN

Some kids are going to the dirt bowl tonight.

KAREN

Not you.

LOGAN

But Mom! I have to --

GRANDPA MURPHY

-- Neil loved the dirt bowl.

Silence.

GRANDPA MURPHY (CONT'D)

At least that's where we *thought* he was going.

(he chuckles)

Turns out he was just cutting through to the junk yard to sit in an old fighter jet.

LOGAN

There's a plane at the junk yard?!

GRANDPA MURPHY

Not a *plane* - a Grumman F8F
Bearcat. Neil used to sit in that
thing for hours, imagining he was
Top Gun.

LOGAN

What's a Top Gun?

Grandpa looks at Karen accusingly.

KAREN

We don't watch any movies with
planes in them.

LOGAN

She doesn't let me. Cuz of Dad.
But I watch them from the trees.

GRANDPA MURPHY

Top Gun was a famous pilot.

Logan glances at the clock. He scratches his arm.

LOGAN

Mom, can I please be excused? I'm
not hungry.

KAREN

You have to eat. Finish your
spaghetti and you can go.

Logan plows away at his spaghetti, devouring massive
forkfuls. No winding this time.

Karen and Grandpa Murphy watch with wide eyes, holding
their forks mid air.

Logan SLURPS up the last noodle.

LOGAN

All done!

Logan jumps off of his chair and gives Karen a spaghetti
sauce covered kiss. He runs to Grandpa Murphy and gives
him a big hug.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Bye Grandpa! Bye Mom!

Logan grabs his flight jacket off the chair and runs out.

Grandpa Murphy smiles. He laughs. Karen laughs.

KAREN

Just like him.

Grandpa Murphy reaches out and holds Karen's hand.

EXT. LOGAN'S HOUSE - ROAD - AFTERNOON

Logan hits the road on his bike - full speed!

EXT. PANTHER CREEK - DIRT BOWL - AFTERNOON

The yellow car is parked on a dirt road at the DIRT BOWL, a series of dirt bike jumps and trails surrounded by thick forest.

Roswell, Goose and Hailey lean against the car. Lazer is awake now, hung around Hailey's neck.

HAILEY

Just five more minutes. If he doesn't show up, then we can go.

ROSWELL

I'm not missing this concert. Patty will kill me. She's strong.

GOOSE

He'll be here. Logan wouldn't miss this.

HONK HONK!

A large CANADA GOOSE emerges from the woods!

GOOSE (CONT'D)

Nooo!

Goose screams and runs for the dirt hills, slipping and sliding as the Canada Goose flaps its wings and chases him around.

Roswell and Hailey laugh hysterically.

ROSWELL

They sense his fear. When he was five, we were here with our parents, using our metal detectors. This goose comes outta nowhere and bites him right on the nose.

HAILEY

So that's how he got his nickname?

ROSWELL

I gave it to him. He liked it better than his real name.

Hailey looks at Roswell, expectantly.

ROSWELL (CONT'D)

Marvin.

HAILEY

No way.

ROSWELL

(laughs)

Marvin the Martian.

Goose rolls down a hill, still being chased by the Canada Goose.

Logan pedals his bike up to the car and skids to a stop, sending dirt flying onto the hood.

ROSWELL (CONT'D)

Watch it!

LOGAN

Hey guys. Sorry I'm late.

Logan pats Lazer on the head. Lazer reaches out and transfers to Logan.

HAILEY

I think he missed you.

LOGAN

Hey buddy!

Goose runs over and dives into the backseat of the car. The Canada Goose gives up and waddles off.

The kids laugh.

ROSWELL

Time to jet, geeks.

INT. ROSWELL'S CAR - MOMENTS LATER

The kids are all buckled in. Roswell turns the key. It CRANKS but won't turn over.

ROSWELL
 Nooo! Don't do this to me, Lady
 Dryadson.

CRAAAAANK! Nothing.

Roswell slumps in his seat, defeated.

ROSWELL (CONT'D)
 It's dead.

HAILEY
 What are we gonna do?

GOOSE
 Maybe we should call our parents.

ROSWELL
 With what? You don't have cell
 phones.
 (checks his cell)
 And I'm conserving my minutes for
 Patty.

Roswell shakes the steering wheel in frustration.

LOGAN
 Let's walk. The zoo is just
 through those trees, past the junk
 yard.

GOOSE
 Are you crazy? That place is
 haunted.

HAILEY
 That's just an urban legend.

ROSWELL
 No, it's true.
 (creepy voice)
 A long, long time ago, in the
nineties, an old lady was
 collecting cans when some kids
 pushed a washing machine off of a
 junk pile --

GOOSE
 -- And it crushed her! Splat!

HAILEY
 No way.

ROSWELL

Critical Damage. Now her ghost
haunts the junk yard, stealing the
souls of any little kids that walk
through.

LOGAN

That story's not true. My Dad
used to go there all the time.

LAZER

Ahh-ee!

ROSWELL

Yeah but was he a *kid*? She only
steals the souls of children.

Logan scratches his forearm.

HAILEY

Let's do it.

ROSWELL

No way!

GOOSE

No way!

EXT. FOREST - DAY

Logan, Goose and Hailey trudge through the forest.

GOOSE

G-guys, can we go back to the car?
Maybe Ros got it working!

LOGAN

C'mon, I see the fence!

HAILEY

Be brave, Goose.

GOOSE

B-brave. Right.

Goose trembles. He looks above his head. An owl HOOTS.

GOOSE (CONT'D)

Ahhh!

Goose runs ahead. The kids follow.

EXT. JUNK YARD - FENCE - MOMENTS LATER

Logan holds up a hunk of chain link fence and Hailey and Goose crawl through.

Logan passes Lazer to Hailey through the hole, then climbs through himself.

EXT. JUNK YARD - DUSK

The kids huddle together as they walk cautiously through the quiet junk yard.

Eyes peer from the dark nooks and crannies.

A light breeze rustles an old wind chime made of wooden spoons.

Goose takes out his EMF Meter, points it at various objects around him. The light is GREEN - no aliens.

HAILEY

Which way do we go?

GOOSE

Holy catfish! Look at that!

Past the washers and old cars, surrounded by tall grass and stacks of wood pallets, stands the GRUMMAN F8F BEARCAT FIGHTER JET.

Logan stands in awe.

HAILEY

Awesome!

Hailey and Goose run ahead to check it out.

GOOSE

This is almost as cool as the Spruce Goose.

Goose spins the front propeller. It SQUEALS.

Logan clambers up onto the pallets and drops down into the cockpit.

INT. GUMMAN F8F BEARCAT - COCKPIT - CONTINUOUS

The cockpit is loaded with neat switches and gauges. The glass panels are foggy from condensation and grass grows up through the rusted holes in the floor.

Logan puts his hands on the throttle and closes his eyes.
When he opens them again, they've welled up with tears.

HAILEY (O.S.)
Was your dad a good pilot?

Hailey has climbed up to the cockpit. She passes Lazer to Logan. He hugs him tight.

LOGAN
He was the best!

Logan wipes the tears from his face.

HAILEY
How come you never talk about him?

LOGAN
I dunno. Cause he's not here anymore?

HAILEY
My mom talks about my Grandma all the time. She made the best mac and cheese. Did you know they call it Kraft Dinner in Canada?

Logan laughs.

LOGAN
That's so weird.

HAILEY
It's so true.

LOGAN
My dad put hot dogs in it. But my mom only likes it plain.

HAILEY
I like it with ketchup. Lots and lots of ketchup.

GOOSE (O.S.)
Hey guys, I think I see the zoo!

Logan takes another PUFF from his inhaler.

EXT. JUNK YARD - MOMENTS LATER

Beyond the trees, the roof of a tall building pokes through the foliage.

LOGAN

That's gotta be it. C'mon guys,
lets go!

The kids walk past an abandoned school bus, its tires
sunk into the ground.

Goose looks up at the windows of the bus when --

ADELE'S HEAD POPS UP AND SCREAMS!

GOOSE

Ahhhhh!!!! Ghost!!!!

Goose falls onto the ground. He points the EMF meter at
the school bus - it flashes RED!

The old woman bangs on the window as she moves towards
the front of the bus. She screams something inaudible.

PEW PEW!

RED LASERS SHOOT FROM THE SLOTH'S EYES AT THE BUS WINDOW!

Adele ducks just in time to avoid being vaporized.

LOGAN

Go go go!

The kids run like the wind - terrified - towards the
trees.

Roscoe the chimpanzee stands on a tall pile of cars and
beats his chest. He points towards the fence, away from
the trees.

GOOSE

It's a monkey! Why is there a
monkey here?!

HAILEY

Did you know that chimpanzees are
omnivores? That means they eat
both plants and animals!

Adele exits the bus now and screams at the children.

ADELE

Don't go that way!

The kids disappear into the trees, ignoring her warning.

EXT. JUNK YARD - GATE - CONTINUOUS

Bright headlights flash on Adele, highlighting her hunched figure amidst the darkness.

She turns to face the light, bares her teeth like a wild animal, then dashes away into the shadows.

Max and Toby jump out of the van and open the gate.

TOBY

Why do we always have to come here at night? It's creepy.

MAX

Just get rid of the snake and let's split. Hans wants us back ASAP.

Toby reaches the center of the yard and puts the pillow case down on the ground.

Sigmund slithers out and disappears into the grass.

TOBY

Good riddance.

A tin can hits Toby in the head! DING!

TOBY (CONT'D)

Ow!

Toby rubs his head as he looks up to see Roscoe standing on top of the school bus, illuminated by the full moon.

TOBY (CONT'D)

Roscoe! Why'd you do that?

MAX

I'm getting outta here!

Max turns back to the gate where a dalmation and chihuahua BARK and GROWL, blocking them from returning to the van. Max backs up, bumps into Toby.

A skunk saunters up and SPRAYS THEM!

TOBY

Ahhh!

Max and Toby spin around, coming face to face with Adele.

She throws her hands in the air and lets out a BLOOD CURDLING SCREAM.

Max and Toby sprint into the woods!

EXT. FOREST - CONTINUOUS

The kids run through the forest.

GOOSE

Now would be a really good time to
do that teleporting trick!

Lazer bobs up and down as Logan runs.

EXT. EVIL COMPOUND - NIGHT

Logan, Hailey and Goose trudge up a hill and arrive at
the gates to --

HANS' EVIL COMPOUND!

GOOSE

This doesn't look like the zoo,
you guys.

LOGAN

It's gotta be... Maybe it's just
the back entrance?

HAILEY

Maybe this is where the owners
live.

The kids walk through the gate and step up to the main
entrance.

Lazer SQUEALS in the backpack.

HAILEY (CONT'D)

It's okay. We're gonna get you
back to your family.

Hailey presses the doorbell.

DING DONG.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - FOYER - CONTINUOUS

Winston opens the doors.

WINSTON

Good evening.

LOGAN

Hi, uh, we're looking for the zoo?

WINSTON

I'm afraid you've come to the wrong place.

HANS (O.S.)

Who is it, Winston?

Hans appears as Max and Toby stumble up the steps behind the kids.

MAX

We found 'em, boss.

Max and Toby push the kids inside and grab them by their collars.

HANS

Yes I can see that, you buffoons.
What took you so long?

HAILEY

Hey, don't touch me!

GOOSE

Stop it.

LOGAN

Leave her alone!

Hans grabs the sloth pack from Hailey.

HANS

Finally.

Logan struggles to free himself from Max's grip.

Hans passes the sloth to Winston.

HANS (CONT'D)

Take it to the habitat.

WINSTON

Yes, sir.

Winston walks off with Lazer.

HAILEY

No!

LOGAN

Lazer!

TOBY

What should we do with the kids?

HANS

Throw them in the new enclosure.
I'll take care of them later.

Max and Toby drag the kids by their shirts to the hallway.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - OTTER ENCLOSURE - NIGHT

Two otters dive underwater, chasing each other in circles.

The walls have fake scenery painted on them. Blue skies and green trees.

A door opens and Max shoves the three kids inside.

GOOSE

Hey!

MAX

Have fun, twerps.

He closes the door behind him. Logan tries to open it but it's locked.

LOGAN

You can't do this!

Hailey BANGS on the door.

HAILEY

Let us out of here!

Goose notices the otters.

GOOSE

Woa.

An otter pops up out of the water then dives back below.

Hailey sits on the rock floor.

HAILEY

We should have just called the
SPCA.

LOGAN

It's not our fault.

GOOSE

My parents are gonna kill me.

HAILEY

We have to get out of here.

Logan sits next to Hailey. He looks up.

The walls don't reach the ceiling. Florescent lights are attached to several rafters.

Logan removes his flight jacket, stands on a rock and flings his jacket up towards the rafter.

GOOSE

What are you doing?

LOGAN

If I can just, reach it...

Logan swings the jacket again. It hooks around the rafter, the two sleeves hanging down, out of reach.

HAILEY

Great. Now you lost your jacket.

Logan slumps down, leans against a fake tree.

An otter pops up again, walking on land. It scurries over to the other side of the enclosure, pushes a button, and a small door opens.

LOGAN

Woa!

The kids follow the otter, crawling out the small door.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - STUDY - NIGHT

Lazer sits in an armchair, clutching a cushion.

ALBERT

Is that all it does?

HANS

No that's not all it does! Watch this.

Hans grabs the sloths arms and tries to make it look like it's dancing.

Lazer just hangs like a limp noodle.

ALBERT

This would be an animal trainer's nightmare.

HANS

Are you kidding? He would be a breeze to work with. No barking. No peeing --

ALBERT

-- No looks to camera! No A to B's! No movement whatsoever! Kids shows are fast paced, visually stimulating --

Lazer blinks.

HANS

The lasers! Very visual!

Han nudges the sloth nervously.

HANS (CONT'D)

(to Lazer)

Come on. Do your thing.

Lazer tips over on his side.

ALBERT

I'm sorry, Hans. Just face it. Your days of television are over.

Albert shakes his head, exits the room.

PEW PEW!

Red lasers fire just past Hans and knock a photograph off of his desk.

HANS

You'll pay for this.

Hans runs his hand through his hair, cracks his neck.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - OTTER ENCLOSURE - CONTINUOUS

The kids follow the otter as it crawls through a tunnel of hay and foam kelp.

The otter leads them to a nest area with walls low enough they can climb over.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - HANS' BEDROOM - NIGHT

Hans lays in his bed, facing the wall. Tears stream down his cheeks as he cries, clutching the photograph of him on the Adventure Boy set with Roscoe the Chimpanzee.

HANS

I'm sorry, Roscoe. I didn't mean it!

Hans blows his nose.

The kids sneak in.

HAILEY

(whispers)
Is he sleeping?

Hans SOBS loudly!

GOOSE

(whispers)
He's crying!

LOGAN

Shhh!

Logan points to the sloth habitat. They tip toe over.

Lazer hangs from a branch. He eats a hibiscus flower.

Logan carefully tries to open the door. It's locked.

LOGAN (CONT'D)

Lazer. It's time to go home. Do you want to go home?

Lazer blinks.

GOOSE

He doesn't understand you.

Hailey nudges Logan.

HAILEY

Talk to him.

Logan steels himself.

LOGAN

I know you're scared. You feel like you're all alone. But we're here for you. Like a family. And family sticks together.

Hans whimpers in the background.

HAILEY

Logan.

Logan turns away from the sloth cage in defeat.

ZAP!

PINK LIGHT FLASHES IN THE CAGE.

LAZER DISAPPEARS FROM THE CAGE AND REAPPEARS WITH HIS ARMS AROUND LOGAN'S NECK.

LOGAN

You did it!

Hans stirs. He rolls over.

GOOSE

Let's get out of here!

Hans sees the kids as they run for the door --

HANS

You!

Hans jolts up, wipes the tears and snot from his face.

HANS (CONT'D)

GET THEM!!!

EXT. EVIL COMPOUND - NIGHT

The kids run towards the gate, being chased by Max and Toby.

Roswell pulls up to the gate in the car.

GOOSE

How did you find us?

ROSWELL

I used a location spell.

GOOSE

Whaaat?! Those really work?

ROSWELL

No, you idiot.

Roswell holds up the tracking device controller.

ROSWELL (CONT'D)
Tracking device. Isn't that why
you're using it?

GOOSE
And here I was almost impressed.

PEW PEW!

Lazer takes out the van's front tires with his laser
eyes.

LOGAN
Nice shot, Lazer!

The kids pile into the car.

INT. ROSWELL'S CAR - CONTINUOUS

Roswell looks around at the kids.

ROSWELL
Seat belts?

They buckle in. Logan has Lazer on his lap.

ROSWELL (CONT'D)
That thing better not use its
lasers in here again.

Logan puts his aviator glasses on Lazer's face.

LOGAN
No problem.

Roswell puts the car into gear and speeds off.

EXT. OREGON ZOO - NIGHT

A cameraman loads some gear into the back of a news van.

The REPORTER and ZOOKEEPER are chatting at the entrance
to the zoo.

Roswell's car pulls up and the kids jump out!

HAILEY
Hey! We found him!

The zookeeper and reporter rush over.

REPORTER

Larry, get the camera!

Logan passes Lazer to the Zookeeper.

ZOOKEEPER

Where did you find her?

The cameraman points the camera at Logan.

LOGAN

Uh, well we found *him* at the field by the power plant, but then these guys chased us --

GOOSE

-- And we ended up at this super cool evil lair, and we saw monkeys, and otters --

HAILEY

-- And this bad dude name Hans, and he steals all the baby animals and cries in his sleep!

REPORTER

Can you tell us more about this Hans? What did he look like? What was he planning on doing with the sloth?

INT. LOGAN'S HOUSE - CONTINUOUS

Karen and Grandpa Murphy eat ice cream at the kitchen counter.

Karen sees Logan on the TV.

LOGAN

(on TV)
He's old, and mean!

GOOSE

(on TV)
And he cries like a girl!

Karen drops her spoon.

EXT. GOOSE'S PARENT'S RV - CONTINUOUS

Goose's parents FRED and GRETA unload baggage from the RV into their driveway.

INT. GOOSE'S PARENT'S RV - CONTINUOUS

Fred and Greta grabs more bags when they see their sons on TV in the back of the RV.

GRETA

Is that Marvin?

FRED

Ros?

INT. GYM - CONTINUOUS

Hailey's mom Erica runs on a treadmill at the gym.

HAILEY

(on TV)

We named him Lazer.

ZOOKEEPER

He's actually a she, and her name is Velcro.

HAILEY

I knew it!

The kids laugh.

Erica sees Hailey on the TV's and falls off the treadmill!

EXT. OREGON ZOO - NIGHT

The cameras are off now.

Logan pets Lazer on his head.

LOGAN

Bye Lazer. I love you, buddy.

Logan fights back tears. Hailey and Goose join in.

HAILEY

Bye Lazer.

GOOSE

Have fun back on your home planet.

Hailey shoves Goose playfully.

LOGAN

Oh, and you might want to get his eyes checked.

The zookeeper looks around, makes sure no one is listening.

ZOOKEEPER

He did the laser thing?

LOGAN

Yeah! He teleports too.

ZOOKEEPER

Probably best if this doesn't get out. Our little secret?

LOGAN

Sure!

They high five.

ZOOKEEPER

Thanks again.

The zookeeper takes Lazer away into the zoo.

POLICE OFFICER

Can I ask you kids a few questions?

LOGAN

Yeah!

The POLICE OFFICER writes in a note pad, taking statements from the kids, as three vehicles pull up and the frantic parents jump out.

Erica runs to Hailey, Goose's parents run over to Goose and Roswell. Karen and Grandpa Murphy run over to Logan.

KAREN

What are you doing here?!

LOGAN

We saved the sloth, Mom!

KAREN

Where's your jacket?

LOGAN

It's hanging out with some otters.

Karen bends down and hugs Logan tight.

GRANDPA MURPHY
Are you okay, champ?

LOGAN
Yeah. Hey, I was thinking maybe
we could play catch tomorrow?

GRANDPA MURPHY
You got it!

LOGAN
Maybe Mom can make macaroni and
cheese? With hot dogs in it?

Karen smiles.

KAREN
I think I can manage that.

PATRICIA, 18, wearing a cool leather jacket and ripped
jeans, drives up on a scooter.

ROSWELL
I got the tickets, baby!

Roswell shows Patty tickets to the Landing Party concert.
Patty hugs Roswell and gives him a big kiss on the cheek.

FRED
You know it's a *free* concert, Ros.

GRETA
We're all going!

Roswell looks at Goose. His face goes red.

GOOSE
Oh yeah. I forgot about that!

HONK!

The Canada Goose emerges from the woods.

GOOSE (CONT'D)
No no no no no!

Goose runs circles around the RV as the Canada Goose
chases him.

ROSWELL
Karma.

Everyone laughs.

EXT. EVIL COMPOUND - MOMENTS LATER

Max and Toby frantically try replace the van's tires.

INT. EVIL COMPOUND - STUDY - CONTINUOUS

Hans admires himself in a full length mirror.

He's wearing the Adventure Boy wardrobe from when he was ten years old. Nothing fits and he looks ridiculous.

HANS

Just one more adventure.

He cracks his neck.

EXT. EVIL COMPOUND - CONTINUOUS

A police cruiser screeches up to the gate. The police officer hops out and holds a gun on Max and Toby.

POLICE OFFICER

FREEZE! HANDS UP!

They turn around, hands raised.

EXT. FOREST - NIGHT

Adele watches from the trees.

ADELE'S POV

Hans runs out the front door of the compound and climbs up a tree! The police officer chases him, pulls him down and throw on the cuffs.

POLICE OFFICER

Show's over, Hans.

HANS

Now that was a hairy adventure!
Wasn't it Roscoe?!

He's delusional.

Hans is pushed into the cop car where Max and Toby sit.

BACK TO SCENE

Adele removes a worn photograph from her jacket. It's a picture of her with Hans on set, smiling, happy.

A single tear falls down her cheek.

She disappears back into the night.

INT. OREGON ZOO - SLOTH HABITAT - LATER

Lazer hangs from a tree branch, eyes closed.

Logan, Hailey and Goose watch from beyond the glass.
They're wearing official ZOO HELPER t-shirts.

ZOOKEEPER

Velcro is doing great, thanks to
you kids.

LOGAN

Velcro is a pretty cool name.

Hailey and Goose nod in agreement.

ZOOKEEPER

Did you know that sloths can live
up to thirty years in captivity?

HAILEY

That's so true.

LOGAN

Oh, I almost forgot. This belongs
with him...I mean her!

Logan hands the zookeeper the stuffed duck toy.

ZOOKEEPER

Mr. Ducky! This was Velcro's
comfort toy. Thank you.

Logan, Hailey and Goose watch as the Zookeeper enters the
enclosure and hands the duck to Velcro.

Velcro opens her eyes, reaches out with her long, furry
arm and hugs the duck close.

The kids smile.

EXT. UFO FESTIVAL - LANDING PARTY CONCERT - NIGHT

The SPACE PATROL rock group, a band of alien-themed
musicians, plays a rockin' tune on the Landing Party
stage.

A laser light show beams pink, green and red lights across the crowd and against the stage.

A screen behind them displays images of pets wearing alien costumes from the pet photo contest.

A big picture of Lazer wearing the yoda mask pops up.

ALIEN PET COSTUME WINNER - LAZER THE DOG!

LOGAN

Look guys!

The kids smile and laugh. They dance around.

Roswell dances with Patty. She bends him over and gives him a passionate kiss on the lips.

Fireworks burst against the stars.

On a rock below, a CHAMELEON'S skin shifts colors to match them.

FADE OUT