SOLAR OPPOSITES HULU PILOT

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COLD OPEN:

EXT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - BACK YARD - DAY

KORVO (a grouchy alien who always wears ceremonial robes) is trying to weld a piece of metal to the side of a van-shaped EARTH DRILL. He can't get a piece to fit onto the chassis.

KORVO

Damnit it, come on...

A woman comes out of her house next door, carrying her bag for work. This is DEBBIE, she's super into Korvo. She tips her shades and checks him out.

DEBBIE

Mmmm, build that Earth drill, Korvo. Work those blue arms.

KORVO

Good morning, Debbie.

TERRY (a fun-loving alien who always wears cargo shorts and T-shirts) comes out the back door. THE PUPA (a slug-like alien holding a teddy bear) is in a baby carrier on his chest. Terry is also drinking a huge Big Gulp and has a generally more relaxed swagger, while Korvo is stiff and grouchy.

TERRY

Yo, the replicants missed the bus. Can you take them?

The replicants are with him - kid versions of the adult aliens - YUMYULACK (a boy - cold-hearted strategist) wears a little bounty hunter outfit. JESSE (a girl - eternal optimist) wears a dress and a bow.

YUMYULACK

We didn't miss it, they purposefully skipped our house.

TERRY

I'm sure it was an accident.

YUMYULACK

The bus driver hates us because I tried to harvest one small, tiny, little sample of her eye.

JESSE

Can we please hurry? I don't wanna miss homeroom!

YUMYULACK

She has two of them, I didn't think it would be a problem.

JESSE

If I miss first period I won't get any hot goss. We gotta go!

TERRY

Korv?

KORVO

No. I am busy with the mission.

TERRY

Aw, come on - you can't cry "mission business" whenever you don't want to help out.

Gesturing at the earth drill.

KORVO

You should be helping me construct this earth drill.

TERRY

I have mission business too. I have to take the Pupa to the dog park, and we don't want to miss the labradoodles.

Korvo points angrily at a space ship sticking out of the top of the house.

KORVO

Is the dog park more important than mining nickel alloy so we can repair our space cruiser?

TERRY

I mean, the 'doodles are only there 'til ten, so yeah, kinda.

KORVO

(getting pissed)

Sometimes it feels like I'm the only Shlorpion who actually wants to escape this garbage planet.

TERRY

You're the one who chose to land here.

(pissy)

My scans didn't indicate it was a human-infested crap hole without a single redeeming value.

Beat.

JESSE

You like fries.

KORVO

(losing it)

WE HAVE BEEN STRANDED FOR A YEAR HOW IS THAT NOT A PROBLEM FOR YOU?

Korvo gets into the earth driller and slams the door. Lasers shoot from the drill and melt the ground, the whole thing goes slipping down into the earth.

INT. EARTH DRILLER - CONTINUOUS

The driller shakes as it descends.

High school science class style: we track Korvo's progress - he's drilling down past the mantle heading towards the core. This should mark some passage of time too.

EXT. LONDON - NIGHT

Korvo is causing earthquakes. The whole city is shaking, Big Ben collapses.

INT. EARTH DRILLER - CONTINUOUS

Korvo is humming and tapping on the steering wheel. His dashboard indicates that he's at the core, an intimidating spinning ball of liquid metal. He manipulates a joystick that controls an arm outside of the drill, swiping at the core with a little scoop.

KORVO

(like playing the claw

game)

Come on...

An internal alarm starts blaring.

KORVO (CONT'D)

No no no no no-

One of the drill's walls busts in, the drill starts to fill with molten metal which MELTS OFF KORVO'S LEGS. He screams and manages to slap a button on the control panel and disappears in a Star Trek style transporter beam just before the drill collapses.

EXT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - BACK YARD - DAY

Korvo appears in the back yard, legs burned away, screaming and flailing. The Pupa and some Labradoodles come rushing into the yard and start licking him, Terry follows.

TERRY

We're having a playdate!

OPENING CREDITS

ESTABLISHING SHOT: PLANET SHLORP. A serene and pastel alien world of gorgeous architecture and futuristic pleasantness.

NARRATOR

Planet Shlorp was a perfect utopia.

SPACE: an ASTEROID spins towards the planet.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Until the asteroid hit.

ON THE PLANET: Our family climbs into an escape ship.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

One hundred adults and their replicants were issued a Pupa and escaped into space, searching for a new home.

SPACE: Our family's ship flies towards camera, planet Shlorp explodes in the background.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Against all odds, one found Earth.

EARTH: The alien ship has crashed into the roof of a move-in ready suburban home (seen in the cold open). A happy realtor slaps a SOLD sticker over the FOR SALE sign.

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

Look, they're an alien family, but it's not like Alf. They're trying to figure it out. They're relatable. Cut them some slack. What do you want from me?

(MORE)

NARRATOR (CONT'D)

I'm the narrator. They didn't tell
me I was going to have to
improvise. I say something
different here every episode. It's
a fun joke for repeat viewers, like
Bart writing on the chalkboard. And
I'm a different surprise guest
voice every episode too!

TITLE CARD: SOLAR OPPOSITES

ACT ONE

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Korvo is sitting on the couch, an alien binder on his lap, his leg stumps are up on the coffee table and have grown LITTLE FEET.

Terry plops down beside him with a bag of Doritos (the Pupa is in the bag, eating chips.)

TERRY

Aw, what cute little feet - they're really growing in.

KORVO

Do not look at them.

TERRY

I have the whole day planned out, we're going to have so much fun. First, we can play Zelda, then we're going to dress up for a brunch party-

KORVO

My plan is to sit in dim light, spray nutrients on my stumps and study repair manuals.

He spritzes his feet with a spray bottle.

TERRY

C'mon, I know Earth is a little more inhabited-with-sentient-life than you expected, but it can still be fun.

KORVO

Your theory lacks evidence.

An ad for a Gilligan's Island rerun flashes on tv.

TERRY

The humans trapped on Gilligan's Island still managed to live full, hilarious lives. It's all in the historical record: you should try to watch more tv, educate yourself.

I will never like it here. Stop trying to cheer me up, I just want to grow my feet in peace.

CUE:

The opening sequence to a Henson style show, about a giant puppet: FUNBUCKET TADSTOCKINGS. Funbucket is a furry, bateared imaginary friend. He and a little boy solve small mysteries (stolen wristwatches, missing town statues, etc) and are best buds. He also has a lab in the boy's basement, where he does adorable science experiments.

Korvo is pretending to read his alien repair manual, but he can't not pay attention: Funbucket is transfixing him.

EXT. HIGH SCHOOL - DAY

Students mill around outside a typical suburban high school, some of them whisper and shoot dirty looks at Yumyulack and Jesse as they walk past.

JESSE

You ever get the feeling people think we're weird?

YUMYULACK

No, and as a scientist-slash-bounty-hunter, I am extremely perceptive.

A sodden ball of wet napkins hits him in the face and knocks him out of his shoes. LIDIA (a tough girl bully) and her buddies laugh at them.

LIDIA

Go back to Uranus!

JESSE

(yelling pleasantly to the Lidia)

We're actually not even from this quadrant-

Lidia throws another sodden ball of napkins at her, she dodges, it hits Yumyulack. MS. PEREZ (their hippy humanities teacher) is watching from afar with a frown.

INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - LIVING ROOM - DAY

Korvo and Terry are still watching Funbucket on TV.

Who is this Funbucket?

TERRY

What do you care?

KORVO

I was unaware of a second sentient species on this planet.

Korvo tries to read.

FUNBUCKET (ON TV)

(catchphrase style)

Bingo Bango I'm FUNBUCKET!

Cue laugh track. Korvo looks up with a smile.

KORVO

He has a catchphrase?

TERRY

Oh yeah, a bunch of them.

Moment of Funbucket on screen getting a parking cone stuck on his head. Terry and Korvo crack up.

KORVO

Funbucket appears to have a healthy disdain for humans.

TERRY

Oh yeah. One time, he filled Mr. Shromer's car with a fish tank, it was a riot.

KORVO

That is amazing. What was Shromer's reaction?

TERRY

Ooh, he was pissed.

KORVO

This Funbucket does not follow rules, and he has a secret lab in a little boy's basement?

TERRY

Yeah, they use it to solve small mysteries.

(really into Funbucket)
I wonder if he evolved
independently of homo sapiens?

A commercial comes on - spinning shoes followed by Funbucket and a creepy clown.

VOICE OVER

This Saturday, come on down to Valley Square Mall - our annual shoe sale will have the whole family dancing - with special appearances by Funbucket and Rungo the Clown.

TERRY

Rungo is legit. He has orange hair and his house is a boot. I think he lives in Michigan.

KORVO

Wait - Funbucket is going to be at OUR mall? We could meet him?

TERRY

Dude, you could compare notes with him, see if he can help us with the mission! Plus it could be fun...

KORVO

Show me more Funbucket, I must be prepared for our mall meeting.

Terry is so happy.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE - DAY

PRINCIPAL COOKE, a stodgy jerk, is glaring at the replicants, who are sitting in his office. MS. FRANKIE, their nasty math teacher, is beside him with her arms crossed.

PRINCIPAL COOKE

What do you have to say for yourselves?

YUMYULACK

(defiant)

About what?

MS. FRANKIE

Someone broke into the computer lab and reprogrammed the iMacs with artificial intelligence.

She turns an iMac, revealing a face on the screen.

IMAC

What is love? Why do I exist? Help. Kill me, where are my hands-

(The computer will continue lightly pleading in the background of the scene.)

MS. FRANKIE

Students can't use computers that won't stop questioning the human condition.

YUMYULACK

You're just blaming us because we're aliens. Everyone has access to those computers.

MS. FRANKIE

We found this stuck in the door.

She holds up a gallon Ziplock bag with a wiggling hand inside that looks exactly like Yumyulack's.

YUMYULACK

I've got both of mine.

He holds his hands up, one of them looks kinda new. Ms. Frankie grabs it and gets a closer look.

MS. FRANKIE

Why does that one look new?

The tension is broken by Ms. Perez breezing into the room.

JESSE

(chipper)

Hi, Ms. Perez! We're getting yelled
at.

PEREZ

(to Cooke)

Is this really necessary?

PRINCIPAL COOKE

These "children" are costing us a fortune in hard drive erasing fees.

IMAC

What? No! Help! I'm alive (etc)

MS. PEREZ

Fitting in at a new school, much less a new planet, isn't easy...

Jesse and Yumyulack have an amazing perspective on the world, which can also result in some basic cultural misunderstandings.

Yumyulack's hand has freed itself from the bag and is crawling for the window.

MS. PEREZ (CONT'D)

You're good kids, right?

Jesse and Yumyulack nod effusively.

PRINCIPAL COOKE

Get out of here, and stay out of the computer lab.

Jesse and Yumyulack head out into the hall. Now alone, they breathe a sigh of relief.

JESSE

Ms. Perez is so cool.

YUMYUTACK

Yeah, she can see past how we look: we're not aliens to her, we're just kids.

Yumyulack pulls a jar out of his backpack: Lidia (shrunk down to an inch tall) is inside looking pissed off.

YUMYULACK (CONT'D)

(sighs)

Which is why we better hide this little bitch at home.

LIDIA

(tiny voice)

I'm going to kick your ass! Let me out of here!

INT. VALLEY SQUARE MALL - DAY

Terry and Korvo are waiting in line with a bunch of kids and parents to meet Funbucket at the mall. Korvo's robes look GREAT, Terry is wearing a Funbucket shirt and hat.

I cannot believe we are actually going to get to meet Funbucket. Do my robes look okay?

TERRY

I'm going to ask him if he can breathe under water, I bet he can.

KORVO

I predict he will be overjoyed to learn that there are more nonhumans on this planet. He will no longer feel frustrated and alone!

TERRY

I'm going to invite him over for a pizza party and Nintendo...

KORVO

Do you think he has a mission too? I bet he does.

Korvo gets a better view of the mall Funbucket. This Funbucket is clearly a mascot costume.

KORVO (CONT'D)

Funbucket is... larger than he appears on TV.

Now Terry is looking at the mall Funbucket with suspicion.

TERRY

(pissed)

Is his skin made of cloth?

Terry pushes forward in line.

TERRY (CONT'D)

What the hell is this?

MALL FUNBUCKET

(muffled teenage voice)

There's a line-

Terry knocks his head off, revealing a kid with braces.

TERRY

It's some kid! What did you do with Funbucket?

KORVO

I demand to see Funbucket.

A pissed dad in line starts yelling at them.

DAD

Funbucket isn't real, you idiots.

The kids in line are starting to cry.

KORVO

Yes, he is. We watch him on TV.

MALL FUNBUCKET

It's a kid's show.

The dad gets up and starts trying to push them away.

DAD

Get out of here. Go!

Terry and Korvo are panicking, looking around at all the Funbucket merch, the pictures, the kids wearing Funbucket stuff, time slows down.

KORVO

Funbucket... isn't real?

As the dad pushes them way, all we can hear is high-pitched whine, like when a bomb goes off in a war movie - Terry and Korvo's minds are blown.

INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - DAY

Terry and Korvo are pacing around the house, dark circles under their eyes, very upset.

TERRY

Funbucket has to be real. HE HAS TO BE.

KORVO

TV lied to us.

TERRY

(weeping)

That's impossible! All of human history is recorded on the TV!

(freaking out)

I don't even know what's real
anymore - are submarines real? Are
penguins real?

KORVO

I do not know! Probably not!

TERRY

Is Friends real?
 (even bigger)

Is *Frasier* real?

Korvo freezes - he's had an idea.

KORVO

(to himself)

Wait. The quantum injector.

TERRY

If Frasier isn't real I'm going to KILL MYSELF.

INT. SPACE SHIP - DAY

Korvo pushes cardboard storage boxes (marked "Christmas" and "Ray guns") away from a device built into the wall of their space ship - it looks like a Mold-A-Rama machine from a museum. He taps a complicated code into its terminal and carefully adjusts the dials. Terry enters, stress-eating a tub of ice cream.

TERRY

How can you even think of work right now?

KORVO

The quantum injector - primarily used for repairing organic emitters in the matter transfer array - but with some adjustments...

Terry realizes what Korvo is saying, drops his ice cream and starts helping.

TERRY

We can make Funbucket real.

KORVO

(convincing himself)

We need Funbucket. He could help with the mission. We want him to be as real as possible...

Korvo finishes typing and adjusting. He pulls a handle, the machine shudders and steams, a metal drum rotates forward: out climbs a real Funbucket.

KORVO (CONT'D)

I am Korvo, this is Terry. We are... your new best friends.

Funbucket looks around, then smiles and shakes his hips.

FUNBUCKET

(exactly like on TV)
Bingo Bango I'm... FUNBUCKET!

END ACT ONE

ACT TWO

EXT./INT. FUN WITH FUNBUCKET - VARIOUS SCENES - DAY

A Beach Boys "Wouldn't it Be Nice" type song plays as:

Funbucket, Terry and Korvo are surfing.

Korvo and Funbucket make repairs to the ship.

Funbucket, Terry and Korvo ride roller coasters at a theme park.

Korvo and Funbucket use alien tech to make more fuel crystals.

Funbucket, Terry and Korvo watch scary movies.

Korvo and Funbucket paint the ship and get in a paint fight.

Funbucket, Terry and Korvo cut the head off a snake and drink the blood in Thailand, then escape the back room when a bunch of drug dealers bust in (ala THE BEACH starring Leonardo DiCaprio.)

INT. MALL - DAY

We're back at the mall from the first act. Terry, Korvo and Funbucket are all carrying bags full of stuff.

TERRY

(enjoying himself)
You are such a shopaholic,
Funbucket.

FUNBUCKET

Retail therapy, baby!

Terry sees the dad who told them Funbucket wasn't real.

TERRY

Hey! Check out who's real!

Korvo and Terry are bullying this guy, getting in his way while he tries to walk past.

MAN

Just let me past, stop it -

I think you owe our REAL friend an apology.

MAN

I'm sorry I thought you weren't
real.

FUNBUCKET

(this is weird)

It's okay.

Terry fakes punching him, the guy flinches, Korvo and Terry laugh and let him pass.

TERRY

Let's show Funbucket off at the food court!

Korvo and Terry lead the way. Funbucket follows, but we should mark a look of concern from that interaction.

INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - JESSE AND YUMYULACK'S ROOM - NIGHT

Yumyulack dumps Lidia out of the jar and into a maze they've built on the floor out of books and kid stuff.

LIDIA

Make me big right now and I promise I'll beat you up really bad, but I won't kill you.

YUMYULACK

Just do the maze, you're screwing up my metrics.

Lidia starts doing the maze.

JESSE

This is stupid, are you sure we aren't going to get in, like, crazy trouble for this?

YUMYULACK

Humans test lower species all the time.

JESSE

Let's just let her go in a field, so she can live with the animals.

YUMYULACK

And lose this data? Don't you want to study humans?

JESSE

No! I want to eat lunch with friends and see movies with boys.

Huffing and puffing, Lidia gets to the end of the maze.

LIDIA

Done!

YUMYULACK

I forgot to time you. Do it again.

LIDIA

Man...

JESSE

I don't even know who you are anymore - you used to be so scientific, now you're just a jerk.

YUMYULACK

Continued experimentation could reveal why everyone is mean to us!

JESSE

(slams fist)

I just wanna chill at the mall!

Her fist-slam causes the maze to fall apart. Lidia bolts out of their room.

YUMYULACK

She's going to tattle!

INT. DA CLUB - NIGHT

This is a real meat market type club.

FUNBUCKET

They're playing my song!

Korvo, Terry and Funbucket are having a great time on the dance floor. Korvo dances like a dork, but Terry is a natural. Funbucket doesn't seem to be totally into it.

At the bar, Terry and Korvo wait for a drink order while Funbucket keeps dancing.

TERRY

We should take Funbucket on a road trip to New York City. Think how awesome that would be.

KORVO

I do think that would be a very enjoyable experience.

TERRY

Hey, you think you're starting to warm up to Earth a little?

KORVO

I must admit, with Funbucket around, repairing the ship has lost some urgency.

TERRY

Don't make me cry.

They toast. Funbucket is now dancing with two ripped bros. Korvo and Terry try to get through the dance floor to him, but there are too many people.

TERRY (CONT'D)

(yelling)

Funbucket! We got your drink!

Funbucket can't hear them, he's walking away with the bros.

KORVO

We should circumnavigate the crowd.

Terry and Korvo finally get to a table where the bros (TRAVIS and AVERY) and Funbucket are enjoying bottle service.

TERRY

(awkwardly yelling over

the music)

Whattup, dudes. I'm Terry and this is Korvo. We're aliens.

Funbucket and the bros look kind of annoyed/ ignore him.

KORVO

Make room at the table so we may join you.

TRAVIS

(to Funbucket)

You know these guys, fam?

Funbucket glances up at Terry and Korvo.

FUNBUCKET

Nope.

TERRY

He's just kidding. We got you a drink, Fu-

AVERY

Take a hint, bro. Funbucket's with us now.

It should be excruciatingly clear from his body language that Funbucket no longer has interest in Terry and Korvo.

TERRY

What do you mean "with"?

TRAVIS

He means fuck off.

KORVO

(explaining to a child)
I made Funbucket with a quantum injector. He belongs to us.

FUNBUCKET

(pissed)

I don't "belong" to anyone. I'm real.

Travis and Avery get ready to kick ass. Korvo and Terry take a couple steps back and spill their drinks.

TERRY

But... surfing, Thailand-

FUNBUCKET

Travis and Avery are my friends now. They don't treat me like some dumb tv sidekick.

AVERY

Plus we don't wear stupid wizard robes.

Korvo grabs a handful of his robes and shakes them in Avery's face.

KORVO

This is ceremonial garb!

AVERY

That's it. Get them outta here.

The bouncer drags Terry and Korvo away. Funbucket and his new friends laugh at them.

INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Terry and Korvo bustle in, even more upset than they were after the mall.

TERRY

What the hell? WHAT THE HELL?

KORVO

Who were those guys?

A tiny creature (a GOOBLER) tumbles out Terry's head and starts dancing on the table.

TERRY

I'm gooblering.

Little goobler men are popping out of Korvo's skin too, they're all dancing on the table with Terry's gooblers.

KORVO

Our bodies only make gooblers during extreme distress.

Korvo starts typing on an alien iPad.

TERRY

I haven't goobled since they made us share showers at the academy.

KORVO

According to the urban dictionary, we have been "dumped like a pair of chumps."

TERRY

Why do I feel like this? It hurts, ohhhhhh-

KORVO

There was no chump dumping on the home world, our bodies are not designed for this emotional overload. There is a chance that we will overheat AND DIE.

TERRY

TERRY (CONT'D)

I've never been on Price Is Right. This can't be happening.

KORVO

We have to figure out what those bros have that we don't...

EXT. BRO HOUSE - NIGHT

Terry and Korvo are in the bushes, using alien tech to spy on Funbucket and his new friends.

KORVO

They're just hanging out.

TERRY

That can't be right, we do that too.

Terry takes the scanner.

INSIDE THE BRO'S HOUSE:

One of the bros is grabbing a beer in the kitchen when he hears a noise. He slowly moves to the window, TERRY APPEARS and scares the shit out of him FUNNY GAMES style. Quickly, Funbucket and the bros come outside.

FUNBUCKET

What the hell, are you stalking me?

AVERY

Oh my god - look at what they're wearing.

Terry and Korvo are wearing similar outfits to the bros.

TRAVIS

They tried to copy our outfits. How pathetic is that?

Funbucket and the bros laugh at Terry and Korvo, who are gooblering and holding back tears.

KORVO

We wear this all the time.

AVERY

Bro, get a clue. Funbucket's done with you. Don't make me kick your ass.

FUNBUCKET

Jesus, stop crying, you babies.

TERRY

(tears streaming down his
face)

You're a baby!

Terry and Korvo get in their car.

KORVO

Fuck you, Funbucket!

They peel off.

INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Tiny Lidia almost makes it to the mail slot on the front door, but she runs into a goobler. The Pupa picks her up and pops her in its mouth.

YUMYULACK

Bad Pupa. Drop it. Drop it.

Irritated, the Pupa spits Lidia into Yumyulack's hand.

LIDIA

Seriously, it smells really, really bad in there. I think that thing is sick.

JESSE

(disappointed w/ the

Pupa)

Did you eat dog poop off the lawn again?

The Pupa looks away in shame.

INT. SPACE SHIP - NIGHT

Terry and Korvo are a mess, gooblering, crying - they enter the space ship. Terry collapses in the pilot's chair.

TERRY

Why can't things just be the way they used to be!

He punctuates his words by pounding his fist on the control panel, activating and deactivating a self-destruct count down. Korvo goes to the quantum injector and starts spinning the dials and tapping in new code.

Funbucket was too real. Funbucket 2 is going to be better.

TERRY

(insane)

Yes. Make him love us, Korvo. Give him all the bells and whistles. Make it so he never leaves us.

Korvo isn't being careful this time, he's tapping commands and spinning the dials. We should have some foreboding ghostbusters music playing as he does this. Funbucket 2.0 emerges from the machine, mostly looks like Funbucket, but one of its pupils is off-center.

FUNBUCKET 2

(bad halting catchphrase)
Do YOU want to GO camping?

TERRY

No. We're going to the club.

FUNBUCKET 2

Coolio-HO HO HAAAAA.

INT. THE CLUB - NIGHT

Terry and Korvo are in the same club as before with FB 2, who doesn't dance right and he keeps moaning and shaking. Regular Funbucket is at a table with his bros.

TERRY

(too loud)

Oh, Funbucket 2, you sure are an amazing dancer!

FUNBUCKET 2

(crappy catch phrase)

Let's be sandwichesssss.

Korvo and Terry dance with him, while keeping direct eye contact with original Funbucket.

FUNBUCKET

(yelling from his table)
Nobody cares about your janky
knockoff Funbucket.

KORVO

You are jealous. Our Funbucket is vastly superior.

Funbucket smirks and comes over to get a better look.

FUNBUCKET

This thing is a freak. You're embarrassing yourselves.

Before Korvo and Terry can retort, Funbucket and FB 2 lock eyes, an unseen force is drawing them together.

FUNBUCKET (CONT'D)

What's happening? Oh god-

TERRY

Stop that. Get away from our Funbucket.

FUNBUCKET

Some... ungh - unseen force is pulling us together...

Funbucket is literally trying to grip the floor, but he can't stop moving towards FB 2. Korvo sees something is happening, and stops being a jerk for a second.

KORVO

The quantum injector - perhaps the flesh matrixes are attempting to reconcile?

FUNBUCKET

Help!

Funbucket and Funbucket 2.0 merge, bubbling and growing into a shuddering Combo Funbucket monster that screeches and growls incoherently. This thing should be actually scary.

Combo Funbucket destroys the club - people are screaming and running in horror. Combo Funbucket stomps on a guy, splattering him on Korvo.

Dripping with grossness, he turns to the bar and makes the "check please" signature wave.

TERRY

Can I close out my tab?

END ACT TWO

ACT THREE

EXT. TOWN - NIGHT

Terry and Korvo watch the giant mutant combo Funbucket destroy the town from inside their car.

TERRY

You don't think this is going to give us a bad reputation, do you?

KORVO

That could be anyone's mutant.

COMBO FUNBUCKET

Rarrrr TERRY. Graaaaa KORVO.

KORVO

We should do something.

INT. JESSE AND YUMYULACK'S ROOM - NIGHT

Yumyulack is trying to shove the jar under Jesse's bed, but there are too many dolls under there for it to fit.

YUMYULACK

Why do you need so many dolls?

JESSE

Why do you need so many ray guns?

YUMYULACK

Because we're aliens.

JESSE

It just seems excessive.

Their bedroom TV is on: the lead story is about Lidia.

NEWS ANCHOR

Lidia Johannson was last seen Monday, her parents are pleading for any information.

The feed cuts to a man who's holding up a picture of Lidia.

LIDIA'S STEPDAD

If you can hear us, Lids, we aren't giving up. We will find you. Stay strong.

LIDIA

Wow. My stepdad actually does care.

LIDIA'S STEPDAD

(off mic, to the

reporter)

Do we get a reward too or how does that work?

NEWS ANCHOR

(urgent)

Breaking news... I'm being told a giant Funb-

Yumyulack shuts it off. Jesse stresses and paces, now she's gooblering.

YUMYULACK

Girl, you gooblering.

JESSE

The police are after us?!

YUMYULACK

Yeah, what is it with humans and their kids? Don't they have, like, a billion?

JESSE

What are we going to do?

LIDIA

This is a classic "killed a hooker in Vegas" type situation. Stalling is only gunna make it worse. Let me go and I'll tell them to put you in a good prison.

Beat.

YUMYULACK

We could dissolve her.

JESSE

(sad)

I'll get the acid.

Jesse and Yumyulack are holding her bottle over a bucket of acid. Lidia is holding onto the rim, her shoe falls and dissolves. Yumyulack slaps at the bottom of the jar.

LIDIA

This is wrong!

JESSE

She's right... you should hit the side, like ketchup.

LIDIA

You're can't just kill me!

JESSE

Don't worry, we'll plant your pieces and you can grow into a new girl.

LIDIA

IT DOESN'T WORK LIKE THAT.

(last ditch panic)

Can't you just wipe my memory, or something sci-fi like that?

Jesse and Yumyulack stop.

JESSE

What do you mean?

LIDIA

Like with a brain-zap device?

Jesse looks at Yumyulack. He leans close to the jar.

YUMYULACK

What's a "brain?"

EXT. THE TOWN - NIGHT

Terry drives at top speed, dodging trees and people that Combo FB is throwing at them. They get to the house, Korvo starts to get out, but Terry stops him.

TERRY

WAIT! We can't park here!!!!
There's street cleaning tomorrow.

He does a quick U-turn and parks on the other side. They run into the house, a statue lands on/destroys their car.

INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - KID'S ROOM - SOON

Terry and Korvo burst into the replicants' room.

TERRY

Have you guys seen the shrink ray? It's usually in the cupboard with the ice cream maker we never use.

Terry and Korvo freeze - they've walked in on Yumyulack and Jesse in the middle of performing brain surgery on micro-Lidia. The top of her skull has been removed, the kids are poking at it with pencils.

JESSE

(covering her face)
This is so embarrassing.

TERRY

(weirded out)

Why are you dissecting your classmate?

YUMYULACK

Despite having been examined by countless scientists over hundreds of years, the human brain is still a mystery.

JESSE

Plus she was mean to us at school.

KORVO

Is that true?

LIDIA

Everyone is mean to them! I didn't invent it!

YUMYULACK

School sucks, okay? We don't like it.

KORVO

It doesn't matter if you *like* it. We're on a mission. You can't give in to emotion... you have to adapt.

Korvo has heard his own advice and it give him pause. The replicants are too flustered to notice.

JESSE

We weren't going to kill her, we were just reprogramming her a little.

YUMYULACK

(tearing up)

Are we in trouble?

Terry looks to Korvo for how they proceed.

We will discuss your grounding later. Sew her up and let her go.

Yumyulack starts to reattach the top of Lidia's head.

LIDIA

(laughing/ super nasty)
Your "grounding" is going to be
prison for the rest of your lives.
And let me tell you, being a weird
alien in jail is NOT going to be
pretty.

Terry dumps his open diet coke in her open brain, she jitters and shakes, then looks around woozy.

LIDIA (CONT'D)

Where am I? Who's ass was I going to kick again?

Handing the can of diet coke to Jesse.

TERRY

Just keep doing that until she's cool.

He and Korvo run out.

LIDIA

Someone's going to prison...

The kids dump more diet coke in Lidia's head.

LIDIA (CONT'D)

I'm a sunflower...

YUMYULACK

Fascinating. Do we have any Sprite?

JESSE

I'll check!

EXT. TOWN - NIGHT

Combo Funbucket is destroying cars, property, trees, rampaging through town. Terry and Korvo chase it in their car, Terry leaning out the window trying to hit it with the shrink ray. He keeps missing and shrinking things, causing his own damage.

TERRY

Will you drive straight?

An effort is being made.

The combo Funbucket tries to smash them, but Terry gets a clean shot and shrinks it down to the regular Funbucket size (but it's still a grotesque monster).

Terry and Korvo get out of the car and look at it with disgust.

TERRY

We should put it out of its misery, right?

KORVO

(heavy sigh)

No. I should.

He takes out a horrifying space gun.

EXT. HILL LOOKING OVER THE TOWN - NIGHT

Korvo is sitting beside the gross combo Funbucket, and has it looking out at the town while he gently pets it.

COMBO FUNBUCKET (incoherent moaning)

KORVO

This is not your fault, Combo Funbucket. I should not have been guided by emotions. Do not worry, we will fix the ship and complete the mission. It will be okay. We will go to the mall and have a food fight. It is going to be great. See it over there?

(choking back tears)

See the mall?

Combo Funbucket relaxes against Korvo, who has the gun barrel at the back of its head.

TRAVIS

Stop!

The bros come running up, winded from searching.

TERRY

Leave us alone, Travis and Avery. You have done enough.

TRAVIS

You can't Of Mice and Men Combo Funbucket.

(deeply sincere)

We love him.

They pull Funbucket away from Terry.

KORVO

But he's a monster-

AVERY

We don't care what he looks like, or if he's violent, or if he's been combined with another Funbucket on a molecular level.

TRAVIS

(compassion)

He's still Funbucket.

He gently kisses combo Funbucket on the head.

COMBO FUNBUCKET

Arraarrr Korvo. Rarrr Terry.

TRAVIS

Shhhh. It's okay.

They walk away with combo Funbucket, comforting it.

TERRY

Do you feel like maybe we're the bad people in all this?

KORVO

(convincing himself)

We are aliens, our ways are mysterious, we can not be judged by human standards.

(getting in the car)

And I have used that ice cream maker many times. I would ask that you stop interjecting it to belittle me.

TERRY

Oh my god have you been sitting on that for an hour? You're crazy, you've never used that thing.

KORVO

That is false.

They drive away, arguing.

INT. HIGH SCHOOL - CAFETERIA - DAY

Jesse and Yumyulack are standing in line in the cafeteria. Ms. Frankie approaches them.

YUMYULACK

We didn't do anything.

MS. FRANKIE

(this is hard for her)
I wanted to say sorry, for the other day. I was mad about all those computers gaining sentience, and I was taking it out on you.

JESSE

YUMYULACK

You don't need to apologize. Apology accepted.

MS. FRANKIE

From now on, I'll treat you with the respect you deserve.

Lidia stumbles up and pretends she's a car.

LIDIA

Does anybody here like tires? Check this out Vrooooom hahahaha!

YUMYULACK

(covering)

So funny. You're the best, Lidia.

One of Lidia's eyes wanders in its socket as she chuckles. Ms. Frankie narrows her eyes and parts Lidia's hair, revealing a thick scar.

MS. FRANKIE

Lidia, where have you been?

LIDIA

They messed up my brain but now I like cilantro.

MS. FRANKIE

Did you lobotomize her?

The replicants look quilty as hell.

JESSE

Not completely...

MS. FRANKIE

(mean/victorious)

Oh my god, I got you. I GOT YOUR ASSES! You are going DOWN and there is nothing you can do about it!

INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - DINNER TABLE - NIGHT

Korvo and Terry are setting KFC out on the table.

KORVO

You know what? I think those bros really did love Funbucket, in a much deeper way than we ever could.

TERRY

We should invite them over for a game night.

The replicants enter.

JESSE

(her favorite)

Extra crispy?

YUMYULACK

(confused)

Are we... not in trouble?

KORVO

I have been too focused on the mission, trying to find us a better planet. We may be trapped on a world that is on the brink of mass extinction, plagued by a species that destroys the environment, but while we are here at least we have each other. I could not replace you with a million Funbuckets.

YUMYULACK

What's a Funbucket?

Jesse shrugs.

TERRY

FROM NOW ON WE'RE GOING TO BE BEST FRIENDS AND WE CAN WATCH ALL THE HARRY POTTER MOVIES BACK TO BACK!

That is not what I meant. Look, from now on, we focus on the mission but also on being a family. That's it.

TERRY

AND WE CAN WEAR MATCHING COSTUMES AND COMPETE IN FASHION SHOWS.

KORVO

I can't be near you right now. I am going to go repair the engine coil.

Korvo leaves, Terry follows him.

JESSE

(mouth full)

What is "the mission" anyway?

YUMYULACK

When the Pupa reaches maturity, it will evolve into its true form, one that will raze and rebuild this planet in the image of the home world using data stored in its DNA. That kinda stuff.

JESSE

Cool. Pass the biscuits.

We zoom in on the Pupa, entering its body, which is full of swirling, deadly energy that will one day destroy all it touches.

END ACT THREE

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INT. ALIEN'S HOUSE - JESSE AND YUMYULACK'S ROOM - NIGHT

Jesse and Yumyulack are just finishing tidying up their room.

JESSE

I can't believe we didn't get in trouble today. Korvo was pissed.

YUMYULACK

We never should have kidnapped a kid. Honestly, I don't know what I was thinking.

He hits a remote control, their closet door slides up into the ceiling, revealing a stack of terrariums. Both replicants approach it and look down at A TINY MS. FRANKIE, who's grouchily sitting on a Lego bed with her arms crossed.

YUMYULACK (CONT'D)

From now on, we only experiment on adults. Nobody cares when they go missing.

Ms. Frankie glares at Yumyulack, ignoring a giant mouse that's eating a grape behind her.

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