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CHARLIE CHARLIE DAY
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FRANK DANNY DEVITO
ZOO WORKER SHAW JONES
ZOO EMPLOYEE ANNA GARCIA

SET LIST

LOCATION SETS

EXT. ZOO

- ENTRANCE

EXT. LION EXHIBIT

EXT. SEA LIONS EXHIBIT

EXT. ZOO PATH

EXT. FLAMINGOS

INT. ZOO BATHROOM

EXT. MONKEY EXHIBIT

EXT. LARGE PEN/PETTING ZOO

EXT. MEERKAT EXHIBIT

- ENTRANCE

- EXIT

1 EXT. ZOO - ENTRANCE - MORNING (D1)

1 *

DENNIS and DEE wait outside the Zoo.

DENNIS

Damnit, where is Frank? I am not missing that lion feeding.

REVEAL MAC and CHARLIE wearing matching meerkat hats.

CHARLIE

The lions are cool but the meerkats is the best exhibit.

MAC

They got those bubble things where you can pop your head up and look around. It's like you're a meerkat.

DENNIS

I'm not waiting for Frank. I'm going in.

DEE

I think we should stick together. We don't want anyone getting lost. People just vanish in the crowds at the Zoo and then bad things happen.

DENNIS

Calm down, Dee.
(explaining)
She got lost at the Zoo when she was seven.

DEE

And I almost got trampled to death by wild animals.

DENNIS

Sheep! At the petting Zoo!

MAC

Well, Dee, don't worry. Modern technology has solved this problem for us. We are all connected now.

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MAC (CONT'D)

I created a group chat for today,
so we can stay in constant
communication. See, watch this,
I'll text Frank to see what's up.

Mac texts Frank: **Where r u?**

MAC

So nobody will get lost, we'll be
able to stick together because the
texting will keep us all on the
same page.

Frank texts back: **FIVE MIN AWAY**

MAC

See? He's only five away.

DENNIS

No he's not. Everyone knows that
"five min away" actually means
twenty minutes away. I will not
miss this feeding.

CHARLIE

What's the big deal about watching
a lion eat a pile of dead meat?

DENNIS

Dead? No. No. Quite alive. I
assure you. This is a live
feeding.

CHARLIE

What? Zoos do that?

DENNIS

Yes, indeed they do. That's why
we're here today. We will get to
see the kill firsthand. The
sounds, the smells, the screams as
the innocent life is extinguished,
not quickly -- but *slowly* because
the king of the beasts savors
every moment of this desecration.

Dee texts: **"Dennis has a 🍆."**

MAC

"Dennis has an eggplant?"

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Dee sends another text: "A 🦷."

MAC

A bone?

Dee sends another: "**Bonner**" then... "**Boner**".

MAC

Dennis has a boner? He does?

CHARLIE

No he doesn't.

DEE

Well it went away.

DENNIS

I did. It went away.

MAC

Dee, don't abuse the group text.
That's not what it's for.

DEE

I was just being funny. I'll be
like the funny texter.

CHARLIE

Do we have to do the texting
thing? I'm already finding Dee
annoying.

DENNIS

She's always annoying. That's why
we ditched her when she was seven.

DEE

You ditched me!?

DENNIS

Oh God. Don't make this about you.
I'm not waiting. I'm going in.

Dennis starts to exit. Dee follows.

DEE

Well then I'm coming! Don't ditch
me again!

(back to Mac and
Charlie)

(MORE)

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1 CONTINUED: (3)

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DEE (CONT'D)

Just text us when he gets here and
we'll all meet up!

MAC

Frank?!

DENNIS

(calling back)

Yes, Frank! Who else would she be
talking about?!

MAC

Just wanna make sure we're all on
the same page!

Dennis and Dee are a little out of clear earshot.

DEE

(calling back)

Text us when Frank is here!

MAC

Huh?!

DENNIS

(calling back)

We just cleared it up! Text us
when he -- *Frank* -- When Frank
gets here!!

Mac nods then texts to group: **"Couldn't hear you. We'll
text you when he gets hear."**

Then -- **"Here."**

Then -- **"Frank. When FRANK gets hear."**

Then -- **"HERE! Ha!"**

Dennis turns back to Mac. He's waving. Dennis sighs and
goes through the turnstile.

TITLES: The Gang Texts

2 EXT. ZOO - ENTRANCE - LATER (D1)

2 *

Mac and Charlie wait for Frank.

MAC

Oh my God, I'm getting so thirsty.

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CHARLIE

That's the cinnamon in the
Churros.

Mac texts: " 🍷 💧."

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CHARLIE

Why did you text that?

MAC

Cause I'm thirsty. I'm just
updating everyone.

CHARLIE

That's like a sex thing. It means
you're horny for something.

Dennis texts: " 🍆."

CHARLIE

Ha, that's good. Dennis is funny
with the texts.

Dee texts: 🍆. Charlie groans.

CHARLIE

Too late, Dee.

MAC

Where is Frank?

Mac texts: "Where U?"

Frank text back: " 🤪 😊 🍷."

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MAC

Dancing woman, smiley face, and
gun... what the hell does that
mean?

CHARLIE

Oh, that probably means he's stuck
behind a woman driver and want's
to shoot himself.

MAC

Okay I'm gonna text the group
another update.

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Mac texts "**Frank late.**"

CHARLIE

You keep texting updates with no new information.

MAC

I'm just updating everyone like the Meerkat updates the group.

CHARLIE

But the Meerkats are efficient in their communication. One chirp can warn an entire group.

MAC

Are you trying to school me on Meerkat knowledge? They don't chirp, they chirrup.

CHARLIE

Yeah, but did you know the alpha pair also scent mark subordinates by urinating on them to express their authority?

MAC

Yeah man. We watched the same documentary. I'm not the one who fell asleep halfway through and "sent marked" himself.

CHARLIE

I drank a case of beer!

MAC

We both drank a case of beer!

CHARLIE

I'm just saying you don't need to text every three seconds.

MAC

Right, well, I have a mind to mark all over Frank when we see him. Christ I'm thirsty!

Mac texts: "   " again.

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Dennis texts back: "🍑"

CHARLIE

Ha! Nice.

MAC

What's that one mean?

CHARLIE

It's a butt.

Frank approaches with a bag of bananas.

FRANK

Hey-O. Sorry I'm late. Had to pick up a bag of bananas to taunt the gorillas with.

MAC

It took you two hours to buy a bag of bananas!?

FRANK

Well, then I got stuck behind that woman driver. Thought I texted you that?

MAC

Come on, let's just go.

Dee texts: 🍑.

CHARLIE

Too late, Dee.

3 EXT. LION EXHIBIT - SAME TIME (D1)

3 *

Dee is laughing at her text.

DEE

Ha I texted a peach.

DENNIS

I already did that.

DEE

You did? Oh yeah I see it.

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DENNIS

Speed is very important in comedy texting, Dee. If it looks like you thought about it for a while it's lame.

DEE

Okay, I'll do a fist. Like he's thirsty for a fist in his butt. Ha.

DENNIS

How would anyone know what that means? Also the moment is long gone.

Dee searches around her phone. Franks texts: "👊 🍑"
Dennis laughs.

DENNIS

Oh wait. I was wrong. That was funny.

Dee completes hers: "👊 "

DEE

Damnit. You guys are too fast on this thing.

Mac texts: **"Duck you, Dee. Frank hear. Where you?...Here"**

DEE

Okay, I got this. Let me respond.

DENNIS

Fine. Go.

DEE

Hm. What's a funny thing to type?

DENNIS

Oh my God stop.

Dennis types: **"Went to C lions"**

Mac: **"Gr8. Cu there."**

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3 CONTINUED: (2)

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DENNIS

Quick. Clear. Job done. No
confusion.

4 EXT. SEA LIONS EXHIBIT - MOMENTS LATER (D1)

4

CLOSE UP: "Sea Lion Exhibit" sign.

Mac, Frank, and Charlie enter the SEA LION area.

CHARLIE

Where are they?

Frank texts: "I c lions. Where u??"

Dennis: "In front"

Mac: "Us 2. Don't c u. Meet exhibit entrance"

5 INT. LION EXHIBIT - SAME TIME (D1)

5

DENNIS

Damnit.

Dennis finds a ZOO WORKER.

DENNIS

Hello. What time does the Lion
feeding begin?

ZOO WORKER

We're five minutes out.

DENNIS

Oh great. Thank you.

Dennis hastily walks away to Dee.

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DEE

Whoa. Whoa. Slow down. I don't
want to get lost.

DENNIS

Dee, I will not adjust my gait to
accommodate your insecurities
about sheep.

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DEE

It was a goat and it was a
lunatic! Its eyes were going every
direction.

DENNIS

(sarcastic)

Were they? Fascinating!

DEE

He pounced and then they all went
in for the kill-

DENNIS

(annoyed)

-Oh! Terrifying!

6 EXT. SEA LIONS EXHIBIT - A FEW MINUTES LATER (D1)

6

Charlie, Mac, and Frank wait. Dennis texts: **"At
entrance... Where you?"**

Mac texts: **"Hear..."Here.**

CHARLIE

I hate all this texting. The
Meerkat doesn't need to text. It
just pops its head out of its hole
and looks around and once the
entire gang has locked eyes they
know they're good. That's a real
connection.

FRANK

When do they piss all over each
other?

MAC

Well, it's the weakest one they
piss on. And they do it
constantly.

CHARLIE

They humiliate the weak one.
That's what makes them so funny.
They've got a great sense of humor
too.

Dennis texts: **"This is fun guys"**

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MAC

Shit. Dennis is having fun without us.

FRANK

No, Mac. That's sarcastic. If it was actually fun there'd be an exclamation point.

MAC

Really? Okay, let me de-escalate.

Mac texts: **"Don't C U. Where r u?"**

Dennis texts: "👉."

CHARLIE

Oh shit. That means he's already given the information and you know how he does not like to repeat himself. We have to scan up to read the clues.

FRANK

"Went to C lions."

CHARLIE

Wait. Did he go to see lions or to the sea lions?

MAC

Shit. I don't know.

Mac texts: **"Did you mean see lions or see lions?"**

Dennis: **"?"**

Mac: **"Oops. LOL. See"**

Mac: **"See"**

Mac: **"Duck. Sea"**

CHARLIE

Wow dude. Let me.

Charlie: "👁️ + 🌊 + 🦁"?

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CHARLIE
(reading his emoji)
See... Sea Lion?

Charlie: "  +  "?

CHARLIE
(reading emoji)
Or... See Lion?

Dennis: **"THE DUCKING LION!!!!!"**

MAC
He did exclamation points there.
Is that good?

FRANK
He's yelling. It's all caps.


Dee texts: **"eggplaa"**

Then: **"the  "**

FRANK
I don't get it.

CHARLIE
Me either.

Dennis texts: **"Dee worst"**

Charlie texts: "  "

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**[NOTE: because it falls under the eggplant it looks like
penis spraying.] PHONE INSERT**

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7 EXT. LION EXHIBIT - SAME TIME (D1)

7

ON Dennis and Dee. Dennis reads Charlie's text.

DENNIS
Ha. They're "coming". Charlie made
it work. Nice. They went to the
wrong exhibit, idiots. Okay, let's
get back in there. We should have
plenty of time.

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8 INT. LION EXHIBIT - MOMENTS LATER (D1) 8

Dee watches Dennis speak with the Zoo Worker. *

DENNIS *

What's this?? What's going on?

ZOO WORKER

Oh, the Lion is enjoying his meal.

DENNIS

The kill? Where's the kill?

ZOO WORKER

Oh. Sorry sir. You just missed it.

DENNIS

No. No. You said you're "five minutes out".

ZOO WORKER

Right.

DENNIS

That was only ten minutes ago.

ZOO WORKER

Correct.

DENNIS

Everyone knows that five means twenty! God damnit!

Dennis texts: **"Thanks guys"**

9 EXT. ZOO PATH - SAME TIME (D1) 9

Mac, Frank, and Charlie walk along a Zoo path. Mac stops when he gets Dennis' text.

MAC

Oh he's thanking us for something. That's good.

CHARLIE

Mac. How are you so bad at this?

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FRANK

Yeah. He probably missed the feeding and now he thinks it's our fault.

MAC

Shit you think?

Mac: "How was feeding? All good?"

Dennis: "SO GOOD. THANKS A LOT!!!"

MAC

Oh good. He's super happy.

FRANK

He's screaming, Mac.

MAC

Screaming?

CHARLIE

This whole thing was your idea and you don't know how texting works?

MAC

Okay. This is just a little misunderstanding over the sea lion thing. I know how to handle this. Just gotta speak from the heart.

10 EXT. LION EXHIBIT - SAME TIME (D1)

10

Dennis looks at the text chain. The three bubbles that indicate someone is writing something are under Mac's name. It's taking a beat. Dee stands with Dennis.

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DENNIS

What is this?

Suddenly, a **27-line response** pops up on the screen.

DENNIS

Come on, man.

11 EXT. ZOO PATH - SAME TIME (D1)

11

Mac, Frank, and Charlie wait.

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MAC

Okay, let's just wait here a min.
It'll probably take Dennis a
little while to process all that
and respond thoughtfully.

Dennis types back "k".

MAC

Oh great. He says okay so...

CHARLIE

He's blowing you off.

MAC

What? No.

FRANK

Oh yeah. You're dead to him.

MAC

No. I'm getting a little turned
around. Let me just call him...

12 EXT. LION EXHIBIT - SAME TIME (D1)

12

Dennis is with Dee.

DENNIS

Christ. Now he's calling me. Don't
call just text!

DEE

Okay, look at this.

She texts: " 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 "

DENNIS

What is that?

DEE

I'm calling him the "f" word. It's
a bundle of sticks.

DENNIS

Oh, Dee. No. That's not funny. You
can't use that word.

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DEE

I didn't use the word. I used the picture.

DENNIS

Doesn't matter. It's offensive and off-putting. If you have to go blue for your comedy, you're not really that funny in the first place.

Frank texts: "👑".

DENNIS

(laughs)
Frank nailing it again.

Dennis texts: "🔥".

Frank and Charlie type: **LOLOLOLOL**

DEE

What's so funny about what you texted?

DENNIS

It works on both levels. It says that Frank is on fire and also that Mac is a flamer, which is totally acceptable for now.

Dee texts: "🇺🇸 🧑 📖 🏠 ."

*

DENNIS

What is that!?

DEE

I'm joking that maybe we should get the Jew lawyer and have another arbitration about what words we can and can't use about Mac's sexuality.

DENNIS

Cool! Great one! Super funny and not anti-Semitic. And also so clear! We should probably get going huh?

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DEE

Yeah, we definitely should meet up
with those-

Dennis moves briskly away. Dee tries to keep up. Dennis
makes his way into a crowd.

DEE

Dennis? Hold up a sec.

When Dee pushes through the crowd, she can't find him.
He's vanished. She looks around, panicked.

DEE

Dennis?

13 EXT. ZOO PATH - SAME TIME (D1)

13

Frank, Mac, and Charlie walk down a path.

Dee texts: "lost Dennis, meet at    "

FRANK

I don't wanna go to the flamingos.
They stink like shit.

CHARLIE

Right, if I wanted to look at a
big smelly bird I'd just look at
Dee.

Charlie goes to high-five Mac. Mac looks at his phone.

CHARLIE

Come on man. That was a great
burn.

MAC

Why didn't Dennis answer my call?

CHARLIE

I'm sick of all this phone stuff.
I feel like we're not even
enjoying the zoo.

Dennis texts: "Missed call. What's up?"

MAC

Oh. He missed it.

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FRANK

Jesus Christ.

CHARLIE

He's lying! He doesn't want to talk to you. I say we go straight to the Meerkats.

FRANK

No. I wanna taunt the gorillas before they get fed and they aren't hungry anymore.

CHARLIE

Why do you want to taunt a gorilla?

FRANK

It's hilarious. I just sit there eating the bananas slowly while it bangs on the glass like the dumb ape that it is. It'll bang its hands bloody trying to get the banana.

CHARLIE

How is that funny?

FRANK

It's funny 'cause it can't get the banana.

CHARLIE

Look whatever, go do your gorilla thing if you want, but I'm going to the Meerkats.

FRANK

Suit yourself.

Frank exits. Mac has another **27-line text** pop up explaining himself. Dennis texts back: "👍".

MAC

Goddamnit. There's no way he read that.

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CHARLIE

Whatever man. Forget about Dennis.
He's ditching us. Let's just go to
Meerkats.

MAC

Actually... I think I'm gonna go
hang in the restroom instead.

CHARLIE

What? Why?

MAC

It's a great Grindr spot for
closeted dads at the Zoo.

CHARLIE

Bullshit! You're trying to ditch
me! You're just gonna go find
Dennis to beg for forgiveness.

MAC

No, I'm not.

CHARLIE

You're no meerkat. Meerkats stick
together!

Charlie rips Mac's Meerkat hat off.

MAC

Don't be like that. I'm just gonna
meet my needs real quick.

CHARLIE

What about the needs of the group?

MAC

Yeah. Those too I just...
(then noticing)
Are you pissing on me? Goddamnit!

14 EXT. FLAMINGOS - LATER (D1)

14

Dee is holding her shirt over her nose. She texts. **"Where
is everyone? 🙄"** Then 🌂, then 🍷, then 💩.

Mac approaches. He spots Dee alone and backs off before
she can see him.

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IN A SIDE TEXT, Mac to Dee. **"You find Dennis?"**

Dee looks at he phone in an odd way. She texts: **"Why side text?"**

Mac: **"Answer Question!"**

Dee: **"Yeah. He's here. Come."**

Dee sees the three bubbles come up... Then they go away. She looks around over towards where Mac was. Now he's gone.

15 INT. ZOO BATHROOM - LATER (D1)

15

Mac is hanging out in the bathroom. He's texting Dennis on a side chain titled **"Da Boyz" Dennis...Hit me up...Side chain...Where you?**

The three bubbles pop up. Then Dennis..." 🦩 🦩 🦩 "

Mac... **Don't lie. I know you ditched Dee.**

Three bubbles. Then they go away.

Mac tries to call him...

The call goes immediately to "call ended".

Mac texts: **"Pls Don't B Like this."**

Just then, Dennis enters the bathroom. Mac perks up. Dennis freezes and stares daggers at Mac.

MAC

You came to talk to me. Or
unless... this is a Grindr thing--

DENNIS

--I came to piss.

Dennis crosses over to the urinal. Mac crosses and stands behind him.

MAC

Look, I know you're mad, it's just
when you wrote C lions Charlie
thought you meant--

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DENNIS

Don't lie. Charlie can't read.

MAC

Okay. Fine. It was my fault. It's
an honest mistake--

DENNIS

-One thing, Mac! I came to see one
goddamn thing and you made me miss
it with your texting nonsense.

MAC

I...I'm sorry. But I have some
info. There's another live
feeding.

DENNIS

Go on.

MAC

A goat. A goat is being
sacrificed. I overheard an
employee in here talking about it.
I offered to blow him but he
didn't-

DENNIS

A goat. That's some Jurassic park
shit. I like it.

Dennis turns from the urinal and gets very close to Mac.

DENNIS

But if you want to join, you must
follow my every command, because I
swear to God if you make me miss
this one too, I'll feed you to the
lions myself.

MAC

(scared whisper)

Okay.

(then, still
whispering)

Are you peeing on me?

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DENNIS
(not breaking his
stare)
I am.

16 EXT. MONKEY EXHIBIT - LATER (D1)

16

Frank is looking around for the Gorilla. He sets his bag down by the cage.

FRANK
Where are ya, ya big dumb baboon?

He spots a ZOO EMPLOYEE.

FRANK
Hi. Where's the---

Dee texts: **"where is everyone!?"**

FRANK
(distracted by phone)
The annoying bird.

ZOO EMPLOYEE
The what?

FRANK
Sorry the--

Dee texts: **"Can't see anyone. Send pin. Send pin."**

FRANK
Sorry, phone is so distracting.
The uh... big dumb animal thing.

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ZOO EMPLOYEE
The silverback?

FRANK
Yeah. The Ape. Where the hell is it?

ZOO EMPLOYEE
Well, he just ate and is currently sleeping.

FRANK
Damnit!

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Dee texts: "Send pin! Don't, 🐼 me. Ha 😊. Lolololol"

FRANK

What is this bitch talking about?

Frank suddenly sees A MONKEY pulling his Bag of Bananas in through the bars.

FRANK

Hey! Stop ya little bastard!

The Monkey takes the bag to another area in the habitat behind a pane of plexiglass. Frank spots this and begins banging on the glass.

FRANK

Hey! That's my banana!

The Monkey eats the bananas. We see Frank from the Monkey's Point Of View. We can't make out his words from behind the glass, so he just comes across like an angry gorilla pounding and hollering.

17 INT. FLAMINGOS - LATER (D1)

17

Dee is still holding her shirt over her nose. She texts: **"Where is everyone?" WTF!?!?!?"**

Charlie approaches. He spots Dee alone and backs off before she can see him.

IN A SIDE TEXT, Charlie to Dee: **"U A LON?"**

Dee looks at her phone in an odd way again. She texts: **"Why side text?"**

Charlie texts: **"U A LON!"**

Dee texts: **"?."**

Charlie texts: **"WARE GAGN... U A LON?!?!?!?"**

Dee texts: **'Are You Trying to text.. "Where is the gang? Are you alone?"'**

Dee sees the three bubbles come up... Then... **"?"**

DEE

Learn to read idiot!

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She texts again: "👍 . Me A Lon!"

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Dee sees the three bubbles come up and then go away again.

DEE

Goddamnit.

She looks over toward where Charlie was. Now he's gone.

18 EXT. LARGE PEN/PETTING ZOO - LATER (D1)

18 *

Mac and Dennis stand in a pen waiting. Kids mill about.

MAC

Okay, it's supposed to start any minute. Let me drop a quick pin to let everyone know where we are. They'll wanna see this too.

DENNIS

Something's wrong. Why are we in the exhibit? I don't see any predatory animals around. And what's with all these children?

MAC

I don't know. Does seem a little weird.

Dennis approaches the Zoo Worker.

DENNIS

Hi. When is the goat to be slaughtered?

ZOO WORKER

Excuse me?

DENNIS

When is the goat going to be fed to the lion? My friend engaged in a sexual exchange for information and was told there is to be a sacrifice.

ZOO WORKER

I think there's been a miscommunication.

(MORE)

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ZOO WORKER (CONT'D)

This is the petting zoo. We are
going to be feeding the goats.

The Zoo Worker hands him a cup full of pellets and walks
away. Dennis turns towards Mac enraged.

MAC

Denni--

DENNIS

It's fine. It's fine, Mac. This is
totally fine. Let's go to the next
exhibit.

Dennis crosses off. Mac follows.

MAC

Oh cool. I thought you'd be --

Dennis approaches a crowd. He turns back towards Mac and
looks at him square in the eye. Then backs into the crowd
disappearing.

MAC

Dennis! Dennis!

Mac gets to the end of the crowd and Dennis is gone. Like
a ghost.

19 EXT. LARGE PEN/PETTING ZOO - MOMENTS LATER (D1)

19 *

Dee wanders around the pen staring at her phone. Then
stops directly in the center. She looks around then
texts: **"At pin. No 1 here. Freaking out. Hello? Hello?"**

Zoo Worker walks up and hands her a big cup of pellets.

ZOO WORKER

Here you go, ma'am. Have fun!

DEE

Huh? What's this for?

ZOO WORKER

Okay kids! Let's go!

A gate is open and a sea of animals pour into the pen.
The kids cheer. Dee whips around frantically. She sees: A
GOAT WITH WONKY EYES.

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From the Goat's POV -- it sees Dee and charges! Dee is frozen with fear as the goat knocks her to the ground. Her pellets spill all over her. Sensing a feeding frenzy, all the goats and sheep swarm as Dee is lost in a sea of animals a la a Game of Thrones battle.

20 EXT. ZOO PATH - LATER (D1)

20

Mac wanders. He texts: **"Guys we all got off course. Just miscommunication. Can fix this. Meet up?"**

Dennis texts: **"H8 U"**

Dennis has left the conversation. Then --

Mac texts: **Charlie, Frank, Dee?**

Frank texts: **"Broke hands hurts 2 txt"**

Frank has left the conversation. Then --

Mac texts: **"Dee, Charlie"**

Dee texts: **"F U Mac and F 🐐."**

*

Dee has left the conversation.

Mac texts: **Charlie?**

The bubbles pop up but then go away.

Charlie has left the conversation.

He hangs up and puts the phone in his pocket.

21 EXT. MEERKAT EXHIBIT - ENTRANCE - LATER (D1)

21 *

A sullen Mac approaches the Meerkat exhibit. He looks around. Nobody. He looks at his phone. Nothing.

22 EXT. MEERKAT EXHIBIT - MOMENTS LATER (D1)

22 *

Mac's head pops up in the observation bubble. A Meerkat stares back at Mac from outside the bubble. This makes Mac smile wistfully.

The Meerkat drops down revealing Dennis in another observation bubble. He locks eyes with Mac like a deer in headlights. Mac turns and spots Frank in yet another bubble with the same Meerkat-like expression.

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He turns again and discovers Dee popping up and locking eyes with Mac as well. He turns one last time and there's Charlie staring back at Mac with a confident smile as if to say "I told you, this is what it's all about."

23 EXT. MEERKAT EXHIBIT - EXIT - MOMENTS LATER (D1)

23 *

The Gang exits the exhibit in great spirits.

MAC

That was amazing!

FRANK

I knew what you were all saying just by the looks on your faces.

DEE

I felt connected to you guys for the first time today.

CHARLIE

See that's what it's all about!

MAC

That smile said a thousand words, Charlie! You were saying I told you so, but I also forgive you! I understood it all!

DENNIS

And I could tell you were truly sorry about me missing the Lion feeding from that look on your face, Mac.

CHARLIE

See, with the texts even though we were in constant communication, we weren't really communicating at all.

Suddenly Dee texts: "🎳🍆💦👤."

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Dennis and Charlie start to laugh.

CHARLIE

Frank pissing on Mac!

Mac notices Frank is pissing on his leg and laughing.

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FRANK

I am!

MAC

Oh come on, man!

DENNIS

Great text, Dee!

Mac goes to text but Dee texts first: **"Shut up bird!"**

DENNIS

Nice! You beat Mac to it!

Dennis texts: "👍🐣"

*

Frank texts: **"LOL"**

Charlie texts: "💣"

*

The texts keep popping up....

THE END

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