

LADYBIRD AND RAIN

"Swole City"

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COLD OPENING

INT. TREE HOUSE - MORNING

We see a doggy LADYBIRD (3, socially and spatially unaware, adorable, white and cream color fur, medium mix breed, blue bowtie) and her orangutan bestie RAIN (22, laid back, quick witted) walking in a relic of San Francisco in 2222, it's half reclaimed by the redwoods now.

SMALL BIRD

(to Lizard and Mouse)

Yeah I just don't know how she could cheat on me like that. It was crazy-

LADYBIRD

Cheating is so awful.

Ladybird eats the Small Bird.

SMALL BIRD

AHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!

Rain sticks a stick in a hole in the ground and eats all the bugs on it.

RAIN

I think I'm deeply depressed.

Ladybird grabs the mouse and eats it.

MOUSE

Yeah that's really messed-
AHHHHHHHHH!

LADYBIRD

It must be that time of the month again.

An orangutan swings by.

ORANGUTAN

MONTHLY ORANGUTAN PARTY TONIIIGHT!!
BYOB!

LADYBIRD

Yep. We need to get you to your monthly shindig. And find some fermented fruit so we can **party!**

Ladybird eats the lizard.

LIZARD

Hehehe.

Rain grabs some tree bark and starts brushing their teeth.

RAIN

But the only place near us with
fermented fruit...

LADYBIRD

The Dark Woods! Yay the Dark Woods!

RAIN

Awww yeah!

END OF COLD OPEN

ACT 1**INT. LAB - NIGHT YEAR 2024 (B-STORY)**

An all white high tech lab with time travel pods. HARRISON (28, clumsy, inconsiderate) and friend SAM work in a hush.

HARRISON

You sure about this Sam? The captain said these weren't ready for a trip to the future yet just last week.

SAM

I know but the climate apocalypse is looming over us Harrison, the end is nigh! We don't have the luxury of more time. Get in pod 3.

HARRISON

(hesitant)

Alright...

Harrison climbs in the pod not noticing the electricity sparking around it. Sam sets coordinates on a pc.

SAM

(mumbling)

Alright...200 years outta do it.
See ya pal!

HARRISON

See-

The pod vibrates out of the room with the word BOOM replacing it. CAPTAIN MATT rushes in noticing the missing pod.

CAPTAIN MATT

What in the Sam Hill was that Sam??
An unauthorized pod launch? God Sam
it! What did you do now??

Captain Matt angry stomps around in a circle.

SAM

It was Harrison...he was crazed,
insisted on taking pod 3. I told
him it was a bad idea. I don't see
how we can get him back, I'm not
even sure when he went.

EXT. STREET - MORNING YEAR 2222 (B-STORY)

Harrison crashes into the street in his now clearly broken machine in the middle of the Inner Richmond right in front of Ladybird and Rain. Street posts indicate location.

LADYBIRD

Woah cool! A robot!

RAIN

Haha woah wow woah. Don't see that every day. (Beat) Well, into the woods we go.

Ladybird and Rain continue walking. Harrison kicks the machine open, crawls out, and sees them in the distance messing around, speaking, rubbing his eyes in disbelief.

HARRISON

What the...

He looks around confused and afraid. An antelope leaps by.

HARRISON (CONT'D)

(panicked)

HELLO?! CAN SOMEONE HELP ME?

EXT. INNER RICHMOND STREETS - MORNING

Ladybird and Rain walk down the sunny street, there are rabbits being cute, one eats a frog. A plant eats the rabbit.

EXT. DARK WOODS - CONTINUOUS

They enter the very thick DARK WOODS. Suddenly it's all crows and crickets. We see a sign overgrown in plants that says "GOLDEN GATE PARK".

LADYBIRD

Oh wow that was easy, there it is!

RAIN

Ladybird wait I'm not sure-

Ladybird bites a red colorful fruit? Uh oh it's a frog!

LADYBIRD

Mmmm, slimy.

FROG

Yeah, going to poison you in 3, 2,-

LADYBIRD

Ugh not again.

Ladybird spits the frog out.

RAIN

You forget you were color blind
again?

LADYBIRD

Yeah. I got excited. Sorry frog. I
was looking for fermented fruit.

FROG

That's what they all say.

The frog leaps off. They finally spot some fruit up ahead.

LADYBIRD

Nice!

They eat a little.

RAIN

Alright, dope. Let's get back to
the treehouse.

They start to head out. Ladybird bites a buff rat's leg off
as it crosses their path. It bleeds profusely for the rest of
the episode leaving a thick trail of blood behind.

LADYBIRD

Yumm.

JIM THE RAT

AHH! You'll pay for this! No one
messes with the gym rats and lives!

RAIN

Gym rats..is that what you call
your gang?

JIM THE RAT

I'm not sure gang is the right word
exactly-

LADYBIRD

Club?

JIM THE RAT

(agitated)

No we just spend a lot of time getting all buff...You think this is a game or something? You're gonna get it! GYM RATS OVER HERE!!

The other crazy ripped gym rats (raccoon, koala, gliding mouse, and lizard) crawl into the open. So buff. Ladybird nervously chews on Rain's arm.

JIM THE RAT (CONT'D)

Get that orangutan and her little dog too!

Rain throws the fruit in their faces and they run.

JIM THE LIZARD

(drunk)

Hick! Ammmm gon getchu! GetbACK her.

The gym rats chase after them, the rat leaving a trail behind. They're able to outrun them in their drunk state. Upon leaving the dark woods they run into Harrison.

HARRISON

OW!

LADYBIRD

AHHHH!!!

RAIN

AHHHH!!!

HARRISON

Oh hey it's the monkey and dog from before! (cutesy dog voice) Hey girl, do you talk?

RAIN

I'm an APE. **AN APPPPPE!** God! Humans are so rude! Are you a monkey?? OOH OOH AHH AHH!!

Rain throws a log around screaming.

LADYBIRD

(mocking cutesy voice)

Awww look at who stuck his foot in his mouth!

HARRISON

I'm sorry...please don't kill me.

Ladybird looks around.

LADYBIRD

What us? I'm not *that* unhinged.
Jeeez.

HARRISON

Look it's a compliment. You're
taking it in a weird way. I just
mean-

Rain puts her hand up and walks away with Ladybird.

RAIN

Talk to the hand.

HARRISON

Wait! I just want to know what year
this is! How can you talk?! Hold
on!

Harrison slumps over feeling defeated.

EXT. HAIGHT-ASHBURY - LATER B-STORY

Harrison wanders the Haight searching for answers. There's
slow loris and human hippies smoking joints in a big tea
tree.

HIPPY SLOW LORIS

Yo brother you wanna trade some
ayahuasca for some joints? It's
good stuff.

HARRISON

What? I don't have anything like
that. What year is this?

HIPPY SLOW LORIS

Well according to **THE MAN** its the
year 30,000 but I don't listen to
him.

HARRISON

Hm. Ok well you're a human, we
clearly avoided extinction. How?
What happened?

HIPPY HUMAN

ALIENS man. They still possess some
animal's bodies, man. You know how
you can tell?

HARRISON
 (frustrated)
 What? Why is San Francisco in ruins
 then? Why are animals talking?

HIPPY HUMAN
 They have *green* blood.

HARRISON
 Ugh.

Harrison starts to walk away. A slow loris lurks out of the shadows.

HIPPY SLOW LORIS
 I know what happened. The history
 of this place.

Harrison stops.

HIPPY SLOW LORIS (CONT'D)
 We had to sacrifice the buildings
 of the city to the aliens. Smells
 better now though.

HARRISON
 (Sarcastically)
 Ahhh jeez. Are *you* aliens?

HIPPY SLOW LORIS
 Woah. *Am* I an alien? What do you
 guys think?

Harrison shakes his head exasperated.

HIPPY HUMAN
 I don't know man. What if we're
 both just brains in vats? Right?
 Like woooh.

The hippies start checking out their own arms.

HARRISON
 Well uhhh, thanks, I guess? Just an
 idea but maybe you *don't* need more
 drugs guys...

EXT. THE MISSION - SAME TIME

We see street signs that say the Mission.

RAIN
 You think we lost them?

LADYBIRD
I don't smell them.

RAIN
We lost our fermented fruit. How
are we going to get drunk at the
party?

LADYBIRD
Mooch off your sister again? I can
do the eyes.

Ladybird's pupils turn heart shaped into giant puppy eyes.

RAIN
She's still mad I taught her kids
how to mess with cougars.

Harrison physically bumps into Ladybird and Rain on the
street. JIM THE GLIDER MOUSE glides by them in the background
as they're distracted.

LADYBIRD
YIP!

HARRISON
Sorry-

LADYBIRD
-It's you again! Pay attention!

HARRISON
Jeez I said I was sorry. What's
your excuse anyway?

RAIN
Bye monkey, we need to get going.

They keep walking, Harrison follows them.

HARRISON
I'm sorry about before, could you
please just answer a few questions?

Rain sticks her tongue out at him.

LADYBIRD
Some evil rats are chasing us, we
have to go.

HARRISON
Oh well maybe I could help.

RAIN

How could a lost monkey help us?

HARRISON

My name is Harrison. I'm not a monkey. How are you speaking?? Animals don't talk!

RAIN

Whatever monkey. You're speaking right now, aren't you?

HARRISON

I'm not an animal.

RAIN

Oh so you're a plant? Fungus?

HARRISON

...well I guess *technically* I am an animal. Hm. What year is it?

RAIN

It's 2222. Are you on drugs?

HARRISON

No. Everyone in Haight-Ashbury is though. Some things never change I guess. I came from 2025 where we're on the brink of mass extinction.

LADYBIRD

Ooh the robot from earlier. I see now. (Beat) So you're a robot. Beep boop bop, hello robot. Would you like some yummy bugs?

Harrison slaps his face in frustration.

RAIN

Robots don't eat bugs they eat metal. Well that explains why he sounds like such a grandpa. As you can see it all worked out ok. Why don't you go climb a tree or something.

The gym rats start chasing them. Jim the Rat leaving a trail.

JIM THE RAT

You're ours now!

LADYBIRD
OH MA GOD THEY FOUND US! LET'S YELL
AT THEM!

Rain grabs a howling Ladybird and swings into the abandoned BART station, Harrison close behind. The sign is covered in blood. They run along the train tracks.

END OF ACT 1

ACT 2**INT. ABANDONED BART STATION - LATER**

Rain and Ladybird are still swinging.

LADYBIRD
AWOOO! PUT ME DOWN RAIN!

Rain sets her down. Harrison comes jogging up to them.

LADYBIRD (CONT'D)
(nervous)
Did we lose them?

RAIN
No the monkey is right here. But I
think we're safe now, calm down lil
buddy.

Rain begins grooming Ladybird eating the bugs in her fur.

HARRISON
(Big sigh) This is going well.

Ladybird, Rain, and Harrison go through the BART tunnel. They spot a green 4 legged tree with antlers and a creepy giant eye monster.

HARRISON (CONT'D)
AHHHH!! THE ALIENS **ARE** REAL!

RAIN
Hahaha what **are** you talking about
now??

LADYBIRD
(to the monsters)
GET OUTTA HERE! GET OUT OF MY
TERRITORY!! HEY! HEY! I'LL EAT YOU!

Rain is holding Ladybird back from attacking the monsters.

HARRISON
This is your territory? Like you
two live down here?

RAIN
(sarcastically)
Yes, that's it.

EYE MONSTER
 Woah, woah! We're just humans!

HARRISON
 (suspicious)
 They must be possessed by aliens...

TREE MONSTER
 No, just cosplayers. Look we made
 these masks.

They show them some cool masks made from plants and
 mushrooms.

HARRISON
 We're running from some...what did
 you call them?

LADYBIRD
 They call themselves the rat gang
 club gang. I bit a mean rat.

EYE MONSTER
 Oh well maybe these masks could
 help disguise you?

They hand them some masks.

HARRISON
 Wow that's a great idea. Thank you!

Ladybird chews hers up wagging her tail.

HARRISON (CONT'D)
 Or not.

LADYBIRD
 (happy and clueless)
 Ahahaha what?

HARRISON
 Is that why you guys are cosplaying
 down here? Hiding from someone?

EYE MONSTER
 No. It's a sex thing.

HARRISON
 Good for you.

EYE MONSTER
 It is so good for me.

HARRISON

Ok.

The gang continues down the old train tracks.

EXT. EAST BAY - NIGHT

The gang comes out of the tunnels in the East Bay. Dripping with scary nighttime shadows. They walk through UC Berkeley campus, past the Campanile now fallen to the ground, covered in vines.

HARRISON

Woah it's not just SF? What happened to the cities? And the schools?

RAIN

Oh yeah, we don't really do all that anymore.

LADYBIRD

My cousin's place is around here somewhere.

HARRISON

What?! How could we let it get that bad? Are most of the humans gone?

RAIN

Chill man, we need to find a place to sleep now.

LADYBIRD

Do you remember which cave Snowball lives in Rain?

HARRISON

Oh my god. I can't believe it.

Harrison starts crying. Something LUNGES out of the shadows and tackles Ladybird biting her.

LADYBIRD

OW!

HARRISON

OH MY GOD are you okay puppy?!

LADYBIRD

I'm obviously not a puppy. Is this guy dumb or something? Jeez. Snowball can you NOT?

SNOWBALL

What are you doing here? It's late at night.

LADYBIRD

Oh is that why you tackled me?

SNOWBALL

No. I recognized you.

LADYBIRD

God I wish you were Rain's sister instead...

They get to Snowball's cave.

HARRISON

Uh how am I supposed to sleep in here? It's filled with spider webs.

RAIN

And your tears. Jeez. Here.

Rain eats all the webs and some dirt. Harrison pukes.

SNOWBALL

Where'd you find this guy? He has no manners. Jumpy too.

LADYBIRD

I know right?

They all sleep. Harrison lays there eyes bloodshot and wide, uncomfortable.

INT. SNOWBALL'S PLACE - EARLY MORNING

We see the East Bay in broad daylight. It's beautiful. Snowball pounces on a sleeping Ladybird growling and biting her.

SNOWBALL

GET UP NOW!

LADYBIRD

AHHH WHAT YOU PSYCHO?!

SNOWBALL

NO ONE SLEEPS AFTER ME!

LADYBIRD

ARE YOU KIDDING ME!

Ladybird and Snowball start growling at each other, circling. Rain pounds her fists around the cave, throwing Harrison's stuff around.

RAIN

HEY!

HARRISON

(Yawning, grumpy)

Hey! My stuff!

Harrison gets bit up by both.

RAIN

That's one solution I guess. Let's get out of here.

HARRISON

That really hurt...

EXT. BAY BRIDGE - LATER

Ladybird, rain, Harrison, and Snowball re-enter the city.

HARRISON

Look, I'm happy to help you guys here but after that I really need to be getting back to the year 2025.

RAIN

Ok, go.

HARRISON

...I need some help though. You must still have time traveling equipment around here somewhere.

RAIN

Oh no, time traveling is a level 3 offense.

HARRISON

A what? Look, there must be some way home.

RAIN

(shrugging)

Or maybe there isn't. I don't know.

LADYBIRD

You think the Rat Rat Gang is even still after us?

RAIN

They sounded pretty mad but maybe
they aren't that sophomoric-

An angry racoon hits Ladybird over the head with a kettlebell and knocks her out. The koala and lizard table top Rain. The gliding mouse lifts Snowball with his legs and tosses her way into the air. Harrison is so afraid of the rat he falls over, hitting his head.

JIM THE RAT

Alright, it's arms day, carry them
back.

The gym rats carry them away.

INT. GYM RAT'S LAIR - DUSK

They have been taken to the Gym Rat lair (signage says the Presidio). Above the first large doors inside there's a sign that says "ARTIFACTS" sideways and decayed. Artifacts and gym equipment are strewn about. Jim the Rat is still bleeding.

JIM THE RAT

You were out a long time. Now
you're going to be out forever,
simps.

HARRISON

Is everyone just a supervillain in
the future? What's with this rat?
He's like an evil frat bro.

JIM THE RAT

Biting off my leg was the beginning
of my villain origin story, yes.
And this will be the beginning of
yours.

The others distract as Snowball chews through her rope.

RAIN

How can we become supervillains if
you're about to kill us though?

JIM THE RAT

Well it will be a short run I
guess.

RAIN

Short like your brain, I guess.

LADYBIRD
Hah, nice one Rain!

Snowball breaks free.

SNOWBALL
Oh it's on now, I'm gonna kick your
3 legged ass!

JIM THE RAT
I don't need all 4 legs to kick
your ass, I have more muscles in my
tail than you do in your whole
body!

Jim the Rat flexes his tail, it's very impressive and gross.
Ladybird and Rain chew free from their restraints.

SNOWBALL
NO ONE IS TOUGHER THAN ME!

Snowball's fur raises along her spine, she bares her teeth.
She bites Jim the Rat in the torso but he visibly flexes so
hard he doesn't sustain damage. The other gym rats join in.

HARRISON
Hey could someone untie me too?
(Beat) No? Ok.

JIM THE KOALA
WE'RE GONNA DESTROY YOU BROS!

HARRISON
Aren't Koalas supposed to be laid
back?

JIM THE KOALA
I DON'T EAT EUCALYPTUS LIKE OTHER
KOALAS, I EAT A HIGH PRTEIN DIET-

JIM THE RACCOON
And roids.

JIM THE KOALA
-AND ROIDS SO I HAVE HIGH ENERGY
AND HIGH GAINZ.

RAIN
Wow.

Jim the Koala kisses his biceps and chucks Jim the Glider
Mouse at Rain. Rain throws a barrel blocking, throwing more
barrels and artifacts at the gym rats.

They destroy them with punches. Harrison tries and fails to chew through the restraints losing a tooth.

HARRISON

(lisp)

Is that a tooth? Ahhh **man**.

Rain slaps Jim the Lizard and it does nothing.

RAIN

Ok that's actually pretty impressive.

JIM THE LIZARD

JIM DO THE THING!

JIM THE RACCOON

WHICH JIM BRO?

JIM THE LIZARD

(laughing like surfer)

Haah haah haah haah haah right yeah
I meant you bro.

RAIN

Hold up, are you all named Jim?

JIM THE GLIDING MOUSE

Hell yeah brother.

LADYBIRD

Are you all siblings?

JIM THE LIZARD

Yes. We all have the same dad.

LADYBIRD

Wow that's incredible.

JIM THE KOALA

We've been over this bro, we aren't
the same species we can't be blood
related but we're gym fam forever.

LADYBIRD

Aww that's nice. So you're their
dad.

Jim the Koala shoots Ladybird an angry, confused look.

JIM THE RACCOON

BUT NOT AS NICE AS THIS HUUAHH!
SPIRIT DUMBBELL!!

Jim the Raccoon shoots a big energy blast in the shape of a dumbbell at Snowball knocking her into a vat of green, glowing steroids.

LADYBIRD
Snowball! Are you alright?

RAIN
What is that stuff?

JIM THE LIZARD
It's muscle juice.

JIM THE RAT
It's roids but you aren't supposed to take a dunk in them.

The vat begins rumbling. A loud demonic growl comes from it.

JIM THE RACCOON
Uh oh. This won't be good.

LADYBIRD
Oh, I wouldn't worry about that.
She's normally like this.

Snowball bursts out of the vat, destroying it. She now looks like a Resident Evil bio organic weapon, tumor infested, one giant leg, glowing green, missing patches of fur. Her voice is **deep** and she sounds like the gym rats.

SNOWBALL
(demonic rumbling)
**rAAaWwWwWRRrrRrR!!! TIME TO DIE
BRO!**

LADYBIRD
Eh still might just be her personality honestly.

END OF ACT 2

ACT 3**INT. GYM RAT LAIR - CONTINUOUS**

JIM THE RAT

She's gone now. She's been juiced.
Her brain has critical shrinkage.

We see an x-ray of Snowball's tiny brain rattling around
inside her skull, crying.

RAIN

(facetiously)

Oh no, we lost the smart one.

HARRISON

How could you let this happen you
trash panda!

JIM THE RAT

Wooooah!

RAIN

We don't even know this guy, I'd
never say that.

HARRISON

What the hell, you're siding with
our captors now?

JIM THE RACCOON

Not cool man. A nickname we got
because your species de-homed my
species for decades so we had
nothing to eat but trash which
caused a lot of health issues that
still plague us, by the way. Not
cool bro.

RAIN

Humans.

HARRISON

You beefy nut jobs left an open vat
of monster maker juice here and
started throwing animals around!

SNOWBALL

Throwing slurs around is still not
the answer, brosef.

HARRISON
 Wow. Even you Snowball?
 Unbelievable. I can't win in the
 future...

EXT. GYM RAT'S LAIR - CONTINUOUS

SNOWBALL
 WHERE ARE THE PROTEIN SHAKES BRO?

LADYBIRD
 (Pointing at Gym rats)
 Look Snowball! Over there! There's
 the protein shakes!

Ladybird points at the gym rats. Snowball charges at them, stomping on Jim the Rat on her way to grabbing Jim the Gliding Mouse making him lose a lot more blood.

JIM THE RAT
 Ow...

JIM THE GLIDING MOUSE
 Wait bro wait! I have some protein
 bars-

Snowball squeezes him into her mouth like a protein shake in a plastic bottle then tosses him into her mouth whole.

SNOWBALL
 RAAWRRR NEED MORE PROTEIN!

JIM THE RAT
 (faint)
 No...Jim...

Jim the Rat slumps over, finally dead.

JIM THE RACCOON
 NOOOO! JIMMM! AND JIM! YOU'LL PAY
 FOR THIS MONSTER! FINAL MOVE!

Jim the Raccoon yells, charging his attack.

JIM THE RACCOON (CONT'D)
BARBELL BANGER!

Jim the Raccoon shoots a huge barbell shaped energy blast at Snowball which she grabs and tosses right back at him, now bigger, consuming him. He's now a small roast with paper booties and an apple in his mouth that Snowball devours.

SNOWBALL
RAWWWRRRRRR!

RAIN
 Yikes.

JIM THE RAT
 That's...impossible...

Jim the Rat slumps over, finally dead. Again.

JIM THE KOALA
 Noo! Jim and Jim and Jim! I'LL GET
 YOU!

RAIN
 How do they ever know who they're
 talking about?

LADYBIRD
 Really confusing. Whoever named you
 guys is a real moron.

RAIN
 Haha.

Snowball turns towards the last 2 gym rats.

HARRISON
 I think you taught them their
 lesson now, right Jims?

JIM THE LIZARD
 Yes, we messed up. We will stop
 bothering you, like, for real.

JIM THE KOALA
 I still think I could maybe take
 her...

JIM THE LIZARD
 Bro, seriously? That's epic.

Jim the Koala climbs Snowball like a tree and tries to feed
 her potatoes. Snowball throws her off and he is impaled on an
 old museum spear.

JIM THE KOALA
 I just wanted to make her carb
 crash...

Snowball eats the Koala.

JIM THE LIZARD
We have created a monster.

LADYBIRD
Snowball's mom created the monster.

JIM THE LIZARD
Oh sick burn, bro.

Jim the lizard gives his last fist bump to Ladybird as Snowball punts him into the air and into her mouth like a KILLER WHALE.

LADYBIRD
Wow she ate all the Jims.

RAIN
Did you get enough protein yet?

HARRISON
Can someone please untie me now?

Snowball unties Harrison.

HARRISON (CONT'D)
Oh wow thank you. I guess she did-

Snowball tries to eat Harrison and Rain swings by narrowly saving him.

HARRISON (CONT'D)
Yeah, that's more like it.

LADYBIRD
No Snowball, no! It's us! It's your cousin!

SNOWBALL
RAAAWRRRRRRRRRR!! LOSING MY GAINZ!

RAIN
Ladybird what do we do? It's your cousin.

LADYBIRD
Killing's on the table.

HARRISON
Are you sure?

LADYBIRD
What? She isn't *great* in her normal form either.

Rain shrugs and nods.

RAIN

True.

Snowball lunges at them. They hide.

SNOWBALL

(high pitch **demonic**)

"NATTY OR NOT HERE I COME!"

RAIN

Her brain really has shrunk. She's making words up now.

JIM THE RAT

(weak)

Natty means...natural...as opposed to using...steroids for your gainz...

Rat Tony slumps over, finally dead again, again.

RAIN

Ooh.

SNOWBALL

Gonna lose gainz...need PROTEINNN!

Snowball eats Jim the Rat.

LADYBIRD

Ok NOW she ate all the Jims.

SNOWBALL

COME BACK COUSIN!

EXT. DARK WOODS - NIGHT

They run from Snowball as she eats all the animals in their path. She loses site of them.

SNOWBALL

COUSINNN!!!!

LADYBIRD

YESS??

SNOWBALL

I NEED YOUR PROTEIN COUSIN!

HARRISON
 AHH C'MON! You really fell for
 that?

EXT. RICHMOND - LATER

Snowball's leg continues to grow in size as the rest of her shrinks. She keeps running, now wincing and running into a branch breaking open her leg letting her muscles and the wadded up versions of the gym rats plop out. The gym rats speak in unison. Snowball returns to her smaller form trying to put them back together like sand castles.

HARRISON
 OH GOD!

SNOWBALL
 Ahhh I don't feel so good.

LADYBIRD
 HEY HEY HEY GET AWAY WOAH!

RAIN
 That's really something. You think
 that hurts?

GYM RATS
 We're free!

HARRISON
 Oh boy, we're back to square one.
 Get to fight these guys minus a
 monster Snowball now.

GYM RATS
 (terrified)
 Oh hey no we're-we're just really
 grateful you set us free bro. We
 don't want to fight, we're over it.

HARRISON
 Oh wow. Seriously?

SNOWBALL
 Sorry I couldn't do a better job of
 putting you guys back together.

GYM RATS
 Oh yeah we're so grateful you tried
 to put us back together wow so
 nice. We're gonna leave now.

They fall over unconscious where they stand.

LADYBIRD
Snowball?

SNOWBALL
You're a punk.

Snowball passes out. Ladybird slaps her. Twice. The others look at her.

LADYBIRD
Had to be sure.

INT. TREE HOUSE - LATER

Harrison, an unconscious Snowball, Rain and Ladybird are back in the tree house.

LADYBIRD
Aw Rain you missed your party.

RAIN
You're my party Ladybird.

Ladybird wags her tail and chews on Rain's arm enthusiastically.

HARRISON
So what happened between my time and yours?

Ladybird continues chewing.

HARRISON (CONT'D)
Hello? Can you just answer a few questions before I go, please?

RAIN
Me?

HARRISON
Yes. You.

RAIN
Oh. When? Lots of things have happened. There's aliens now apparently.

HARRISON
C'mon, seriously. In my time animals didn't speak and San Francisco looked a whole lot different. Although I see the hippies are still going strong.

(MORE)

HARRISON (CONT'D)

Figures...and where are all the humans? How do I get back to my time?-

RAIN

-Oh that stuff. Animals banded together and stopped the greedy humans leading the charge into the Anthropocene.

HARRISON

Oh. That's...not what I was expecting. But we made it. That's great. Including the humans, right?

RAIN

(rolling her eyes)

Of course it isn't. A bunch of humans died yada yada yada, we banned a bunch of your human junk etc.

HARRISON

Yada yada yada?! How can you be so nonchalant??

RAIN

Ok here's what happened. Animals, not unlike pre language humans, were only a few golden mutations away from verbal language. A FOXP2 mutation and a hypoglossal relocation lower and further back in the throat among a few other tiny changes including younger exposure made the difference.

HARRISON

Mmmmm. Yeah ok I totally understand that.

HARRISON (CONT'D)

I'm too tired for this. I haven't slept in two days. I'm gonna go find a safe place to sleep before I discover a new talking predator.

RAIN

Wait.

HARRISON

Yeah?

RAIN

What's that on your shirt?

Rain points. Harrison looks down and Rain flicks his nose, hitting her chest, rolling around laughing.

HARRISON

Oh, my god.

LADYBIRD

Seriously though, you should stay here. There's no way you make it through the night on your own, day one.

HARRISON

Wow, ok thank you so much. Finally catching a break for the first time today. What a relief.

LADYBIRD

Like **NO** way. Hahaha like can you imagine Rain?

RAIN

I imagine lots of broken bones and broken dreams.

HARRISON

Ok, I get it. I appreciate you letting me crash here.

LADYBIRD

And I always wanted a pet anyway.

HARRISON

Ok.

RAIN

Monkeys are more like food for apes than pets.

HARRISON

Yeah. I get it.

LADYBIRD

Look at that he speaks.

RAIN

Incredible. Truly a scientific marvel.

HARRISON

(Sigh)

RAIN

No, no. It's a compliment. Don't
take it in a weird way.

HARRISON

I'm going to sleep.

LADYBIRD

(Baby voice)
Goodnight little buddy!

HARRISON

(groaning)
I'm in hell.

END OF ACT 3

TAG

Ladybird, Rain, and Harrison cuddle in their nest.

LADYBIRD
Are we sure it's safe to leave
Snowball alive?

Beat. They all laugh. Ladybird wags her tail.

LADYBIRD
I'm serious.

END OF EPISODE